

## RCMI L-Path Teaching

October 04, 2020

(English)

**TITLE: FIGHT FOR YOUR FAMILY**

**TEXT: Nehemiah 4: 13-14, 20**

**BIG IDEA: Stand in the gap as a family and equip yourselves for the fight.**

October THEME: **ALL IN THIS TOGETHER**

Big Idea: **Learn the biblical principles that will help strengthen unity and relationship within the family.**

Just as Nehemiah rebuilt the wall, you too can rebuild your wall, because no matter what the enemy has done to your family and done to your home, with God's help you can rebuild a fortress that the enemy cannot penetrate.

**If the priority of the devil is to destroy the home, then the priority of each one in the home is to defend it.**

### HOW TO FIGHT FOR YOUR FAMILY

#### I. POSITION YOURSELVES AT THE EXPOSED PLACES [v.13]

##### A. Stand In The Gap.

[Stationed some ... behind the lowest points of the wall at the exposed places] [v.13a]

1. Possibly, one of the most difficult decisions Nehemiah had to make was to place whole families in positions of defense.
  - Greatest motivation of a Christian household should be the preservation of the family, we can't expect others to do that for us.
2. Stand in the gap means to expose one's self for the protection of something; to make defense against any assailing danger; to take the place of a fallen defender or supporter. *For the sake of the family we must be willing to expose ourselves to the enemy and be willing to defend ourselves from its attacks.*

**B. Stand Together As A Family.** *"Posting them by families, with their swords, spears and bows."* It's time to get serious, to put on the full armor, and to get ready to fight with every resource they had.

##### 1. Stand Firm

- As soldiers of the Lord Jesus Christ, our posture need never be one of retreat. Stand firm by clothing ourselves in the Lord's armor and strength [Eph. 6:10-20]
  - How do you spell love in your family? **T-I-M-E** [Illus: Quarantine lesson- Family matters]
2. Noah's Example [2 Peter 2:5]
    - Noah made sure his entire family was on the ark. Make sure your sons and your daughters are with you in the ark when judgment comes.

#### II. PROPERLY EQUIP YOURSELVES FOR THE FIGHT [V.14]

##### A. Proper Mindset [Fear God Not Man]

- Nehemiah put their mind in the right perspective. The challenge was great but there was no reason for fear. He who was *in them* was greater than he who was in the world.

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### B. Proper Resolve [Fight Like A Champion]

*“And fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes..”*

- Nehemiah reminded them what they were fighting for. We fight most effectively for the Lord when we keep in mind how much there is to lose.
- Don't wait, DO IT NOW! **Intercede** for them, **Inspire** them to grow in faith and **Impart** a godly lifestyle patterned after you.

**CHALLENGE:** Stand in the gap as a family and equip yourselves for the fight!

Pray for your family. Recognize the greatness of your God, and the constant assault of your enemy.

### DISCUSSION:

- What have you learned from the teaching today?
- How important is family to you? Are you willing to fight for them? Share.