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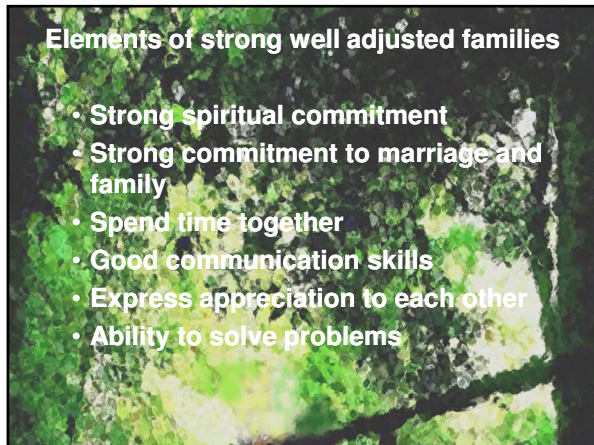
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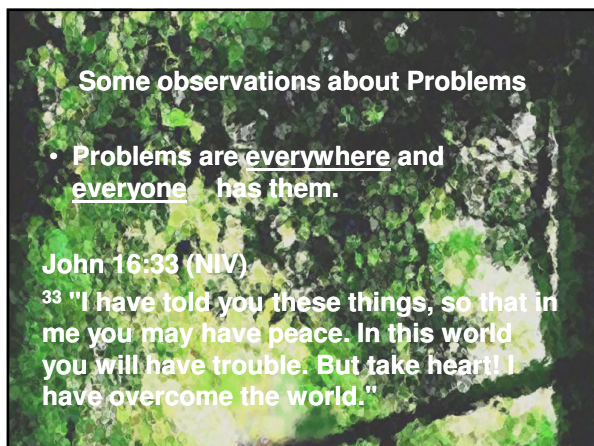
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**Some observations about Problems**

- Problems responded to correctly help us grow and mature.

James 1:2-4 (NIV)

<sup>2</sup> Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials (problems) of many kinds, <sup>3</sup> because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. <sup>4</sup> Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

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**Some observations about Problems**

- Problems are everywhere and everyone has them.
- Problems responded to correctly help us grow and mature.
- Some problems are not ours to solve

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**Nehemiah's 5 R's to Handling Problems**

1. Rule your emotions.

Nehemiah 4:14 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup> After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, "Don't be afraid of them..."

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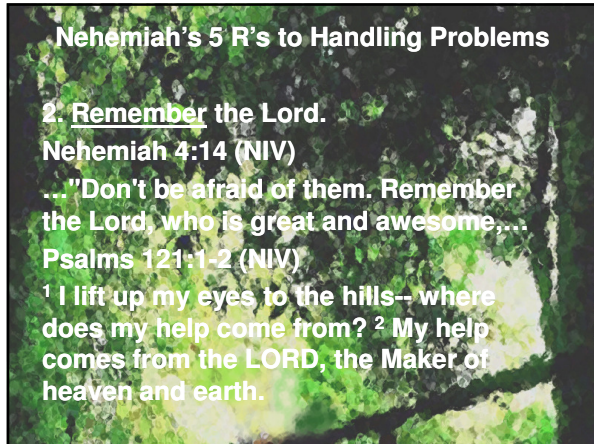
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**Nehemiah's 5 R's to Handling Problems**

**2. Remember the Lord.**  
Nehemiah 4:14 (NIV)  
... "Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome..."

**Psalms 121:1-2 (NIV)**  
1 I lift up my eyes to the hills-- where does my help come from? 2 My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.



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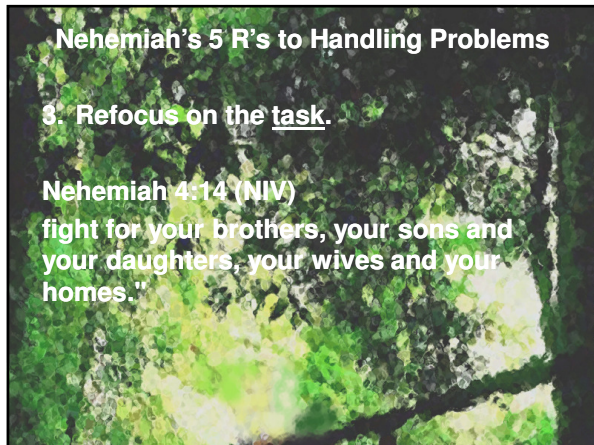
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**Nehemiah's 5 R's to Handling Problems**

**3. Refocus on the task.**

Nehemiah 4:14 (NIV)  
fight for your brothers, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes."



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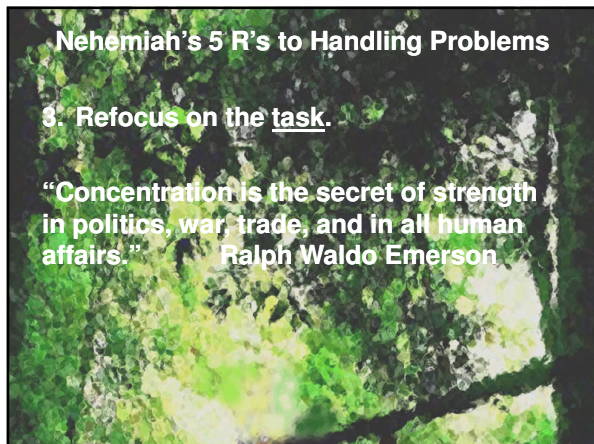
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**Nehemiah's 5 R's to Handling Problems**

