

**A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study**  
**Wednesday, October 7, 2020**  
**Nehemiah 6:1-14**

1. What happened in Sunday's Bible Study on Nehemiah 5?
  - a. The Jews were struggling financially during a famine and the governors were charging high taxes on people who were already struggling.
  - b. The wealthy among them had loaned money in exchange for the peoples' land (inheritance) and taken their children as slaves in the name of helping them with their financial struggles.
  - c. Nehemiah told the wealthy Jews that they were doing wrong and insisted they give back the interest and the property (and slaves) they had taken.
  - d. Nehemiah became governor and set an example by working alongside those who were rebuilding the wall, inviting others to join him at his table, and refusing to take the governor's portion which would have caused a tax on the people.
  
2. What happened at the beginning of this text, in 6:1? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What were Sanballat, Geshem the Arab and the rest of Nehemiah's enemies trying to accomplish by calling him down to this meeting?
  - a. They probably wanted to make peace!
  - b. They were planning to hurt Nehemiah
  - c. They were going to try anything to stop what God was doing in Jerusalem.
  
4. How did Nehemiah respond, according to 6:3-4? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. What was the significance of what happened on the fifth time starting in verse 5?
  - a. Nehemiah had not responded to their requests, so they were trying to manipulate him.
  - b. They sent a letter that would be damaging to Nehemiah and the implication of it being unsealed was that the letter had been read or they wanted him to think that it had and the king would find out about their accusations.
  - c. They were trying to find a weakness in Nehemiah so that they could get him to do what they wanted him to do instead of what God wanted him to do.
  
6. How did Nehemiah respond, according to verses 8-9?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  
7. What happened next to tempt Nehemiah to stop the work, according to 6:10? \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. How did Nehemiah respond?
  - a. He finally stopped working to stay safe.
  - b. He continued to do what God wanted him to.
  - c. He relied on God for protection rather than himself.
  - d. He did not respond to defend or protect his reputation.
  
9. How did Nehemiah know what to do in these situations? \_\_\_\_\_  
What gave Nehemiah the strength to continue despite these temptations? \_\_\_\_\_  
Do we allow people (or the enemy) to manipulate us out of God's will? \_\_\_\_\_  
Do we allow fear to cause us to stop doing what God wants us to do in order to preserve our own lives, families, belongings, or reputations? \_\_\_\_\_