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Text: Nehemiah 6:1-14

Title: The Shrewd Plotting of An Enemy

Outline:

Intro: The reason Nehemiah's enemies are plotting:  
They "heard that I had builded the wall" = success

Plot #1 Lure Nehemiah away from Jerusalem ---- 1-4

The tactic – Isolation – 1-2

Church at home; no friends at church; minister by yourself; withdraw because of discord

The response – Keep working – 3

Join a legitimate local church; make friends; join, or invite participation in a ministry; work through your issues

Plot #2 Discourage by spreading rumors ----- 5-8

The tactic – distract by ruse – 5-7

Rumors that you aren't fit; your reputation is already bad; you don't know what you are talking about; your sin is too bad

The response – return to the truth – 8

It isn't about me, it is about Jesus Christ

Plot #3 Sow fear through spies ----- 9-14

The tactic – Intimidation – 9

You haven't got what it takes; you are an idiot to be a Christian

The response – Prayer for strength – 9

God is our sustainer.

The tactic – Infiltration – 10

We need this ministry; we have to do this, that, or the other thing

The response – Understanding – 11-13

Know your place in the ministry

Know your comrades so you can identify your enemies

Conclusion:

1. God holds the balances. He is attentive to the works of our enemies (vs. 14).
2. Serve by conviction and stay faithful.