

A close-up photograph of a brick wall. The wall is composed of two distinct sections: the left side is made of white bricks with dark grey mortar, and the right side is made of red bricks with dark grey mortar. The transition between the two colors is vertical, occurring roughly in the middle of the frame. The bricks are laid in a standard running bond pattern. The lighting is bright, casting soft shadows between the bricks.

**THE BITTER-SWEET TASTE  
OF A SUCCESSFUL VISION!**



A close-up photograph of a brick wall. The wall is composed of two types of bricks: white and red. The white bricks are arranged in a standard running bond pattern and cover the majority of the left and center portions of the image. On the right side, there is a vertical section of red bricks, also in a running bond pattern. The transition between the white and red bricks is somewhat irregular, with some white bricks visible within the red section and vice versa. The lighting is bright, casting soft shadows between the bricks, which emphasizes their texture and the mortar joints.

**We must walk beyond  
our own ability...**



## **Nehemiah 4:6-10 (NLT)**

<sup>6</sup> At last the wall was completed to half its height around the entire city, for the people had worked with enthusiasm. <sup>7</sup> But when Sanballat and Tobiah and the Arabs, Ammonites,



## **Nehemiah 4:6-10 (NLT)**

and Ashdodites heard that the work was going ahead and that the gaps in the wall of Jerusalem were being repaired, they were furious.



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<sup>8</sup> They all made plans to come and fight against Jerusalem and throw us into confusion. <sup>9</sup> But we prayed to our God and guarded the city day and night to protect ourselves.



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<sup>10</sup> Then the people of Judah began to complain, "The workers are getting tired, and there is so much rubble to be moved. We will never be able to build the wall by ourselves."



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**We must be  
Presence-centered...**



## **Nehemiah 4:19 (NLT)**

<sup>19</sup> Then I explained to the nobles and officials and all the people, "The work is very spread out, and we are widely separated from each other along the wall."



A close-up photograph of a brick wall. The wall is composed of two distinct sections: the left side is made of white bricks, and the right side is made of red bricks. The bricks are laid in a standard running bond pattern. The text "We must remain disciplined..." is overlaid on the white brick section in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

**We must  
remain disciplined...**



## **Nehemiah 4:21-23 (NLT)**

<sup>21</sup> We worked early and late, from sunrise to sunset. And half the men were always on guard. <sup>22</sup> I also told everyone living outside the walls to stay in Jerusalem.



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That way they and their servants could help with guard duty at night and work during the day. <sup>23</sup> During this time, none of us—not I, nor my relatives, nor my servants,



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nor the guards who were with me—ever took off our clothes. We carried our weapons with us at all times, even when we went for water



## **Nehemiah 6:9 (NLT)**

<sup>9</sup> They were just trying to intimidate us, imagining that they could discourage us and stop the work. So I continued the work with even greater determination.



## **Nehemiah 6:15-16 (NLT)**

### **The Builders Complete the Wall**

<sup>15</sup> So on October 2 the wall was finished—just fifty-two days after we had begun. <sup>16</sup> When our enemies and the surrounding nations heard about it,



## **Nehemiah 6:15-16 (NLT)**

they were frightened and humiliated. They realized this work had been done with the help of our God.