

The priority is to create a growth environment.

“6 *“And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.*

7 *You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.*

8 *You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.*

9 *You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”* Deuteronomy 6:6-9

VI. REMEMBER THE LORD

“14 *And I looked, and arose and said to the nobles, to the leaders, and to the rest of the people, “Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, great and awesome, and fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your houses.”*

15 *And it happened, when our enemies heard that it was known to us, and that God had brought their plot to nothing, that all of us returned to the wall, everyone to his work.*

Nehemiah 4:14-15

Don't quit on your family!

“*What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?*” Romans 8:31

“21 *So we labored in the work, and half of the men held the spears from daybreak until the stars appeared.*

22 *At the same time I also said to the people, “Let each man and his servant stay at night in Jerusalem, that they may be our guard by night and a working party by day.”*

23 *So neither I, my brethren, my servants, nor the men of the guard who followed me took off our clothes, except that everyone took them off for washing.”* Nehemiah 4:21-23

FIGHT FOR YOUR FAMILY

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INTRODUCTION

A. Let's face it, life is like a fight. And we often feel like we are losing. But God wants us to know that the ultimate victory has already been won by Jesus! Now He wants to help us win and to finish our lives like the Apostle Paul who said,

“I have fought the good fight,…”

II Timothy 4:7a

Yes, this life we are called to live is sometimes a fight. But we don't have to lose, we can win through Jesus!

B. Let's be honest and admit that not all our battles are of equal significance. But there are some that literally make or break the potential of our lives. Join us for THE FIGHT Teaching Series! Discover how we can win the battles that matter the most by applying six “fight” Bible passages.

Mar 31	Jesus Fought For Us And Won!
Apr 7	Fight For Your Faith
TODAY	Fight For Your Family
Apr 21	Fight For Your Focus
Apr 28	Fight For Your Freedom
May 5	Fight For Your Faithfulness

TEXT: Nehemiah 4:6-14

The number one enemy of your family is conflict.

“14 *For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”*

15 *But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!”* Galatians 5:14-15

Don't fight with your family. Fight for your family!

HOW TO FIGHT FOR YOUR FAMILY

I. EXPECT CHALLENGES

“lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.” II Corinthians 2:11

A. Expect criticism.

“But it so happened, when Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, that he was furious and very indignant, and mocked the Jews” Nehemiah 4:1

B. Expect fatigue.

“Then Judah said, “The strength of the laborers is failing, and there is so much rubbish that we are not able to build the wall.” Nehemiah 4:10

C. Expect anxiety.

“11 And our adversaries said, “They will neither know nor see anything, till we come into their midst and kill them and cause the work to cease.”
12 So it was, when the Jews who dwelt near them came, that they told us ten times, “From whatever place you turn, they will be upon us.” Nehemiah 4:11-12

II. PRAY WITH PASSION

“Hear, O our God, for we are despised; turn their reproach on their own heads, and give them as plunder to a land of captivity!” Nehemiah 4:4

“Nevertheless we made our prayer to our God, and because of them we set a watch against them day and night.” Nehemiah 4:9

Families that pray together stay together.

III. PUT IN THE HARD WORK

“So we built the wall, and the entire wall was joined together up to half its height, for the people had a mind to work.” Nehemiah 4:6

Nobody said it was going to be easy to have a joyful marriage and train children to love God.

“Let your fountain be blessed, And rejoice with the wife of your youth.” Proverbs 5:18

“Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6

IV. LEAD THE WAY MEN

“Therefore I positioned men behind the lower parts of the wall, at the openings; ...” Nehemiah 4:13a

Men have a huge spiritual impact on their families.

“For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; ...” Ephesians 5:23a

“And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” Joshua 24:15

V. ARM EVERY FAMILY MEMBER WITH THE BIBLE

“...and I set the people according to their families, with their swords, their spears, and their bows.” Nehemiah 4:13b

The Word of God is our greatest weapon!

“And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;” Ephesians 6:17