
A HOLY SPIRIT LED TEAM EFFORT

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NEW BEGINNINGS

SERIES

NEHEMIAH 2:11-3:32

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Nehemiah 2:12

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Nehemiah 2:13

After dark I went out through the Valley Gate, past the Jackal's Well, and over to the Dung Gate to inspect the broken walls and burned gates.

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**Then I went to the Fountain Gate
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Nehemiah 2:15

So, though it was still dark, I went up the Kidron Valley instead, inspecting the wall before I turned back and entered again at the Valley Gate.

Nehemiah 2:16a

The city officials did not know I had been out there or what I was doing, for I had not yet said anything to anyone about my plans.

Nehemiah 2:16b

I had not yet spoken to the Jewish leaders—the priests, the nobles, the officials, or anyone else in the administration.

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But now I said to them, “You know very well what trouble we are in. Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire. Let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem and end this disgrace!”

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Then I told them about how the gracious hand of God had been on me, and about my conversation with the king.

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A large tree stands on a grassy hill. The left side of the tree is bare and brown, while the right side is lush and green. A path of falling leaves leads from the bare side towards the green side. The sky is filled with dramatic, golden-yellow clouds, and several birds are flying in the upper right. The overall scene suggests a transition from a dark, desolate past to a bright, hopeful future.

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Sermon Series Recap

Rebuilding, restoring, and revitalizing with God must always start with His initiation. It will always be confirmed by the entire counsel of His Word, by the conviction in His people's hearts, and by the accompaniment of His supernatural activity.

**New beginnings which require
rebuilding, restoring, and
revitalizing with God require
getting started right.**

Getting Started Right

- Seeking Trusted Honest Evaluations from Outside Perspectives in the Know.
- Stillness with God: Time to Mourn, Meditate, and Pray
- Prayers of Confession and Intercession

Rebuilding, restoring, and revitalizing with God also requires that we get started right by faithfully executing God honoring first steps, which are always aligned with the entire counsel of His word.

God Honoring First Steps

- Obeying God's timing.
- Prayerfully planning with God.
- Making Necessary Radical Changes.
- Working Effectively with all sorts of people.
- Prayerfully communing with God as we wrestle thru a steady stream of issues and problems.

Principle #1

Becoming, being, and building a Holy Spirit led team is what adds fuel to the process and keeps it moving towards a successful completion. Rebuilding, restoring, and revitalizing requires a team effort!

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Principle #2

If you are called by God to lead others in rebuilding, restoring, and revitalizing with God, you must understand that you will have to struggle long, hard, and often alone as God prepares you to be the person He needs you to be.

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Principle #3

Genuinely coming together in order to become, to be, and to build a Holy Spirit led family will always precede working together effectively and winning together as a team.

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Principle #4

In order to become and to build a Holy Spirit led team we must clearly understand our goal from the beginning, we must carefully analyze our current situation, and we must move the called out ones onto God's agenda.

Understanding and Planning for the End Goal from the Beginning

**People want to know where we
are going and how we are going
to get there.**

Application

Start each day with the end goal in mind, then simplify the matter.

We Must Carefully Analyze our Current Situation

We must take a close, careful, and honest look at the ruins that need to be rebuilt. Years of familiarity and neglect have a way of allowing us to look at certain things without really seeing them for what they are.

Application

There are some things that cannot be delegated in the process of rebuilding. Being the first to get your hands dirty is a part of the price of effective, incarnational leadership.

We Must Moved the Called Out Ones onto God's Agenda

**We must have the courage to face
up, team up, step up, and look up.**

- **Face Up** - Stop blaming others, stop accepting the status quo, and deal with the core issues at hand.
- **Team Up** – Stop trying to be a lone ranger and realize we are all in this together. We need each other if we are going to turn things around.

- **Step Up** - Get off the sidelines and get into the game. Realize that your new beginning starts by putting one foot in front of the other each and every day.
- **Look Up** - Keep your focus and dependence on God as you rally around what He is doing.

Principle #5

A Holy Spirit led team consists of many distinct and diverse individuals and voices who each have equal value and worth before God, yet they continuously choose to surrender to God's leading with one heart.

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Becoming, being, and building a Holy Spirit led team that will faithfully partner with God in rebuilding, restoring, and revitalizing requires God's initiation and His continuous accompaniment of supernatural signs, miracles, and wonders.

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Principle #7

Becoming, being, and building a Holy Spirit led team that will faithfully partner with God in rebuilding, restoring, and revitalizing means that we must all work side by side to accomplish the work.

Nehemiah 3:1

Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brothers the priests, and they built the Sheep Gate. They consecrated it and set its doors. They consecrated it as far as the Tower of the Hundred, as far as the Tower of Hananel.

Nehemiah 3:2

And next to him the men of Jericho built. And next to them Zaccur the son of Imri built.

Nehemiah 3:3

The sons of Hassenaah built the Fish Gate. They laid its beams and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars.

