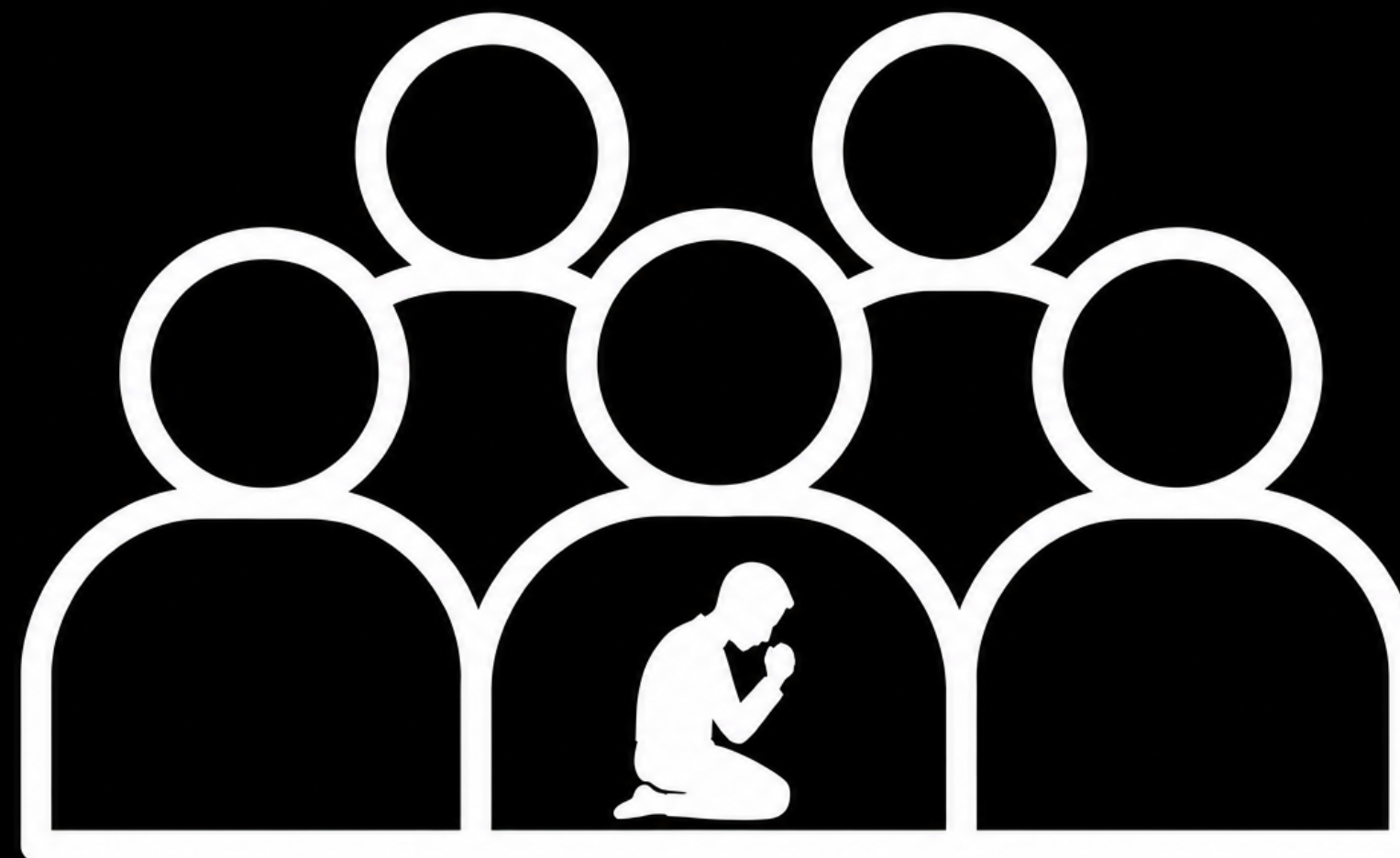


Let Us Arise and Build

Nehemiah 6

Accomplished with God's Help



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