# **Vision - New Beginnings - Pt 16 Change Your World Pt 2 -It's a Family Affair**

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[**Nehemiah 6:15**](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ne6.15) “15 So the wall was finished on the twenty-fifth day of Elul, in fifty-two days.”

[**Acts 17:6**](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ac17.6) **“.**.. “These who have turned the world upside down have come here too.”

Opposition: Internal and External - From Among us and From around us

• op·po·si·tionresistance or dissent, expressed in action or argument.

These oppositions came in 3 different stages:

1. When the Vision was cast and caught [Nehemiah 2:19](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ne2.19)

2. When the building began

a. Internal Opposition - [Nehemiah 3:5](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ne3.5)

b. External Opposition - [Nehemiah 4:1-3](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ne4.1-3)

3. When the walls were halfway built [Nehemiah 4:6-7](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ne4.6-7).

**How Do we deal with Opposition?**

1. Don’t be surprised by it - [Matthew 10:22](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Mt10.22); [John 15:18](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Jn15.18); [1 John 3:13](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.1Jn3.13)

2. Respond in prayer AND Action - [Nehemiah 4:4-6](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ne4.4-6)

3. Remember the process - [Nehemiah 2:18-20](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ne2.18-20)

a. Catch the Vision [Nehemiah 2:18](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ne2.18) “18 ...So they said, “Let us rise up and build.” Then they set their hands to this good work.”

b. Believe in Hope that God will fulfill the Vision [Nehemiah 2:20](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ne2.20) “20 ...“The God of heaven Himself will prosper us...”

c. Act in Faith that God will fulfill the vision [Nehemiah 2:20](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ne2.20) “20... therefore we His servants will arise and build...”

4. Be watchful and Prepared to Fight - [Nehemiah 4:9](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ne4.9)

a. Watchful - watch·ful - watching or observing someone or something closely; alert and vigilant.

b. Prepared to Fight - [Nehemiah 4:13](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ne4.13)

5. **Have Confidence - In Christ the Victory is already won and the enemy is defeated**

**Statistically between 60% and 80% of youth and young adults aged 18 to 25 leave the church and their faith - 70% of of those 18-25 Year old’s stop attending church and start leaving their faith when they graduate from high school.**

[Nehemiah 4:13-14](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ne4.13-14) “13 Therefore I positioned men behind the lower parts of the wall, at the openings; **and I set the people according to their families, with their swords, their spears, and their bows.** 14 And I looked, and arose and said to the nobles, to the leaders, and to the rest of the people, **“Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, great and awesome, and fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your houses.””**

**From** [**Nehemiah 3**](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ne3) **and** [**Nehemiah 4**](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ne4) **we see two distinct callings to the family:**

1.  **Model your faith to your children by “Building” together that is - doing ministry together - being a missional family -** [**Nehemiah 3**](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ne3) **lists out the families that built “Next to them” Involve your kids in the mission that models your faith. Next Week we will unpack this point.**

2.  **We have to FIGHT for our families -** [**Nehemiah 4:14**](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ne4.14) “... Remember the Lord, great and awesome, and fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your houses.””

Mom’s and Dad’s - We have to fight for our sons - we have to fight for our daughters. The most important thing. The most important. It’s not popularity, its not good grades or excelling in school, it’s not their sports accolades, its not their career path. its none of those things! Its where will they spend eternity and how will they live that eternal life out now!

That’s it. Nothing… NOTHING… else matters!

### How do we fight?

In a survey of the youth and young adults on WHY they stayed with their faith there were 3 overwhelming reasons:

1. They heard the Gospel (through Discipleship) and saw the Gospel being lived out in the **Home**

• [Deuteronomy 6:4-9](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Dt6.4-9) “4 “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! 5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. 6 “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. 7 **You shall teach them diligently to your children**, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

• [Deuteronomy 11:18-20](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Dt11.18-20) “18 “Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 19 **You shall teach them to your children**, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. 20 And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates,”

• [Psalm 78:5-7](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ps78.5-7) “5 For He established a testimony in Jacob, And appointed a law in Israel, Which **He commanded our fathers**, **That they should make them known to their children**; 6 **That the generation to come might know them, The children who would be born, That they may arise and declare them to their children, 7 That they may set their hope in God, And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments;”**

• [**Proverbs 22:6**](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Pr22.6)“6 **Train up a child in the way he should go**, And when he is old he will not depart from it.”

• Its not enough to just bring them to church - that’s 1/168 - roughly 1 hour in church and 168 hours out of church. Children spend 35-40 hours in the school system, 5-10 hours in extra curricular activities, and the rest belong to the family; roughly 60 hours after you factor in sleep. You have the time, and you have the greatest influence:

• Statistics say children and teens rank PARENTS as their #1 influencer in life. Parents, asked the same question; “who influences your children and teenagers the most”, ranked themselves LAST, under teachers, peers, social media and pop culture icons. Parents your influence matters MOST! **82 percent of children raised by parents who talked about faith at home, attached great importance to their beliefs, and were active in their congregations were religiously active as young adults**, according to data from the latest wave of the National Study of Youth and Religion.

2. They felt they belonged and were a part of the church as a whole - not separated from it.

• **Mom and Dad - Have your children in a “Family Integrated Church” It Matters!**

• [**Deuteronomy 31:12-13**](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Dt31.12-13) “12 **Gather the people together, men and women and little ones, and the stranger who is within your gates, that they may hear and that they may learn to fear the Lord your God and carefully observe all the words of this law, 13 and that their children, who have not known it, may hear and learn to fear the Lord your God...”**

• [**Joel 2:16**](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Joe2.16) “16 Gather the people, Sanctify the congregation, Assemble the elders, **Gather the children and nursing babes**;...”

3. They didn't just attend church or church functions - They were truly Born Again Disciples

• [John 3:3-5](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Jn3.3-5) “3 Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” 4 Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” 5 Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.”

• [Romans 10:9-10](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ro10.9-10) “9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

• [Ezekiel 36:26-27](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Eze36.26-27) “26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.”

[Nehemiah 2:20](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ne2.20) “20 So I answered them, and said to them, “The God of heaven Himself will prosper us; therefore we His servants will arise and build, **but you have no heritage or right or memorial in Jerusalem.**””

**The ENEMY has NO Heritage Here, or IN YOUR FAMILY**

Heritage: something transmitted by or acquired from a predecessor : legacy What Legacy will you leave your children: The Legacy of the Gospel

**The Enemy has NO Right Here, or IN YOUR FAMILY**

Right: **:** something to which one has a just claim:

**a:** the power or privilege to which one is justly entitled

**The Enemy has NO Memorial Here, or IN YOUR FAMILY**

Memorial:**:** something that keeps remembrance alive:

Fight For YOUR FAMILY

**Nehemiah 4:13–14**

