

LEADERSHIP

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"I'm Doing a Great Work and Can't Come Down"

Now when Sanballat and Tobiah and Geshem the Arab and the rest of our enemies heard that I had built the wall and that there was no breach left in it (although up to that time I had not set up the doors in the gates), Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, "Come and let us meet together at Hakkephirim in the plain of Ono." But they intended to do me harm. And I sent messengers to them, saying, "I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?" (Neh 6:1-3)



The Right "No"

- Is it ever okay to say, "No"?
- Why do many of us struggle saying, "No"?
- What can we learn from Nehemiah's response in 6:3?
- What sort of "great work" sometimes involves saying "No" to other things and opportunities?
- Effective leaders learn to say "No"...
 - At the right time -
 - In the right way -
 - For the right reasons -
- **For personal evaluation:** are there things I need to say "No" or "Not now" to from the start of this week in order to prioritize what matters most this week?