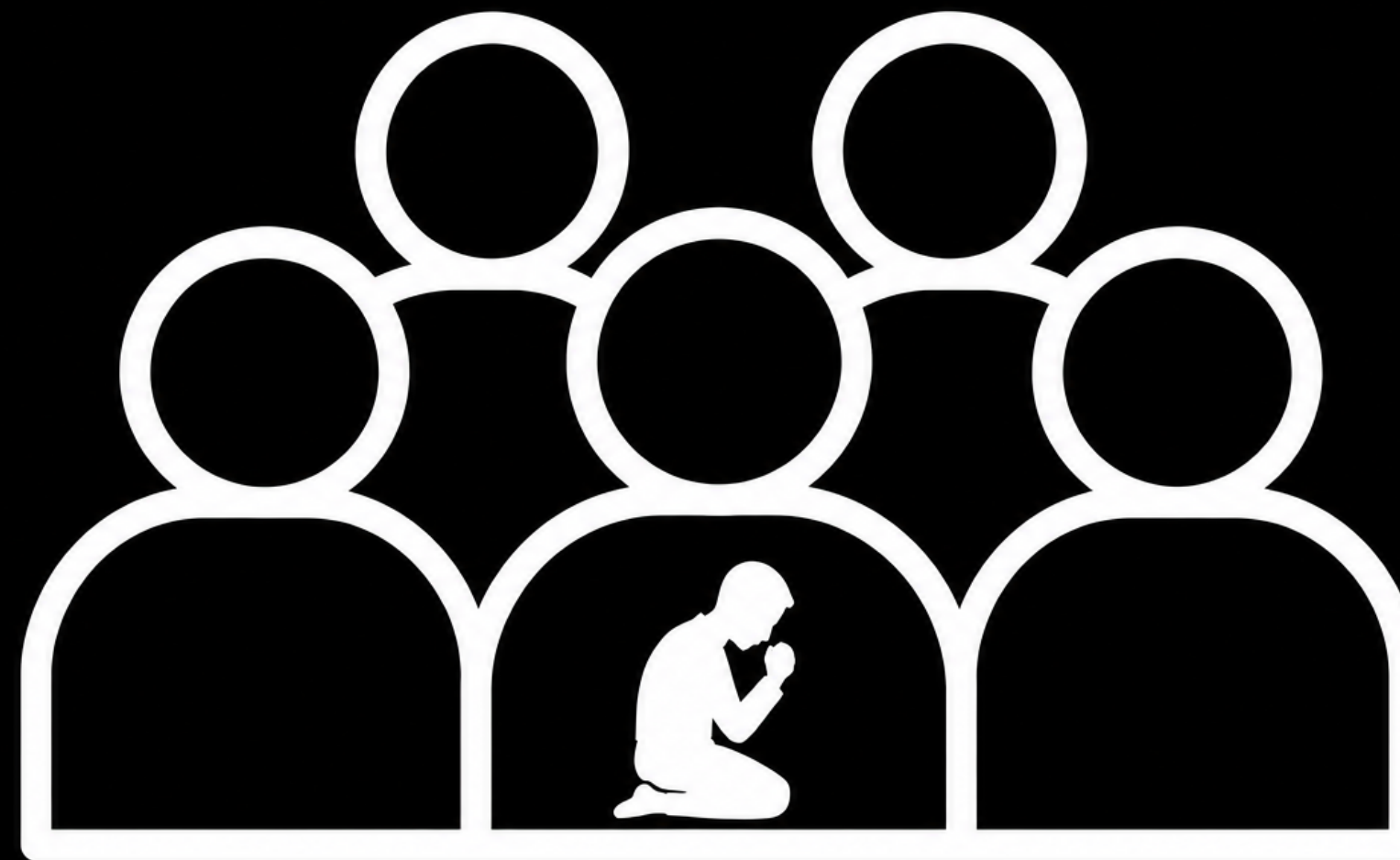
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Prayer Focus Work Togetherness

The Big Truth:

