

# Lifeline

*"In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men." (John 1:4)*



## The Fox on the Wall



When the Jews returned from Babylonian captivity and tried to do God's will by working together and rebuilding the wall there were many obstacles. The size of the task, the challenge to work as a team and outside threats.

Some stood back and watched and mocked saying, they were too weak, the task was too big and whatever they built wouldn't be strong enough.

*"But it so happened, when Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, that he was furious and very indignant, and mocked the Jews. And he spoke before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, 'What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they fortify themselves? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they complete it in a day? Will they revive the stones from the heaps of rubbish—stones that are burned?' Now Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him, and he said, 'Whatever they build, if even a fox goes up on it, he will break down their stone wall.'" (Nehemiah 4:1-3)*

What about you? If a fox walks upon your wall, will it crumble? The


sneering remarks of some are nothing more than remarks of mockery. In Nehemiah's day, those rebuilding the wall had to deal with this kind of attitude, but underlying the attitude was an effort to defeat. When those of the captivity returned to their homeland, they started rebuilding what had been destroyed.

As they returned they were small and unorganized but, they had to work as a team. They had to get organized, work together.

Even more importantly they had to keep on building. Will we stop building if others will not build with us?

Will the taunts and judgmental condemnation of some defeat our efforts to do the Lord's work? Or, will we get organized, work as a team and keep on building for the Lord?

If we build together, according to the Lord's will and for His glory we will succeed.

Look at your brother and say, "hand me another brick." 

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