

READ: (Nehemiah 4:16-23) - **‘A TURNING POINT’**

Every life has its own turning points when from that day on and into the future everything changes.

- Q.** WHAT one day in your life became a big turning point to you and WHY do you think that was?
- Q.** WHAT changes did that turning point in your life bring about for you, and HOW have you coped with them?
- Q.** WHEN did your last big turning point arrive and WHY was it so significant do you think?

(Vs.16)

- Q.** WHAT caused the turning point in the lives of those building the wall at that time? (Hint – Vs.15)
- Q.** WHY was it important for all those participating in this build for the Lord, to be ready to defend it against the attacks from the enemy, and to NOT stop building it?

(Vs.17-18a)

- Q.** HOW did the workers prepare themselves for the possible attacks to come?
- Q.** WHAT weapons might we need to be ready and prepared with as we seek to build a holy life with God and to maintain a testimony where our own belief is not contradicted by any poor behaviour? (Ephesians 6:17&18 - 2 Chronicles 20:22-23 etc)
- Q.** Does the fact (Vs.20b) that our God will fight for us mean that we can cut out any preparation we need? (Consider Proverbs 21:31)

(Vs.19-23)

- Q.** WHO might be the person metaphorically who sounds the trumpet today and WHY do we still need them?
- Q.** Often we can be separated one from another by the busyness of our own schedules. HOW can we do a better job in coming to the aid of those who may need our help?
- Q.** WHEN might it be especially important for us to know that our God will fight for us, and HOW does this help us overcome adversity, weakness, and fear?

Historian Will Durant observed,

“Rome remained great as long as she had enemies who forced her to unity, vision, and heroism. When she had overcome all her enemies, she flourished for a moment and then began to die”

- Q.** HOW might we best stay united in our efforts to build up the work of the Kingdom in our community and church?

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