

THE RESISTANCE; FIGHTING BACK

Part 2: Purpose-Built for Winning

A GROWING AWARENESS

- Mindful of the environment around us
 1. Not in denial or defiant against others
- Mindful on a higher level **(1 Peter 5:8-9 NKJV)**
 1. There is always a spiritual impact
 2. To be alert/aware is not written exclusively for preachers
 3. Our resistance to our enemy is based on our faith

THERE IS A SPECIAL GROUP CALLED TO RESIST (1 Peter 2:9 NKJV)

- It's a spiritual group and we're in it
 1. We are in Christ; a special race of people (not constrained by color)
 2. We are a Priesthood of kingly lineage - an elevated place of privilege
- And because we are His people we are endowed with His purpose for us
 1. To show the goodness / excellence of God - revealing Him to others
 2. Our purpose guides our actions - positions us better to resist

PURPOSE BUILT WINNING

- Nehemiah: the resistance poster child **(Nehemiah 6:1-5, 8-9 NKJV)**
 1. He was tied into a value added purpose with God - helping God's people
 2. He repeatedly resisted the invitation to go to a bad place - no negotiation w/enemy
 3. His strong sense of purpose guided his resistance - not stopping doing good
 4. He recognized fear and its intended impact - to weaken and stop progress
 5. He looked to God for strength - strength to continue to fulfill his purpose
- Purpose-Built strategies for winning
 1. Tie into God's purpose for you **(Colossians 1:9-10 NKJV)**
 2. With our purpose in mind we resist ...
 3. Go to God for strength - especially when dealing with weakness and fear