

*Sunday, June 14th, 2026  
Grace Baptist Fellowship  
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**Armed and Ready**

Nehemiah 4:15-23

*Christians ought to approach opposition in a direct and  
balanced way through a reliance on God*

I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_

II. The \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_

III. The \_\_\_\_\_ within the \_\_\_\_\_

“Why did this discouragement arise from the royal tribe of Judah? They had David’s blood in their veins, and you would think they would be men and women of great courage. The answer is found in Nehemiah 6:17-19. Some people in the tribe of Judah were secretly cooperating with the enemy. The ties of marriage were stronger than the bonds of commitment to the Lord. According to 13:15-22, some of the leaders of Judah were not wholly devoted to the Lord, but were more interested in making money. The combination of marriage and money divided their loyalties, and they became the cause of discouragement.”

-Warren Wiersbe; *The Wiersbe Bible Commentary*