A. Nothing is Impossible for God (vs. 17; 2 Corinthians 5:7; Luke 1:37; 18:27):

1. Nehemiah had carefully inspected the damage and it is with a clear understanding of the extent of the damage that he encouraged the people to fix the issue.
2. Nehemiah has carefully inspected the results of the evil that Israel has done and the evil that was done to Israel. He clearly understands the results of man’s inability to live up to the righteous standards of God.
3. The broken down walls has left the city in ruins and exposed it to being smitten with the sword. It is parched, void of water and vegetation. The people were just surviving.
4. Nehemiah commanded the people to make it a life-style pattern to act responsibly before God by focusing their time and energy on the rebuilding of the walls.
5. Nehemiah believed that God had the ability to resolve the problem so he was ready to act.
6. This construction, because it is led by God, it will be immovable.
7. When the problem is resolved it will cause Jerusalem to endlessly not have to live in the shame and the scorn of their enemies. They would no longer have to live in disgrace or be taunted and oppressed by their enemies.

B. God’s Faithfulness in Our Past Provides Hope for the Future (vs. 18):

1. Nehemiah brought to light, revealing to them how favorable God was to him.
2. God used His authority and power to help Nehemiah to safely arrive in Jerusalem to accomplish this task.
3. God’s powerful hands led to beneficial results that blessed everyone.
4. All the people spoke of what their intentions were.
5. They focused their strength and energy towards the construction of the wall because Nehemiah reassured them that God was with him.
6. They became resolute about completing the rebuilding of the wall. They were going to apply all their strength, restraining themselves to never give up until the task was completed. Rebuilding the wall became a deep conviction.
7. The work they were to do would provide economic benefit and practical good which makes things excellent for everyone.

C. In the Midst of Adversity Trust God’s Power (vs. 19-20):

1. Nehemiah’s enemies gave their undivided attention to what was taking place, and clearly understood the intent of the people.
2. They spoke to people in a degrading manner and laughed at them.
3. Their enemies gave little value to what the people were going to do.
4. They charge the people for not being loyal to the king, creating disunity and resistance to the authority of the king.
5. The people responded by telling their enemy about their intention.
6. God will not allow them to fail, they will accomplish the task in a satisfactorily manner.
7. The people were committed to humble themselves so that they can do whatever it takes to fulfill the task God placed before them.
8. They will put all their energy and strength towards the construction of the wall.
9. Their enemy has no legal or religious rights to Jerusalem and the people are not expecting them to do anything to help rebuild the wall.
10. There will be nothing to remember their enemies by that will be established in Jerusalem.
11. God will grant them success.