
The Good Work Series - Episode IV

Snakes and Ladders

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Nehemiah 2:11-13, 17-20

"...**being confident** of this, that He who **began a _____** in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." **Philippians 1:6**

1. Stay _____.

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"Are you rebelling against the king?" **Nehemiah 2:19**

"**You snakes!** You brood of vipers! How will you escape being condemned to hell?" **Matthew 22:33**

2. Stay _____.

"I set out during the night with a few others. I had not told anyone what my _____ **had put in my heart to do** for Jerusalem. I also told them about **the gracious hand of my _____** and what the king had said to me. They replied, "Let us start rebuilding." So, they began **this good work.**"

Nehemiah 2:12, 18

3. Stay _____.

"Sanballat and Geshem... were scheming to harm me; so I sent messengers to them with this reply: "**I am _____ a great project** and cannot go down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and go down to you?" Four times they sent me the same message, and each time I gave them the same answer."

Nehemiah 6:2-4

Stay on the _____, silence the snake and walk out the _____ He has called you to.

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