Riverside Community Church

Influencer
Nehemiah
Pastor Terry Janzen
November 15, 2026

Nehemiah's influence was:

- Built through time and opposition
- Exercised by faithful and consistent action
- Delivered with intentional and purposeful balance

Key verse: Nehemiah 4:17 "The labourers carried on their work with one hand supporting their load and one hand holding a weapon".

1) Built through time and opposition

James 1:2 (NLT) - Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy.

2) Exercised by faithful and consistent action

Hebrews 12:2 (NLT) - **2** We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne.

3) Delivered with intentional and purposeful balance.

Nehemiah 4:17 (NLT) - **17** who were building the wall. The laborers carried on their work with one hand supporting their load and one hand holding a weapon.

Study Guide:

1. Over the next little while, take the time to read the entire book of Nehemiah – it's only 13 chapters. Take some notes about what you observe about life and faith.

2. What inspires you about his life? Does his story highlight any areas of your own life that could use some attention and growth?

3. Look carefully at the prayers that Nehemiah prayed – (chapter 1:6, chapter 2:4, chapter 5:19, for example) what can you learn from them to fuel your own faith walk?

4. Remembering well is a critical skill in building strong faith. How and where do you see this skill at work in the book of Nehemiah? (specifically, remembering what God has faithfully done in the past).

5. Take some time to pray for yourself and those you know regarding strengthening faith, growing in grace and perseverance, and moving forward with courage and belief.