Blurry Lines of Compromise

Our study today takes us to the book of Nehemiah and the plains of Ono. Nehemiah was busy leading the people of God to rebuilding the walls around Jerusalem. Sanballat and Tobiah were not happy with this. They present a series of attacks to stop the work Nehemiah was doing.

1. They wanted Nehemiah to stop what he was doing and meet with them
   - Nehemiah recognized them as "_____" (6:1)
   - Nehemiah knew they were intending to _____ him (6:2)
   - Nehemiah understood the _____ of staying with the work (6:3)

This Introduces Us To The Dangers of Compromise

(a) In one sense compromise is necessary to get along with others. The N.T. expresses the idea of being "subject" to one another (Eph 5:21)
   - we do this in marriage and in our fellowship
   - without compromise, selfishness reigns

(b) But there is another sense in which compromise is wrong, dangerous and clouds our vision
   - the desire to fit in, get along, be liked often makes us compromise in areas where we should not
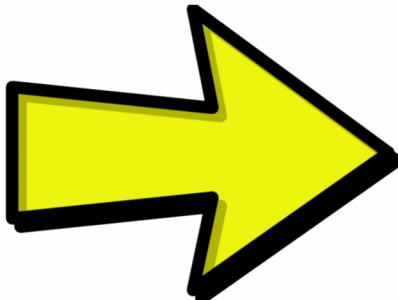
Attacks in Nehemiah 6

- Compromise (2)
- Spreading Rumors (6)
- Deceit (12)
- Divided Allegiance (17)

Dangerous Compromises:

In our _____: _____
With the _____: _____
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The language of compromise is heard in, "As long as we all love the Lord, that's all that matters." Or, "there are many roads that lead to Heaven." Or, "those things are not salvation issues."

1. Dangerous compromises _____ down and _____ what God says
2. Dangerous compromises weakens our _____ and allows those in error to believe they are _____
3. Dangerous compromises allows our _____ to become fuzzy and inconsistent
4. Dangerous compromises ignores the serious _____ in the Bible (Neh 13:23-26; 1 Tim 6:20-21; 2 Tim 2:14-16; 3:5)

- Romans 14:23
- James 4:17
- 1 Corinthians 15:58
- Galatians 2:4-5
- 2 Timothy 2:2, 4
- 1 Corinthians 5:6

There are certain things that we _____ compromise on. They are not open for discussion. They are set in Heaven.

The church is not a democracy but a _____.

Our love for the Lord comes _____ our love for one another.

Once the door of compromise is opened, it cannot be _____.