

Study Questions for the September 27, 2020 Sermon:
“The Marathon of Battling Sin”
Nehemiah 13

1. The book of Nehemiah ends not with the celebration of chapter 12, but with chapter 13's record of Jerusalem's occupants falling into disrespect for God's law. Pastor Paul made the point that struggle, with both our sin-nature and public sin, will be part of life till Jesus returns. Can you recall any verses that encourage believers to continue to struggle?
2. Christians look forward to spending ETERNITY without struggling with sin. Can you recall any verses that support this doctrine?
3. Chapter 13 opens with the Jews reading from the book of Moses. We all find it easier to forget God's word than to remember it. Name one strategy that will help us remember God's word.
4. Nehemiah found that a chamber in the temple was being misused. (Verses 13: 8 & 9) He threw out the furniture and returned the chamber to its proper function of storing items used in worship. When Jesus saved you, did you stop using any talent or property for ungodly purposes and start using them for Godly purposes? Please share your story.
5. Tobiah relentlessly undermined the restoration of the walls and the proper use of the Temple. (Verse 4 & 5)
 - a. Have you had any “Tobiahs” in your life, who hampered your journey of sanctification?
 - b. Have you ever been a “Tobiah”? (Perhaps someones' spiritual path led them away from you, or frightened you.)
6. Pastor Paul made the point that, as Nehemiah judged some of his compatriots, we are called to be judges one of another – not in the ultimate sense of judging another's salvation or fruitfulness, but in the day-to-day sense of letting a brother or sister know that their actions are not consistent with their professed faith. Can you recall any new testament verses that support this teaching?

7. Memory test: In verse 13:21, Nehemiah stops the vendors from lodging just outside Jerusalem's wall on the Sabbath. What principle did Pastor Paul derive from this incident?