**3. Refocus on the task.**

"Concentration is the secret of strength in politics, war, trade, and in all human affairs."  
Ralph Waldo Emerson



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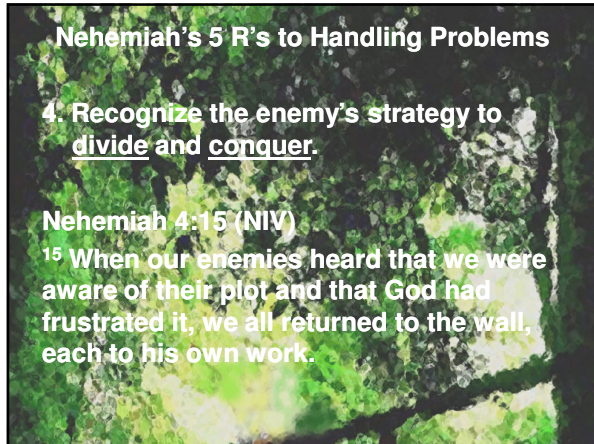
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**Nehemiah's 5 R's to Handling Problems**

**4. Recognize the enemy's strategy to divide and conquer.**

**Nehemiah 4:15 (NIV)**  
**<sup>15</sup> When our enemies heard that we were aware of their plot and that God had frustrated it, we all returned to the wall, each to his own work.**



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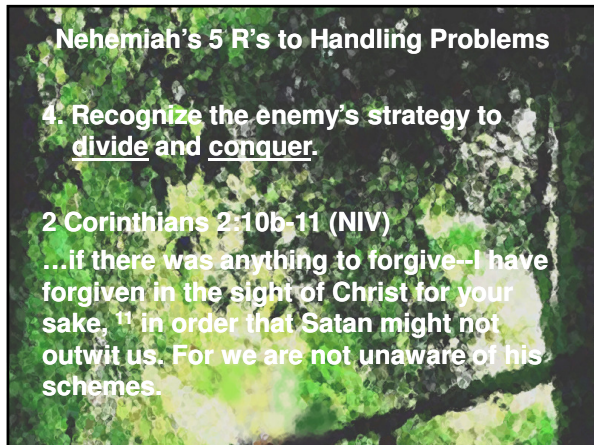
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**Nehemiah's 5 R's to Handling Problems**

**4. Recognize the enemy's strategy to divide and conquer.**

**2 Corinthians 2:10b-11 (NIV)**  
**...if there was anything to forgive--I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, <sup>11</sup> in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.**



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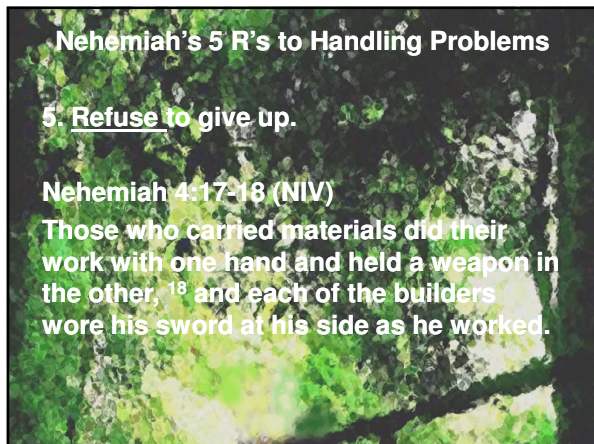
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**Nehemiah's 5 R's to Handling Problems**

**5. Refuse to give up.**

**Nehemiah 4:17-18 (NIV)**  
**Those who carried materials did their work with one hand and held a weapon in the other, <sup>18</sup> and each of the builders wore his sword at his side as he worked.**



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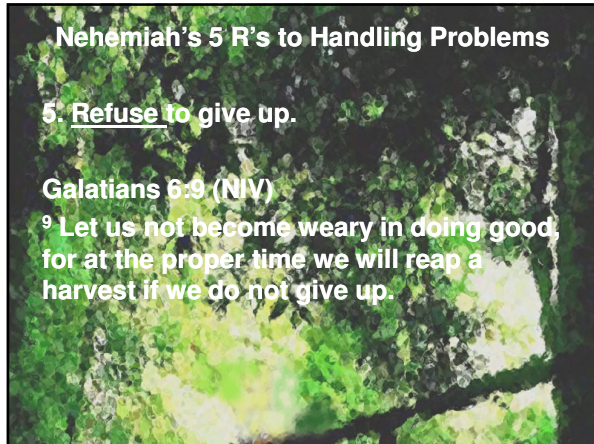
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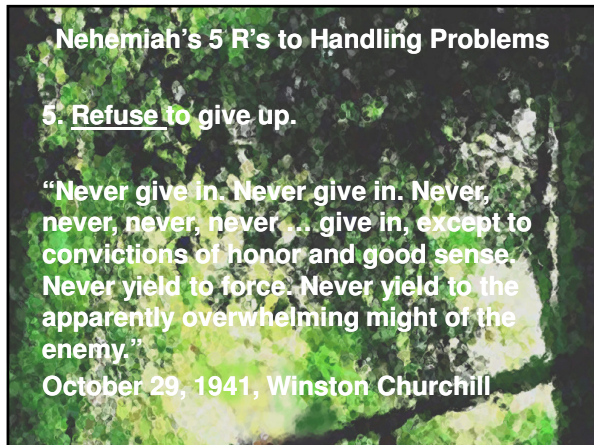
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