

REBUILDING YOUR LIFE

Part 1

“(The people) are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem has been torn down, and the gates have been burned.” Nehemiah 1:3

A city’s walls were its military defense

A city’s gates were its place of business

I. TAKE AN _____

“As I went, I inspected the broken walls of the city and the gates that had been destroyed by fire.” Neh. 2:13

“When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed.” Neh. 1:4

- Mourning: Express your HURT to God
- Fasting: Focus your HEART on God
- Praying: Ask for HELP from God

II. SEE WHAT _____

“...we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance, character and character, hope.” Romans 5:3-4

“God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, His Spirit deeply and gently within us.” Ephesians 3:20

We all live on one of two levels:

- What _____ can do
- What _____ can do

“But if you see that the job is too big for you, that it’s something only God can do, and you trust Him to do it—you could never do it for yourself no matter how hard and long you worked—well, that trusting-Him-to-do-it is what gets you set right with God, by God. Sheer gift.” Romans 4:5

III. TAKE A _____

“I was badly frightened, but I replied, ‘...send me to Judah to rebuild the city where my ancestors are buried.’” Nehemiah 2:2,5

“I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.” Matthew 17:20

“The God of heaven will give us success. We His servants will start rebuilding...” Nehemiah 2:20

IV. BE READY FOR _____

“Then I added this to my request... And the king granted these requests, for God was being gracious to me.” Nehemiah 2:7-8

“Who recognized God’s arm, outstretched and ready to act?” John 12:38

“For God has said, ‘I will never, never fail you nor forsake you.’ That is why we can say without any doubt or fear, ‘The Lord is my Helper, and I am not afraid of anything that mere man can do to me.’” Hebrews 13:5-6

“When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun!” 2 Corinthians 5:17

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