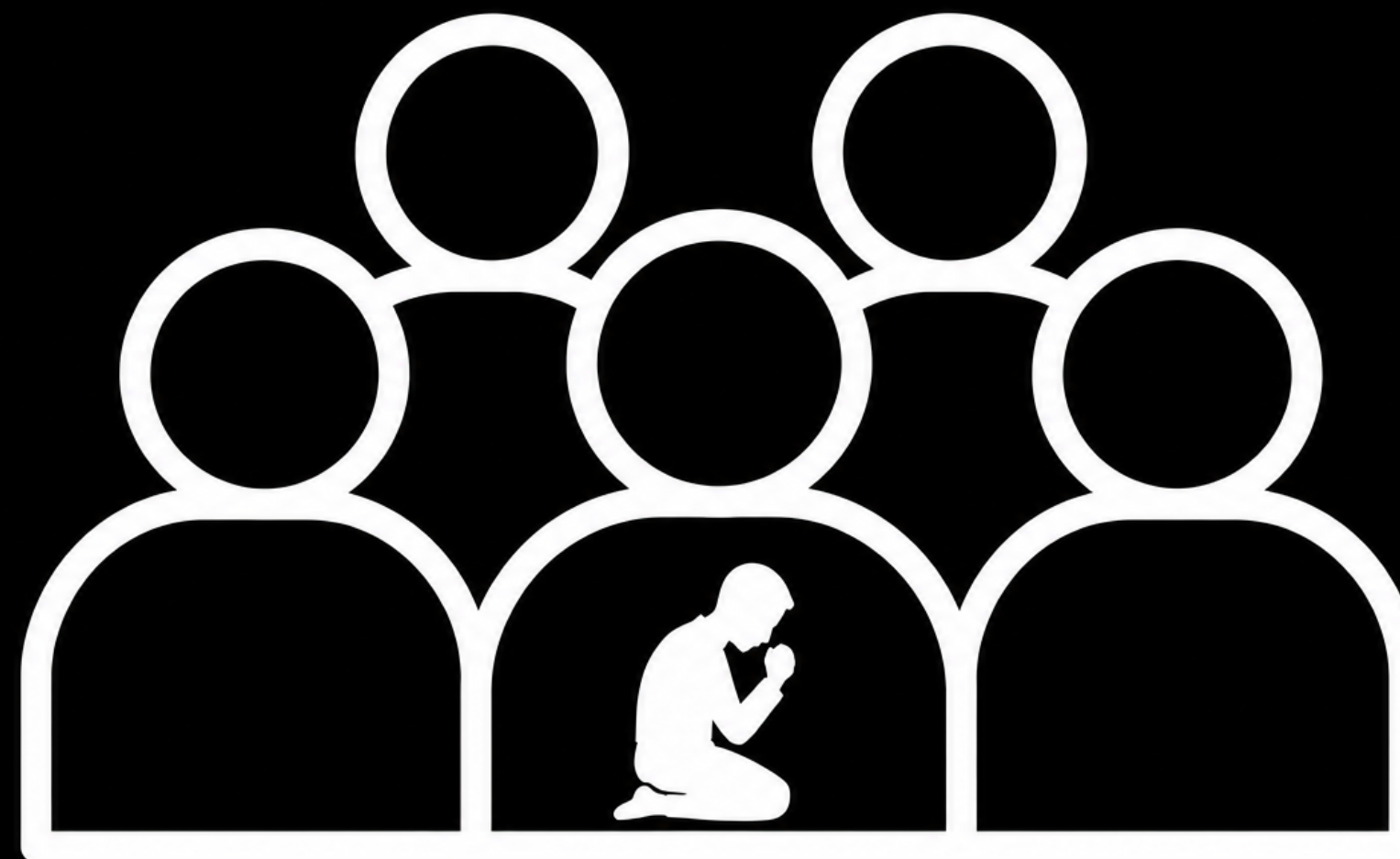
The enemies work against God's work,
but God helps His people accomplish His work.



