

REBUILD

LESSONS FROM THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH

Embarking with Enthusiasm

REBUILD: Lessons from the Book of Nehemiah #2

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REBUILD PRINCIPLE:

- THE WAY YOU _____ WILL IMPACT THE ENTIRE REBUILD UNTIL ITS _____.

“For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it – lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’” – Luke 14:28-30

TO EMBARK ON MY REBUILD WITH ENTHUSIASM AND EFFECTIVENESS, I MUST:

1. H _____ MY CURRENT SITUATION.

“You must never confuse faith that you will prevail in the end — which you can never afford to lose — with the discipline to confront the most brutal facts of your current reality, whatever they might be.”

- Admiral James Stockdale
(The Stockdale Paradox)

“So I came to Jerusalem and was there three days. Then I arose in the night, I and a few men with me; I told no one what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem; nor was there any animal with me, except the one on which I rode. And I went out by night through the Valley Gate to the Serpent Well and the Refuse Gate, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem which were broken down and its gates which were burned with fire. Then I went on to the Fountain Gate and to the King’s Pool, but there was no room for the animal under me to pass. So I went up in the night by the valley, and viewed the wall; then I turned back and entered by the Valley Gate, and so returned. And the officials did not know where I had gone or what I had done; I had not yet told the Jews, the priests, the nobles, the officials, or the others who did the work.”

– Nehemiah 2:11-16

2. O _____ TO THE CURRENT NEEDS.

“So it was, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned for many days; I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven.” – Nehemiah 1:4

“I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh...” – Romans 9:1-3

3. P _____ TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

“The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.” – Ezekiel 18:20

“For each one shall bear his own load. Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches. Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.” – Galatians 6:5-9

4. E _____ MY COMFORT FOR _____.

“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.” – Philippians 2:5-7

Memory Verse:

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” – Joshua 1:9

“See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.” – Ephesians 5:15-17

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- Memorize Joshua 1:9.
- Take an honest assessment of every aspect of my life.
- Pray for God’s conviction of my responsibility for what needs rebuilding.
- Ask God to guide our church’s rebuilding efforts to honor Him.

NEXT WEEK:

REBUILD Part 3 - Building by Teamwork

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