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A Great Project

I have given you a great project to do for me. Do you have any doubt about that? No, I have no doubts about the work you have given me to do for you. **It's a very good thing that you have no doubts about what I have asked you to do for me.** Why is that? **You tell me.** What you have asked me to do for you is not easy. **No, it is not.** I could never accomplish the work you have asked me to do without your help. **No, you could not.** The work that you have given to me to do is not a short-term assignment. **No, it is not.** I could never keep on doing the work you have given to me without your strength and endurance. **No, you could not.** Every day I will need your help and encouragement to keep on doing the work that you have given to me. **Yes, you will.** The work that you have given to me will bring glory to your name. **Yes, it will.** What you have asked me to do for you will bear fruit for your kingdom that will last for all eternity. **Yes, it will.** There is no other assignment or work that I could do in life that is more important or more valuable than doing what you have asked me to do for you. **No, there is not.** I will face opposition in doing the work that you have given me to do for you. **Yes, You will.** Others will attempt to distract me from doing your work. Others will attempt to hinder me from doing your work. **Yes, they will.** Sometimes the opposition and hindrances that I will face will even come from seemingly well-meaning friends and family. **Yes, it will.** This opposition and these hindrances may cause me to question your call on my life and the work that you have given me to do for you. Doubt will try to creep into my heart and mind. **Yes, it will.** I will need to hold on to you as I continue to do your work. I must rely on your strength and endurance. The joy of bearing fruit for your kingdom and your glory will sustain me. Knowing with certainty that you are working in and through my life will keep me going when opposition mounts, weary sets in and hindrances arise. **Yes, be certain that I have called you. Be certain that I have given you work to do for me. Be certain that you are doing what I have asked of you. Be certain that I will give you everything you need to keep on serving me.** Yes Lord, I will.

Lord, thank you for giving me work to do for you. I will fend off everything that will attempt to distract or hinder me from doing your work. Give me your joy and endurance and strength to keep on doing all you have asked me to do for you. Amen

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NIV

Nehemiah 6:2-4

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Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, "Come and let us meet together at Hakkephirim in the plain of Ono." But they intended to do me harm. And 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?" And they sent to me four times in this way, and I answered them in the same manner.

ESV

Nehemiah 6:2-4

Let Us*Meet Them*

So Sanballat and Geshem sent a message asking me to meet them at one of the villages in the plain of Ono. But I realized they were plotting to harm me, so I replied by sending this message to them: "I am engaged in a great work, so I can't come. Why should I stop working to come and meet with you?" Four times they sent the same message, and each time I gave the same reply.

NLT

Nehemiah 6:2-4

Let Us*Meet Together*

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NKJV

Nehemiah 6:2-4

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NRSV

Nehemiah 6:2-4

Let Us*Meet With Us*

—Sanballat and Geshem sent this message: "Come and meet with us at Kephirim in the valley of Ono." I knew they were scheming to hurt me so I sent messengers back with this: "I'm doing a great work; I can't come down. Why should the work come to a standstill just so I can come down to see you?" Four times they sent this message and four times I gave them my answer.

MSG

Nehemiah 6:2-4

Let Us*Meet Together*

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AMP

Nehemiah 6:2-4

Let Us*Meet Them*

they sent me a message asking me to meet them in one of the villages in the Plain of Ono. But I realized they were plotting to kill me, so I replied by sending back this message to them: "I am doing a great work! Why should I stop to come and visit with you?" Four times they sent the same message, and each time I gave the same reply.

TLB

Nehemiah 6:2-4

Let Us*Meet Together*

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. 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?" They sent messages to me four times in this manner, and I answered them in the same way.

NASB

Nehemiah 6:2-4

Let Us*Meet Together*

So Sanballat and Geshem sent me this message: "Come, Nehemiah, let's meet together in Kephirim on the plain of Ono." But they were planning to harm me. So I sent messengers to them with this answer: "I am doing a great work, and I can't come down. I don't want the work to stop while I leave to meet you." Sanballat and Geshem sent the same message to me four times, and each time I sent back the same answer.

NCV

Nehemiah 6:2-4

Meet Together

Year ____ Week ____ Day ____ Date ____

Let Us – Nehemiah 6:2-4

In Context: Read Nehemiah 6

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God’s Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

Why is it important to know with certainty the work that the Lord has given you to do for Him?

Where are distracts and hindrances likely to come from you from when you are attempting to do the Lord’s work?

When has someone tried to distract you from doing the work that the Lord has given you to do for Him?

When have you been most surprised at sources of opposition that have risen against you in doing the Lord’s work?

How have you been able to resist hindrances and distractions so you could continue doing the Lord’s work?

When have you been so weary and worn out that you were tempted to give up and quit doing the Lord’s work?

How has the Lord given you endurance to keep on doing the work that He has given you to do for Him?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Fend off hindrances so you can remain focused on doing the work that the Lord has given you to do for Him.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will give you joy and strength and endurance to do the work He has given you to do for Him.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you have known the work the Lord has given you to do for Him.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you receive joy and strength and endurance to keep on doing the work the Lord has given you to do for Him.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, with your joy, strength and endurance I will keep on doing the work that you have given me to do for you.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, what great work have you given me to do for you?