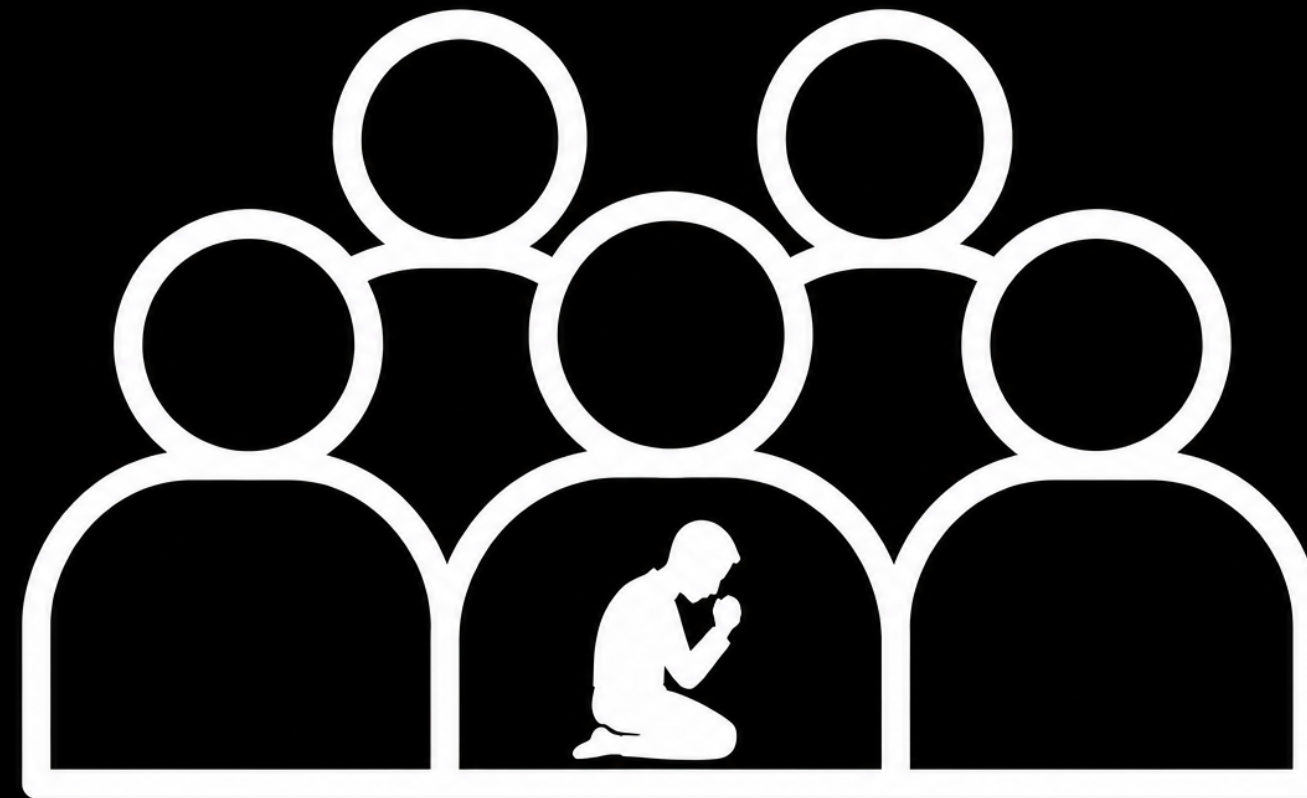
Nehemiah 6:1 Now when it was reported to Sanballat, Tobiah, to Geshem the Arab and to the rest of our enemies that I had rebuilt the wall, and that no breach remained in it, although at that time I had not set up the doors in the gates, 2 then Sanballat and Geshem sent a message to me, saying, “Come, let us meet together at Chephirim in the plain of Ono.” But they were planning to harm me.

1. The enemies work against God's work by inventing untrue things v. 1-8
 - a. Nehemiah's enemies planned to harm him. v. 1-2

Don't allow a seemingly legitimate opportunity
pull you away from what God has called you to do.

