



GRIT v. THE ENEMY

20/20: His Vision Our Focus

January 25-26, 2020

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When you have a God vision know....

1. Opposition is inevitable.

“Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though strange were happening to you.” (1 Peter 4:12 NIV).

2. God battles on your behalf.

“Hear us, our God, for we are despised. Turn their insults back on their own heads. Give them over as plunder in a land of captivity. Do not cover up their guilt or blot out their sins from your sight, for they have thrown insults in the face of the builders. So we rebuilt the wall till all of it

reached half its height, for the people worked with all their heart” (Nehemiah 4:4-6 NIV).

“The Lord himself will fight for you; you need only to be still” (Exodus 14:14 NIV).

3. You must respond not react.

“Sanballat and Geshem sent me this message: ‘Come, let us meet together in one of the villages[a] on the plain of Ono.’ But they were scheming to harm me; so I sent messengers to them with this reply: “I am carrying on a great project and cannot go down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and go down to you?”

” (Nehemiah 6:2-3 NIV)?

Questions for Meditation & Discussion

1. How would you summarize the main point of this message?
2. How is the enemy coming against your Vision?
3. If you know *what* God wants you to do, *how* will you do it?
4. How has God fought on your behalf in the past? How will He fight for you in the future?
5. What does it look like to respond instead of reacting?

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