Nehemiah 3:4

And next to them Meremoth the son of Uriah, son of Hakkoz repaired. And next to them Meshullam the son of Berechiah, son of Meshezabel repaired. And next to them Zadok the son of Baana repaired.

Nehemiah 3:5

And next to them the Tekoites repaired, but their nobles would not stoop to serve their Lord.

Nehemiah 3:6

Joiada the son of Paseah and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah repaired the Gate of Yeshanah. They laid its beams and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars.

Nehemiah 3:7

**And next to them repaired
Melatiah the Gibeonite and Jadon
the Meronothite, the men of
Gibeon and of Mizpah, the seat of
the governor of the province
Beyond the River.**

Nehemiah 3:8

Next to them Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, goldsmiths, repaired. Next to him Hananiah, one of the perfumers, repaired, and they restored Jerusalem as far as the Broad Wall.

Nehemiah 3:9

Next to them Rephaiah the son of Hur, ruler of half the district of Jerusalem, repaired.

Nehemiah 3:10

Next to them Jedaiah the son of Harumaph repaired opposite his house. And next to him Hattush the son of Hashabneiah repaired.

Nehemiah 3:11

**Malchijah the son of Harim and
Hasshub the son of Pahath-moab
repaired another section and the
Tower of the Ovens.**

Nehemiah 3:12

Next to him Shallum the son of Hallohesh, ruler of half the district of Jerusalem, repaired, he and his daughters.

Nehemiah 3:13

Hanun and the inhabitants of Zanoah repaired the Valley Gate. They rebuilt it and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars, and repaired a thousand cubits of the wall, as far as the Dung Gate.

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Malchijah the son of Rechab, ruler of the district of Beth-haccherem, repaired the Dung Gate. He rebuilt it and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars.

Nehemiah 3:15

And Shallum the son of Col-hozeh, ruler of the district of Mizpah, repaired the Fountain Gate. He rebuilt it and covered it and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars. And he built the wall of the Pool of Shelah of the king's garden, as far as the stairs that go down from the city of David.

Nehemiah 3:16

After him Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, ruler of half the district of Beth-zur, repaired to a point opposite the tombs of David, as far as the artificial pool, and as far as the house of the mighty men.

Nehemiah 3:17

**After him the Levites repaired:
Rehum the son of Bani. Next to
him Hashabiah, ruler of half the
district of Keilah, repaired for his
district.**

Nehemiah 3:18

**After him their brothers repaired:
Bavvai the son of Henadad, ruler
of half the district of Keilah.**

Nehemiah 3:19

Next to him Ezer the son of Jeshua, ruler of Mizpah, repaired another section opposite the ascent to the armory at the buttress.

Nehemiah 3:20

After him Baruch the son of Zabbai repaired another section from the buttress to the door of the house of Eliashib the high priest.

Nehemiah 3:21

**After him Meremoth the son of
Uriah, son of Hakkoz repaired
another section from the door of
the house of Eliashib to the end of
the house of Eliashib.**

Nehemiah 3:22

After him the priests, the men of the surrounding area, repaired.

Nehemiah 3:23

After them Benjamin and Hasshub repaired opposite their house.

After them Azariah the son of Maaseiah, son of Ananiah repaired beside his own house.

Nehemiah 3:24

After him Binnui the son of Henadad repaired another section, from the house of Azariah to the buttress and to the corner.

Nehemiah 3:25

Palal the son of Uzai repaired opposite the buttress and the tower projecting from the upper house of the king at the court of the guard. After him Pedaiah the son of Parosh

Nehemiah 3:26

and the temple servants living on Ophel repaired to a point opposite the Water Gate on the east and the projecting tower.

Nehemiah 3:27

After him the Tekoites repaired another section opposite the great projecting tower as far as the wall of Ophel.

Nehemiah 3:28

Above the Horse Gate the priests repaired, each one opposite his own house.

Nehemiah 3:29

After them Zadok the son of Immer repaired opposite his own house. After him Shemaiah the son of Shecaniah, the keeper of the East Gate, repaired.

Nehemiah 3:30

After him Hananiah the son of Shelemiah and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph repaired another section. After him Meshullam the son of Berechiah repaired opposite his chamber.

Nehemiah 3:31

After him Malchijah, one of the goldsmiths, repaired as far as the house of the temple servants and of the merchants, opposite the Muster Gate, and to the upper chamber of the corner.

Nehemiah 3:32

**And between the upper chamber
of the corner and the Sheep Gate
the goldsmiths and the merchants
repaired.**

Question

In God's book of records, when it mentions the new beginning God wants to work in your heart, family, workplace, community, and church right now; how will your name appear in that chapter?

Revelation 20:11

**And I saw a great white throne
and the one sitting on it. The
earth and sky fled from his
presence, but they found no place
to hide.**

Revelation 20:12

I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books.

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