



### Duration: Persevering in Restoration

Nehemiah 6:1-19

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### Reasons to Give Up

#### People can...

- **Sidetrack you** (6:1-4)

I do not leave something greater to do something lesser.

I have to say “no” to some good opportunities.

- **Slander you** (6:5-8, 13)

- **Scare you** (6:9-14, 17-19)

Nehemiah 6:15, “So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in fifty-two days.” (NIV)

### Reasons to Go On

#### I will persevere when I have a...

- **Compelling Purpose** (6:3)

The significance of my calling rules out retreat.

- **Clear Perspective** (6:2, 8-9, 12)

If I cannot see the ultimate, I will become a slave to the immediate.

*How do I know if a prophecy is true or not?*

Deuteronomy 18:18-20

God is not going to tell me something through a person that contradicts what he has clearly said in his Word.

- **Continual Prayer** (6:9, 14)

Luke 18:1, “Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.” (NIV)

It is easier for me to give up when I am not prayed up.

- **Courageous Persistence** (6:11)

It is never God’s will to run from a difficult situation.

- **Capable God** (6:16)

**I cannot forget that restoration is God’s work, and he will complete it.**

Philippians 1:6, “being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” (NIV)

1 Thessalonians 5:24, “He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.” (ESV)

Matthew 19:26, “...With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” (NIV)

Philippians 4:13, “I can do everything through him who gives me strength.” (NIV)

**Nehemiah 6:3, “...I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop?” (ESV)**