



DIVING DEEPER

LIVING WHAT WE LEARN

"Rebuild the Walls"

Have you ever noticed that life has a way of tearing things down?

God is not only the God of new beginnings—He is the God of rebuilding.

God specializes in rebuilding what has been broken, but He calls His people to rise up and build.

Our God doesn't throw away broken lives.

He rebuilds them.

1. YOU MUST BE HONEST ABOUT WHAT IS BROKEN

Nehemiah 2:17

"You know very well what trouble we are in. Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire."

Nehemiah didn't pretend everything was okay, he didn't ignore reality! What in your life have you refused to admit is broken?

Have you smiled over pain?

Have you hid struggles?

Have you blamed someone else?

Be honest with God...tell Him what is broken.

Psalms 51, "Create in me a clean heart, O God."



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You cannot rebuild what you refuse to acknowledge.

God never asked us to pretend! He asks us to surrender!

What wall in your life has been broken?

2. LET YOUR BURDEN BECOME YOUR CALLING

Nehemiah didn't just notice the broken walls.

He wept over them, prayed, fasted and cared!

Sometimes we complain about what God has actually called us to rebuild.

Is your family a mess? How can you rebuild it?

Is your marriage struggling? What do you need to do about it?

Are your finances terrible? What Biblical principles have you ignored?

Are your children drifting? How do you begin leading again?

God places holy burdens inside people before He performs holy miracles through people.

3. STOP LOOKING AT THE ENTIRE WALL

Everyone rebuilt the section directly in front of their own house. No one rebuilt the entire city.

Do you become overwhelmed looking at everything that is wrong?



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What can you do ONE of?

One conversation? With who?

One apology? To who?

One prayer?

One budget?

One date night?

One Bible reading?

One act of forgiveness? To who?

One counseling appointment?

**Too many Christians pray for miracle walls
while refusing daily bricks.**

What bricks can you lay ONE at a Time?

4. EXPECT OPPOSITION

Nehemiah 6:2-4

**2 Sanballat and Geshem sent me this message:
"Come, let us meet together in one of the
villages on the plain of Ono." But they were
scheming to harm me;**

**3 so I sent messengers to them with this reply:
"I am carrying on a great project and cannot go
down. Why should the work stop while I leave
it and go down to you?"**

**4 Four times they sent me the same message,
and each time I gave them the same answer.**



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Have you had critics show up the moment you started building something?

How did you react?

How can you do better?

NEHEMIAH 6:9

They were all trying to frighten us, thinking, "Their hands will get too weak for the work, and it will not be completed."

But I prayed, "Now strengthen my hands."

What do you need to do when criticism comes your way?

5. REBUILDING REQUIRES EVERYONE

Who all helped build the wall in Nehemiah?

Do you find your self trying to work alone?

Do you prefer to isolate?

Does God's Word ever tell us to work alone...build alone?

Isolation strengthens the enemy.

Community strengthens rebuilding.

Who in your area, in your family, your circle, your neighborhood, your church, your community... who all is there to strengthen and help?

6. GOD GIVES STRENGTH FOR THE WORK

Have you ever just become discouraged?



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Can you remember like Nehemiah did where joy comes from?

"The joy of the Lord is your strength."

How do you find joy in the MIDST of the rebuild? When progress is slow? When healing is slow? When trust is slow to return? When its difficult?

7. GOD FINISHES WHAT HE STARTS

Nehemiah 6:15

"So on October 2 the wall was finished—just fifty-two days after we had begun."

God is still rebuilding! Things in your life are not FINISHED. God is not finished!

Philippians 1:6

"He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

Don't spend time asking 'who knocked down the wall'...spend time on 'rebuilding the wall'!

- a. IDENTIFY THE WALL THAT NEEDS REBUILDING**
- b. BRING IT HONESTLY BEFORE GOD**
- c. ASK HIM FOR WISDOM, COURAGE AND PERSEVERANCE.**
- d. COMMIT TO LAYING THE FIRST BRICK IN OBEDIENCE THIS WEEK.**

Are you willing to rebuild?



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What was the biggest take away from today's lesson?