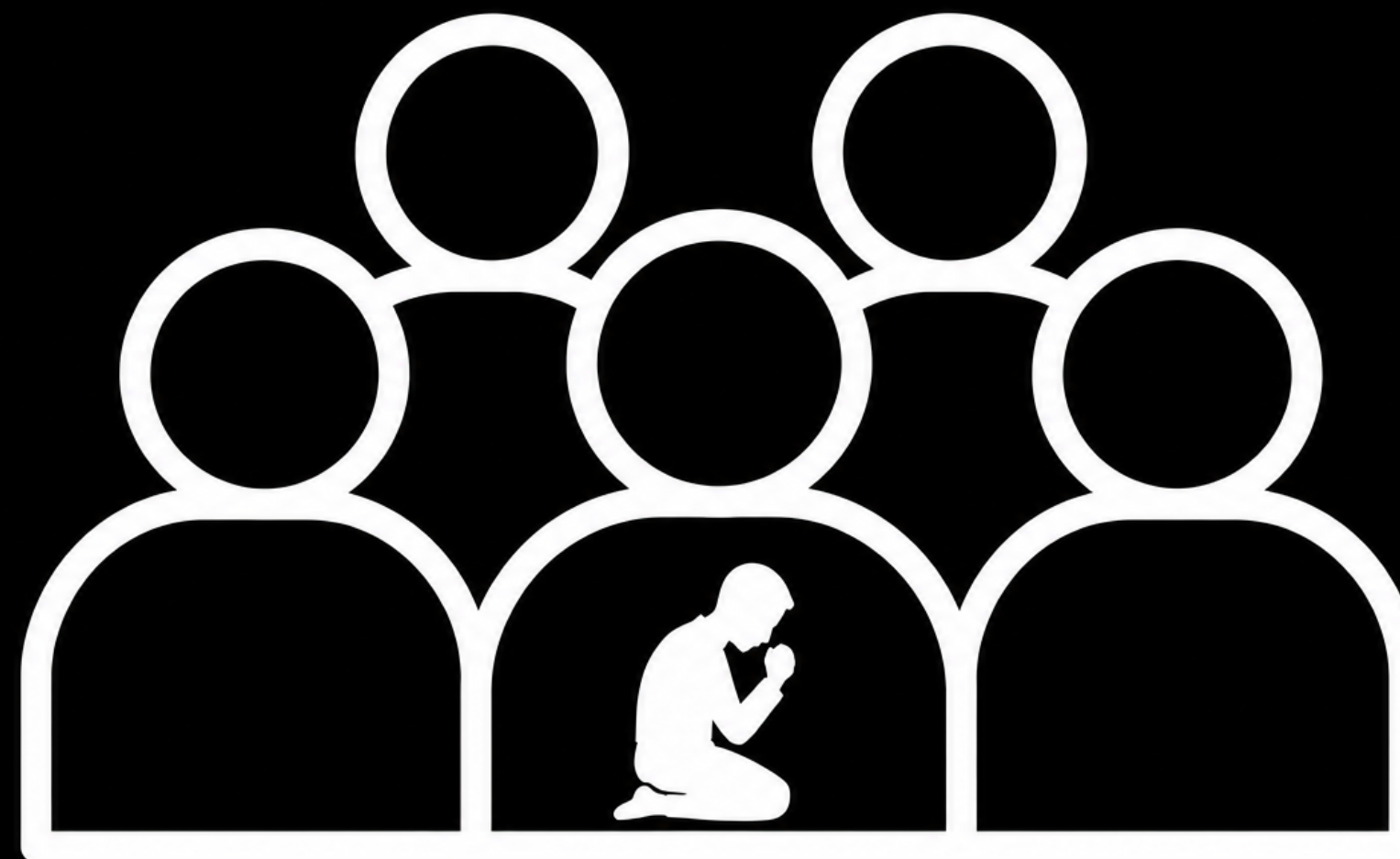


Nehemiah 6:3 So I sent messengers to them, saying, “I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?” 4 They sent messages to me four times in this manner, and I answered them in the same way.



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 - b. Nehemiah stays focused on the great work. v. 3-4

Know the work of God.
Stay focused on the work of God.
Don't let opposition distract you from the work of God.



