

Rebuilding Our Defense
Nehemiah 2 & 3
God Hears, God Provides

“And I told them of the hand of my God that had been upon me for good, and also of the words that the king had spoken to me. And they said, ‘Let us rise up and build.’”

Nehemiah 2:18

Life Application: God calls us to faithful service in difficult circumstances.

Point: God is in sovereign control- even of the authorities of the land.

“Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.”

Romans 13:1

How does God show He is in control?

- After 4 months of praying (and likely fasting), God answers Nehemiah’s prayer.
- God causes the king to notice the countenance of Nehemiah and respond to it.
- All the supplies needed to do the work are provided.

Point: Rebuilding requires an honest assessment of the damage.

“I went out by night...and I inspected the walls of Jerusalem that were broken down and its gates that had been destroyed by fire.”

Nehemiah 2:13

Let’s be honest about...

- The state of our own spiritual life.
- The state of our marriage and family.
- The real condition of Hope Church- not what we want to be, but who we currently are.

Point: Rebuilding takes all the people.

- The wall was divided into 40 sections, each with its own work party consisting of families or priests.
- The work on the wall-especially how fast it was accomplished (52 days), was a major feat of organization, diplomacy and cooperation.
- Notice how entire families worked- men, women and children together right by their own houses.

Personal Application...

Serving the Lord *will* be difficult at times, but He is still calling *all His people* to join in.

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