

SWOOPED DOWN ON?

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INTRODUCTION:

- A. Discouragement is humanity's deadliest disease.
- B. Such emotions make us feel "*swooped down on.*" – Nehemiah 4:11

I. WE FEEL SWOOPED DOWN ON WHEN ...

- A. We are fatigued.
 - The workers are getting tired...* – Nehemiah 4:10a
 - ...the wall was completed to half its height around the city...'* – Nehemiah 4:6
- B. We are frustrated.
 - ...there is so much rubble to be moved.* – Nehemiah 4:10b
- C. Fatalism swoops down on us.
 - We will never be able to build the wall by ourselves.* – Nehemiah 4:10
- D. Fear sets in.
 - Meanwhile, our enemies were saying, "Before they know what's happening, we will swoop down on them and kill them and end their work." The Jews who lived near the enemy came and told us again and again, "They will come from all directions and attack us!"* – Nehemiah 4:11-12

II. THE DUCK AND COVER

- A. First, get some rest.
 - But from then on, only half my men worked while the other half stood guard...* – Nehemiah 4:16
 - It is useless for you to work so hard from early morning until late at night.* – Psalm 127:2
- B. Secondly, can you use some re-organization?
 - I stationed the people to stand guard by families....* – Nehemiah 4:13
- C. Remember the Lord is with you.
 - ...Don't be afraid of the enemy! Remember the Lord who is great and glorious...* – Nehemiah 4:14
 - Remember God's goodness in the past (Revelation 15:3)
 - Remember God's closeness in the present (Matthew 28:20)
 - Remember God's power for the future (Psalm 119:25)

CONCLUSION: