<u>Nehemiah: The Power of Persistence – Shayne Brown</u>

"Paralyze resistance with persistence." Woody Hayes

The Power of Prayer The Power of Planning The Power of Persistence

Nehemiah 4, 5 & 6

Opposition to the building of the wall. 1) <u>Ridicule</u> Nehemiah 4:1-6

2) Intimidation Nehemiah 4:7-23

3) Maipulation Nehemiah 6:1-14

Take Away 1: Keep on keeping on? (Galatians 6:9) "I'm doing a great work and I can't come down" Nehemiah

Take Away 2: Where is the love? (Nehemiah 5)

Take Away 3: Who is my enemy, who is my neighbour?

Got Questions? Text 519-569-1565 or email shayne@pathwaycc.ca

- 1) Take time to review Sunday's teaching. What was one idea or thought that really grabbed your attention?
- 2) What was something you disagreed with or that challenged you the most?
- 3) How can we tell the difference between healthy realism that acknowledges problems (see Neh 2:17) and unhealthy negativism?
- 4) Have you ever experienced opposition in your faith journey?
 - a) If so how did you handle it?
 - b) What are some ways we can be better prepared to face opposition?
- 5) Read Nehemiah 6:1-4, Galatians 6:9 & Matthew 9:35-38
 - a) What verse stands out to you most as you read through these passages?
 - b) What common themes do you see in these passages?
 - c) What does it tell us about where we should be spending our time, talent and resources?
 - d) What things tend to distract you from doing Kingdom stuff?
- 6) Spend time praying for one another this week.