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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.**

# Nehemiah 2:18b

They replied at once, “Yes, let’s rebuild the wall!” So they began the good work.

# **Nehemiah 2:19**

**But when Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem the Arab heard of our plan, they scoffed contemptuously. “What are you doing? Are you rebelling against the king?” they asked.**

# **Nehemiah 2:20**

**I replied, “The God of heaven will help us succeed. We, his servants, will start rebuilding this wall. But you have no share, legal right, or historic claim in Jerusalem.”**

# **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.**

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the Meronothite, the men of  
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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.



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

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**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.**

# **Nehemiah 3:14**

**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.**



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**Next to him Ezer the son of  
Jeshua, ruler of Mizpah, repaired  
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**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**

**The next repairs were made by  
the priests from the surrounding  
region.**

# **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.**

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**Next was Binnui son of Henadad,  
who rebuilt another section of the  
wall from Azariah's house to the  
angle and 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.**

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**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.**

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# Sermon Series Recap



**If we want to be sure that the new beginning we seek is truly God's will when it comes to rebuilding, restoring, and revitalizing with God; there will always be 4 criteria that must be met.**

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

**Rebuilding, restoring, and  
revitalizing with God requires that  
we get started right by faithfully  
executing God honoring first  
steps.**

**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 #1

**New beginnings that require rebuilding, restoring, and revitalizing with God require that we empower God's team for the victory instead of dictating, delegating, or abdicating our responsibilities.**

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**Dictators** bark orders, force others to do things their way, give ultimatums, block innovation, and kill the creativity of others in order to control every detail. By being over controlling they leave no room for teammates, only flunkies.

**Delegators** successfully let go of the details because when they hand the work over to others, they also let go of their accountability, passion, and commitment to see the project completed, let alone completed right.

**Delegators** are those who are always telling others what to do but are never open to being evaluated themselves. As such, they always deflect or transfer blame to others when the work isn't done right or when it isn't completed. This is why delegators hardly ever lead teams to victory.

**Abdicators** have a low view of people and of purpose. This is why they don't value investing in important relationships and why they fail to offer a compelling vision of where they are going, much less, why you should follow them there.

The **Abdicators** lack of intimate connection with people or purpose makes it easier for them to leave when things don't go their way, when they aren't in charge anymore, or when things get too difficult.

# Application

**Wise Holy Spirit led leadership  
empowers others. Think personal  
trainer not personal masseuse.**

# Principle #2

**Rebuilding, restoring, and revitalizing with God requires that we empower God's team for the task by letting go of control without letting go of our accountability, passion, and commitment to see the project completed right.**



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# Symptoms of Control Issues

- Would rather work alone than work with others.
- Unjustly rationalize their frequent negativity and criticism.
- Their demonstration of love, care, and kindness are conditional.
- They make veiled or loud threats.

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- They keep an unrealistic and overactive scorecard.
- They use guilt and/or shame as their greatest motivators.
- They spy, snoop and require constant information or disclosure from those outside their purview.

# Symptoms of Control Issues

- They have an overactive jealousy, paranoia, and victim mentality.
- They require others to earn their trust without any legitimate reason.
- They argue, berate, and tire others into submission.
- Differences are viewed as hostile.

# Application

**Confess, repent, and start the  
process of letting go of control  
today.**





**There are 4 specific biblical keys  
that every Holy Spirit led  
individual and team can  
implement in order to unlock  
their potential to empower God's  
team to successfully rebuild,  
restore and revitalize with God.**

# Lead God's Team to Victory by

- Setting clear objectives with specific tasks.
- Partnering with God to pick the right person for the right job.
- Being held accountable and by holding others accountable.
- Generously encouraging and praising others when appropriate.

# Principle #3

**Empowering God's team for victory in rebuilding, restoring, and revitalizing with God requires that we set clear objectives with specific tasks.**

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**Every team member knew what the end goal was, where they needed to be, what they needed to do, and what was expected of each of them.**





# Principle #4

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# Application

**Remember that God is the one who is in charge of picking the team not you. God views the heart not the appearance.**

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# Application

**There will always be those who start the process of rebuilding, restoring, and revitalizing with God but who will not finish their task or their commitment to the team. We must move on without them.**

# Principle #6

**Empowering God's team for victory in rebuilding, restoring, and revitalizing with God requires that we genuinely and generously encourage and praise others when it is appropriate.**

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# Application

**There is no greater motivation than for a team to hear, see, and feel genuine appreciation, affirmation, encouragement, and congratulations from one another but especially from their leader.**

**But this requires continually  
getting to know our teammates,  
treating them with respect,  
honoring them, valuing them, and  
taking a personal interest in them.**

# Principle #7

**If we want to achieve victory in our new beginning of rebuilding, restoring, and revitalizing with God; we must work with one another, next to one another, and after one another.**

# Application

**It is time to discover your place on the team and start taking steps towards receiving your task on the wall. There is a special place for you in God's work, and you have been chosen and equipped by Him to do it!**

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