Nehemiah 6:5 Then Sanballat sent his servant to me in the same manner a fifth time with an open letter in his hand. 6 In it was written, “It is **reported** among the nations, and Gashmu says, that you and the Jews are planning to rebel; therefore you are rebuilding the wall. And you are to be their king, according to these reports. 7 You have also appointed prophets to proclaim in Jerusalem concerning you, ‘A king is in Judah!’ And now it will be **reported** to the king according to these **reports**. So come now, let us take counsel together.”

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c. The reports are wrong and with wrong motives. v. 5-7

Nehemiah 6:8 Then I sent a message to him saying,
“Such things as you are saying have not been done,
but **you are inventing them in your own mind.**”

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 - d. Nehemiah confronts the wrong reports. v. 8

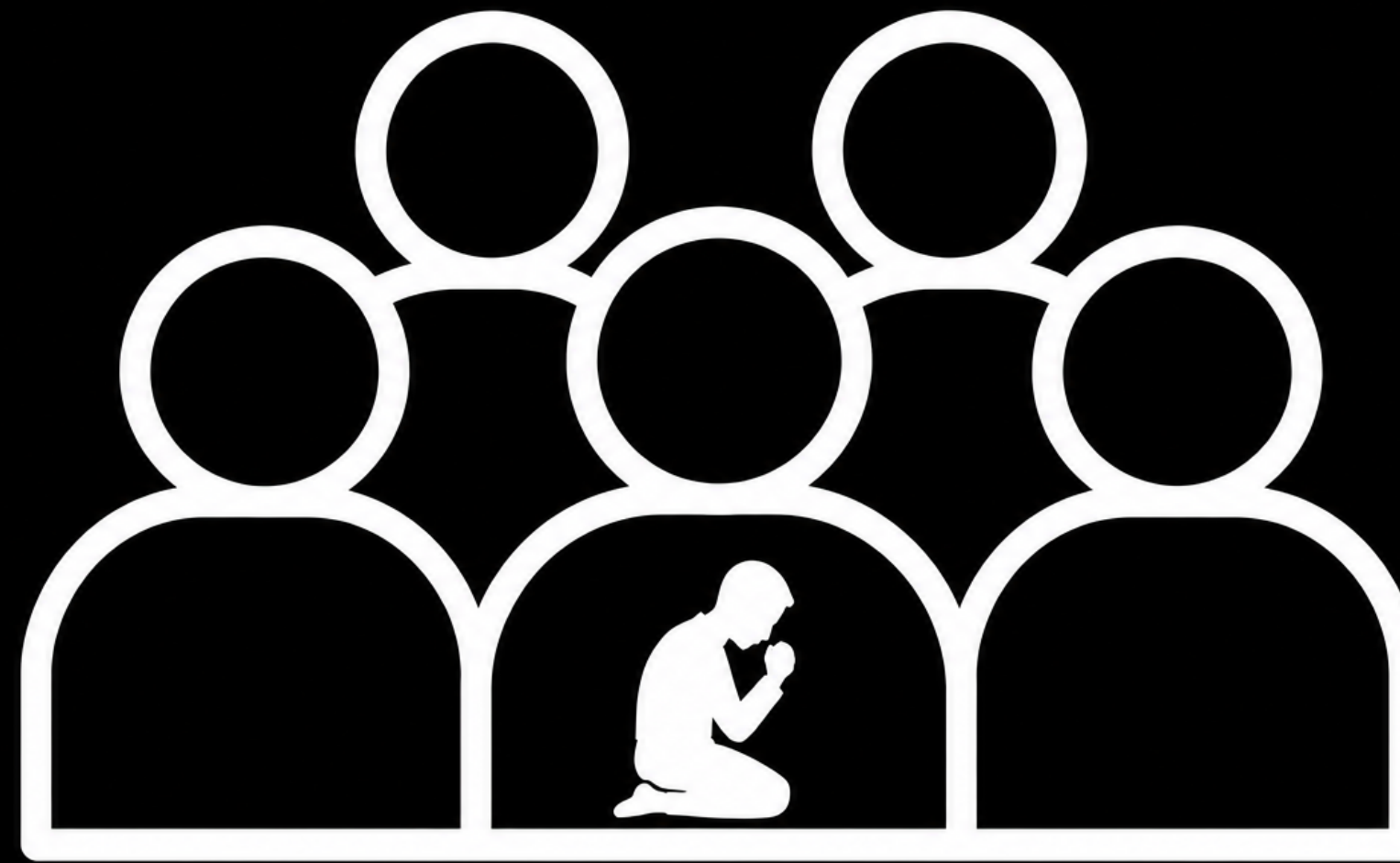
Nehemiah 6:9 For **all of them were trying to frighten us**, thinking, “They will become discouraged with the work and it will not be done.” But now, O God, strengthen my hands.

