# SADDLEBACK NOTES

#### FROM OBSTACLE TO OPPORTUNITY

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Every dream eventually encounters	
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"But now I said to them, 'You know very well what trouble we are in. Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire. Let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem and end this disgrace!' Then I told them about how the gracious hand of God had been on me, and about my conversation with the king. They replied at once, 'Yes, let's rebuild the wall!' So they began the good work."

Nehemiah 2:17-18 (NLT)

"But when Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem the Arab heard of our plan, they scoffed contemptuously. 'What are you doing? Are you rebelling against the king?' they asked. I replied, 'The God of heaven will help us succeed. We, his servants, will start rebuilding this wall. But you have no share, legal right, or historic claim in Jerusalem.'"

Nehemiah 2:19–20 (NLT)

"Sanballat was very angry when he learned that we were rebuilding the wall. He flew into a rage and mocked the Jews, saying in front of his friends and the Samarian army officers, 'What does this bunch of poor, feeble Jews think they're doing? Do they think they can build the wall in a single day by just offering a few sacrifices? Do they actually think they can make something of stones from a rubbish heap—and charred ones at that?' Tobiah the Ammonite, who was standing beside him, remarked, 'That stone wall would collapse if even a fox walked along the top of it!' Then I prayed, 'Hear us, our God, for we are being mocked. May their scoffing fall back on their own heads, and may they themselves become captives in a foreign land!'"

Nehemiah 4:1–4 (NLT)

#### TURNING OBSTACLES INTO OPPORTUNITIES

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ difficulty on the path to the dream.
  - In the creation.
  - o In the continuation.
  - o At the completion.
  - No resistance means I'm going nowhere.

"A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places."

Ephesians 6:10–12 (NLT)

2	through the lies in difficulty.	
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"They were hoping to intimidate me and make me sin. Then they would be able to accuse and discredit me. Remember, O my God, all the evil things that Tobiah and Sanballat have done."

Nehemiah 6:13–14a (NLT)

- Lies of Doubt.
- Lies of \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- Lies of Distraction.
- 3. Leverage the difficulty for \_\_\_\_\_\_.
  - When it's hard you can: quit, complain, or keep going.

"They were just trying to intimidate us, imagining that they could discourage us and stop the work. So I continued the work with even greater determination."

Nehemiah 6:9 (NLT)



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1. difficulty 2. expect 3. pray 4. discouragement 5. perseverance

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## 從障礙到機會

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·想終會遇到「

「但現在我對他們說: 『你們非常清楚我們處於甚麼樣的困境‧耶路撒冷成了一片 廢墟‧城門也被火燒毀了。讓我們重建耶路撒冷的城牆‧除去這個恥辱吧! 』我又 告訴他們‧上帝的恩手是如何幫助我的‧還有我跟王之間的對話是怎樣的。 他們立 刻回答說: 『好‧我們重建城牆吧!』於是他們展開了這項美好的工程。」

尼希米記 2:17-18 (新普及譯本)

「但參巴拉、多比雅和阿拉伯人基善聽說了我們的計劃·就輕蔑地嘲笑我們·他們問:『你們在幹甚麼?你們要背叛王嗎?』我回答說:『天上的上帝會幫助我們成功。我們都是他的僕人·我們要動手重建這堵城牆·但你們在耶路撒冷沒有份·沒有合法權利·在歷史上也沒有土地所有權。』」 尼希米記 2:19-20 (新普及譯本)

「參巴拉得知我們在重建城牆‧就非常生氣。他大發雷霆‧嘲諷猶太人‧他在自己的朋友和撒馬利亞軍官面前說:『這一幫可憐軟弱的猶太人想幹甚麼?他們以為只要獻上那一丁點兒祭物‧就能在一天之內建起城牆來嗎?難道他們真的認為垃圾堆裏那些又焦又黑的石頭仍然用得着嗎?』站在他旁邊的亞捫人多比雅說:『就算一隻狐狸在牆頭上走‧那石牆都會倒塌的!』於是我禱告說:『我們的上帝啊‧請聽我們的禱告‧因為我們被人譏笑。願他們的嘲弄都落到他們自己頭上‧願他們在異鄉成為俘虜!』」

### 化障礙為機會

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_\_在夢想的路上遇到困難
  - 在夢想的創造
  - 。 在夢想的延續
  - 。 在夢想的完成
  - 沒有阻力,表示我沒有前進

「我最後要說的是:你們要靠着主和他的大能剛強起來。要穿戴上帝的全副盔甲·好使你們能夠堅定不移地抵擋魔鬼的一切詭計。因為我們不是在對抗有血有肉的敵人,而是在對抗那不可見的世界中邪惡的統治者和掌權者,是在對抗這個黑暗世界的強大勢力,也是在對抗天上的邪靈。」 以弗所書 6:10-12 (新普及譯本)

## 2. 以 走過謊言和困難

「他們企圖恐嚇我·使我犯罪·這樣他們就可以控告我·敗壞我的聲譽。我的上帝啊,請記住多比雅和參巴拉做的所有惡事。」 尼希米記 6:13-14 上 (新普及譯本)

- 「懷疑」的謊言
- 「」的謊言
- 「分心」的謊言
- 3. 運用困難來鍛煉
  - 面對困難,你可以:放棄、抱怨,或繼續前進

「他們只不過想恐嚇我們,以為可以使我們氣餒,令工程中止。於是我更堅定地繼續工作。」 尼希米記 6:9 (新普及譯本)



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