

Stepping Out

Up, Out & Into, Part 2

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LEAD (INFLUENCE) REALITY: When you step out, you get opposed. The question is, how do I see my way through? A question of "spiritual toughness."

We all eventually run into detractors, distractors and occasional disasters.

- Just because God has clearly called us to step out ≠ everything goes smoothly (or everybody is happy).
 - Corollary: It's largely a waste of time to anguish over "why".
 - God didn't send these trials, this opposition, these barriers, but He is in control of them.
The point: You and God move forward.

SPIRITUAL TOUGHNESS — GETTING THROUGH OPPOSITION

REFUSE TO chase down every slight, misunderstanding and crack back.

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Nehemiah 4:4 (NET)

► HOW TO: Let God do it...

[FYI: God doesn't let stuff slide. He takes it seriously when someone hurts us.]

REAL THREATS — take it to God and tighten our grip

But we prayed to our God, and because of them we set up a guard against them day and night.

Nehemiah 4:9

► HOW TO:

NOT just: "Say a quick prayer and do your thing"

... in the end it's all God

... but there's stuff He invites us to choose and do —
WITH HIM.

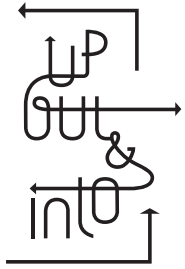
REMIND SELF — who God is, who I am IN and BECAUSE of Him

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► HOW TO: Memorize promises of God — God's words are a substance not just an idea.

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