10 When I entered the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah, son of Mehetabel, who was confined at home, he said, “Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us close the doors of the temple, for they are coming to kill you, and they are coming to kill you at night.” **11** But I said, “Should a man like me flee? And could one such as I go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in.”

2. The enemies work against God’s work by trying to frighten the people of God. v. 9-14

a. The enemies try to frighten Nehemiah. v. 9-11

Nehemiah responds to fear with prayer.



Nehemiah 6:12 Then I perceived that surely God had not sent him, but he uttered his prophecy against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. 13 He was hired for this reason, that I might become frightened and act accordingly and sin, so that they might have an evil report in order that they could reproach me. 14 Remember, O my God, Tobiah and Sanballat according to these works of theirs, and also Noadiah the prophetess and the rest of the prophets who were trying to frighten me.

2. The enemies work against God's work by trying to frighten the people of God. v. 9-14

b. Nehemiah perceived he was being deceived. v. 12-14

Nehemiah understands that sin
can be part of the enemy's strategy.

Nehemiah 6:15 So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of the month Elul, in fifty-two days. 16 When all our enemies heard of it, and all the nations surrounding us saw it, they lost their confidence; for they recognized that **this work had been accomplished with the help of our God.**

- 3. God helps His people accomplish the work. v. 15-19
 - a. The enemies recognize God's work. v. 15-16

Exodus 14:13 But Moses said to the people, “Do not fear! Stand by and see the salvation of the Lord which He will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you have seen today, you will never see them again forever. 14 The Lord will fight for you while you keep silent.”

Exodus 14:25 He caused their chariot wheels to swerve, and He made them drive with difficulty; so the Egyptians said, “Let us flee from Israel, for the Lord is fighting for them against the Egyptians.”

God's work through God's people
becomes a testimony to the nations.

Nehemiah — “Yahweh comforts”

Nehemiah 6:16 ...they recognized that this work had been accomplished with the help of our God.

John 14:16 I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever;

