

# MADE FOR THIS

## Sermon Based Questions

"Made for This Part 9 - Keep It" – Nathan Blais

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The wall is finished—but the bigger moment is what God is building *in* the people next. Nehemiah 7–8 shows a pattern: God creates space for future growth, calls His people to hear His Word, receive His joy, and remember His faithfulness—baptism being a clear marker of that new beginning.

### Share

1. What's a moment in your life that felt like a "turning point" or a milestone?
2. When have you finished something important, then realized it was just the beginning?
3. Who is someone you're thankful for because they helped get you to where you are?

### Discuss

4. Read Nehemiah 7:1–4. Discuss what stands out about the way Nehemiah shifts from building the wall to setting up leaders and guards. What does that suggest about what comes after a win?
5. The sermon connected "protect what you've built" to things like home, marriage, business, and ministry. What are some *healthy* ways to protect what God is doing without becoming fearful or controlling?
6. Read Nehemiah 8:1. Discuss why it matters that "all the people gathered as one" and asked for God's Word to be brought out. What does that say about spiritual hunger and unity?
7. Read 2 Corinthians 5:21. Discuss how this verse answers the accusation: "See—you're not righteous." What's the difference between how the enemy frames failure and how God defines you in Christ?

### Reflect

8. Nehemiah 7 includes a list of names—people connected to how they got to this moment. Who are the "names behind your story," and how does gratitude reshape your view of your faith journey?
9. Read Nehemiah 8:9–12. Then reflect on why the leaders say "not today" to mourning and call it a holy day. Where do you tend to make "holy moments" mainly about your performance instead of God's grace?
10. The sermon said baptism is the first step, not the final step. If that's true, what might it reveal about how you've been treating baptism (or other markers) as an "arrival" rather than a beginning?

### Apply

11. This week, what's one concrete way you can **HEAR** (God's Word), **RECEIVE** (God's joy), or **REMEMBER** (God's faithfulness)—and when will you do it?
12. If baptism is a "marker," what's one next step you need to take after your marker—something specific and doable in the next 7 days?