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When Hell Breaks Loose  
Nehemiah 4:1-6

In this life any attempts for God will always face opposition. Evil is always present with us seeking to direct us off course or to impede our progress. Nehemiah faced such a challenge in chapter 4. Those who were against the city wall being rebuilt confront the rebuilders. They try to break them through ridiculing their abilities, their faith, and their dreams. Nehemiah's response is to pray against these evil designs and people, vigilantly. So, we in facing opposition are challenged to do as he has done:

We must pray with holy indignation

- We must pray against evil
- We must pray in light of grace (pray for those who persecute us and love our enemies)

Questions for discussion:

1. In this week's message, what connected with your heart?
2. What has been your experience in dealing with injustice?
3. How much of your thoughts and prayers are directed at injustices?
4. How could we all help each other to focus some of our praying against evil and injustice? (Brainstorm with your group.)
5. Over 200 million believers will be persecuted, arrested, tortured, and/or beaten this year alone. Let's intercede for them today. Here are some key countries where this is taking place: Egypt, Burma, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Indonesia, Somalia, Syria, and India.

Let us pray that God will change these governments.

Let us pray for believer's endurance in suffering, peace supplied by the Holy Spirit, and continued strong testimony of Christ.

Let us pray for new believers as a result of the life examples of these martyrs.