

Sermon Notes with Pastor's Teaching Tool

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BUILD TO LAST - FIGHT TO WIN

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NEHEMIAH 2:1-8

NEHEMIAH AND THE KING - PART 2

BUILD & FIGHT

NEHEMIAH 4:17-18 (KJV)

¹⁷They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, **every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a weapon.** ¹⁸For the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and so builded. And he that sounded the trumpet was by me.

**BUILD TO LAST
FIGHT TO WIN**

NEHEMIAH 4:15-18 (THE MESSAGE)

¹⁵⁻¹⁸ Our enemies learned that we knew all about their plan and that **God had frustrated it.** And we went back to the wall and **went to work.** From then on half of my young men worked while the other half stood guard with lances, shields, bows, and mail armor. Military officers served as backup for everyone in Judah who was at work rebuilding the wall. **The common laborers held a tool in one hand and a spear in the other. Each of the builders had a sword strapped to his side as he worked.** I kept the trumpeter at my side to sound the alert.



BUILD... To Last!
FIGHT... To Win!

¹ And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that wine was before him: and I took up the wine, and gave it unto the king. Now I had not been beforetime sad in his presence.

² Wherefore the king said unto me, Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? this is nothing else but sorrow of heart. Then I was very sore afraid,

³ And said unto the king, Let the king live for ever: why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, lieth waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire?

⁴ Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven.

⁵ And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have⁵ found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it.

⁶ And the king said unto me, (the queen also sitting by him,) For how long shall thy journey be? and when wilt thou return? So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time.

⁷ Moreover I said unto the king, If it please the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the river, that they may convey me over till I come into Judah;

⁸ And a letter unto Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which appertained to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into. And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me.

NOT A SERMON

Just

A THOUGHT

"As a **TEACHER** of the

WORD OF GOD ...

Your Lesson **MUST**

have **Intent** and **Content!** "

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Teaching Purpose

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Answers the question, “How should I understand this verse?” Is the passage dealing with a:

S	P	E	C	S
<u>Sin</u> to confess and forsake?	<u>Promise</u> to claim?	<u>Example</u> to follow?	<u>Command</u> to obey?	<u>Situation</u> or <u>State of mind</u> to avoid before it develops into a sin?

Sermonic Principle(s)

Answers the **Question**, “What’s in it, or What’s the take away for me?”

1) **Nehemiah** / The Name

The name Means **GOD Comforts**

The word **Comfort** = is from Latin meaning

- (a) To **Strengthen** Greatly
- (b) To **Give Strength and Hope**
- (c) To **Ease** Grief / Suffering / Trouble
- (d) To **Console**

2) **Nehemiah / The Book**

- (a) - is a Book of HISTORY
- (b) - **Records...the Rebuilding of the City /
the Walls / Gates of the City**
- (c) - **Records...the Rebuilding of the People**
- (d) - **Shows How GOD
protects His People and
meets their Need
when GOD'S People
are Faithful (in) Worship and
are Obedient (to) HIS WORD**
- (e) - **Focuses on GOD
using All manner of People
from All manner of Places
to Do All manner of Work
For HIS GLORY and
For Their GOOD**

Sermonic Principle(s) - cont.

(f) - **Shows US**

the Significance

the Influence

the Impact of (1)

(1) **Individual** on Another Person

on Other People

on A Community

on A Nation

(3) **Nehemiah / The Man**

(a) **Nehemiah...was Not a Priest**

a Prophet

a Politician

BUT a government Employee

Serving the King & Queen of Persia

A **servant** in a Secular World

He was a **Cupbearer**

Sermonic Principle(s) - cont.

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(b) - **Nehemiah...** was Called / Commission / Appointed / Chosen / and
Sent by GOD to Rebuild the City of Jerusalem
the Walls
the Gates

But more **Importantly**
to **Rebuild** the Spiritual Lives of GOD'S People
those who had **Returned** to Jerusalem from Captivity in Persia

(c) - **Nehemiah...** was Called / Commission / and Sent by GOD to **Restore...**
Order & Stability and Proper **Focus** on GOD
By...**Restoring** a **RIGHT RELATIONSHIP** with GOD
Giving HIM the Proper Place of **Priority** in the Lives of
His People for the **Future of His People**

(d) - **Nehemiah...** was Commission / Called / and Sent by GOD **through the Voice**
of His Brothers who had just Returned from Jerusalem (v3)
This Report **was a Call** to Nehemiah
a Call to Serve
a Call to Be Sent

Sermonic Principle(s) - cont.

Listen to The Call

(a) **I Heard**

(b) **I Sat Down**

(c) **I wept**

(d) **I mourn for many days**

(e) **I fasted**

(f) **I prayed B/F The GOD of Heaven**

(e) The Call...was **Pain-filled**

The Call...Broke His Heart

Burdened His Soul

Distressed Him

Depressed Him

for Days!!

(f) The **Call - Burdened** Him Down to His Knees and from His Knees He
Prayed (vs 5-11)

- (g) **Nehemiah...was a Man of Prayer**
 - Praying to God** B/F approaching The King
 - Going to God** B/F going to The King
 - Going to The King of Persia
 - Seeking **Permission from God** B/F
 - Seeking the **Permission of Man**

- (h) was a **Servant-Leader**
 - Lead by Example
 - Delegated the work then
 - Worked w/The Workers to Do The Work

- (i) **Nehemiah...Became A Role-Model**
 - A Discipler**
 - An Example** for His People

God's People: Then & Now!

John Maxwell put it like this...you can **Follow Him**

...Because He **Knows**...The Right Way

...He **Goes**.....The Right Way

...He **Shows**.....The Right Way

Action Point

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Having heard and understood this teaching, answers the question, “What should I do?”

LIVE LIKE IT. . .

SERVE LIKE IT!