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Waves of Opposition:

- increase in _____ -
- increase in _____ -
- increase in _____ -

Seven Stages of Progression/Opposition

	Progression	Opposition
Stage 1 2:9-16	_____ - "I inspected the walls of Jerusalem" (2:13)	Some express _____ - "It displeased them greatly" (2:10)
Stage 2 2:17-20	_____ - "Let us rise up and build" (2:18)	Some _____ - "They jeered at us" (2:19)
Stage 3 3:1-32	_____ - "They built ... repaired ... next to them ... after them ... " (3:1-32)	Some _____ - "Their nobles would not stoop to serve their Lord" (3:5)
Stage 4 4:1-6	_____ - "We were building the wall" (4:1)	Some _____ - "If a fox goes up on it, he will break down their stone wall!" (4:3)
Stage 5 4:7-23	_____ - "The breaches were beginning to be closed" (4:7)	Some _____ - "They all plotted together to come and fight" (4:8)
Stage 6 5:1-19	_____ - "We, as far as we are able, have bought back our Jewish brothers" (5:8a)	Some _____ - "You even sell your bothers" (5:8b)
Stage 7 6:1-14	_____ - "I had built the wall and ... there was no breach left in it" (6:1)	Some _____ - "But they intended to do me harm" (6:2)

A Few Takeaways

1. Prepare for opposition by _____.

“Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome.” (4:14)

2. Be aware of how _____ affects you.

disappointing others

threats of violence

unkind words

injustice/exploitation

detachment

personal attacks

prophecies of failure

3. _____.

“Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.”

Hebrews 12:3

4. Practice being _____.

“Those who carried burdens were loaded in such a way that each labored on the work with one hand and held his weapon with the other.”

Nehemiah 4:17

“You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.”

Psalms 23:5

5. Overcome _____.

“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

Romans 12:21