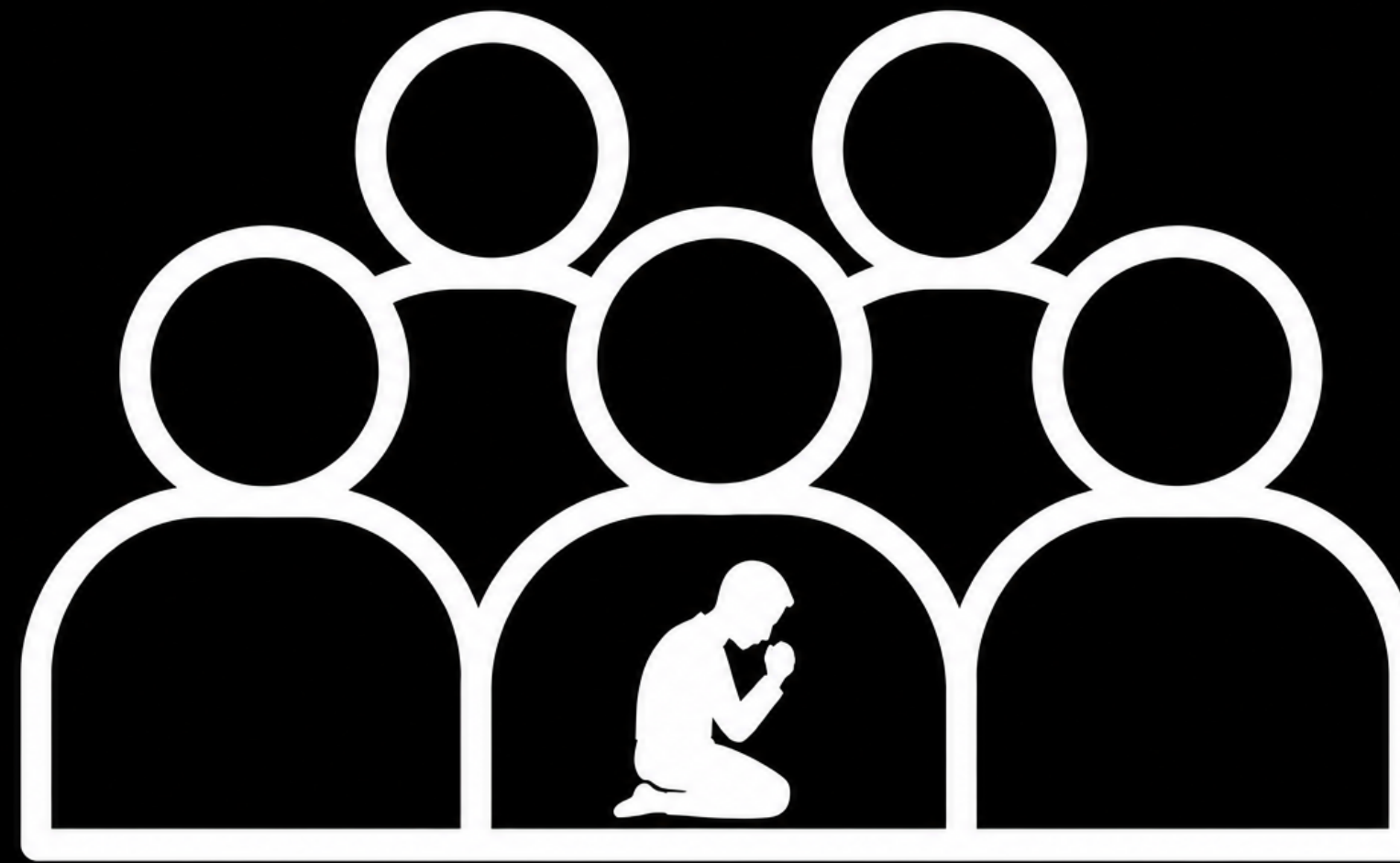
The Holy Spirit — God’s abiding Helper for His people.

Nehemiah 6:17 Also in those days many letters went from the nobles of Judah to Tobiah, and Tobiah's letters came to them. 18 For many in Judah were bound by oath to him because he was the son-in-law of Shecaniah the son of Arah, and his son Jehohanan had married the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah. 19 Moreover, they were speaking about his good deeds in my presence and reported my words to him. Then Tobiah sent letters to frighten me.

3. God helps His people accomplish the work. v. 15-19

b. The nobles of Judah stayed in touch with Tobiah. v. 17-19

Finishing the work
does not mean the need for discernment ends.



GOD'S KINGDOM WORK

FOLLOWING CHRIST

MATURING TOGETHER

MULTIPLYING GENERATIONS

LOVE / KNOW

SPEAK (THE TRUTH)

DO

THINK BIG

START SMALL

GO SLOW

BUILD DEEP

PRAYER

BY HIS GRACE

DONE IN LOVE

FOR HIS GLORY

GOD'S WORD

The enemies work against God's work,
but God helps His people accomplish His work.

When I say: What will we do when others try to distract us
from the work God has given us?

Let's all say: **We will stay focused on the great work God has
called us to do.**

When I say: What will we do when others try to frighten us?

Let's all say: **We will not give in to fear, but we will ask God
to strengthen our hands.**

When I say: Who will help us accomplish the work
that God has given us?

Let's all say: **Our God will help us accomplish His work.**

Here is what we can do together as fellow workers:

This week, PRAY

“O Lord, strengthen our hands so that we may accomplish
Your work in Your strength and by Your grace.”

