

Sermon Notes with Pastor's Teaching Tool

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BUILD TO LAST - FIGHT TO WIN

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NEHEMIAH 2:9-16

NEHEMIAH AND THE RUINS - PART 1

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.

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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!

⁹ Then I came to the governors beyond the river, and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent captains of the army and horsemen with me.

¹⁰ When Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard of it, it grieved them exceedingly that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel.

¹¹ So I came to Jerusalem, and was there three days.

¹² And I arose in the night, I and some few men with me; neither told I any man what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem: neither was there any beast with me, save the beast that I rode upon.

¹³ And I went out by night by the gate of the valley, even before the dragon well, and to the dung port, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down, and the gates thereof were consumed with fire.

¹⁴ Then I went on to the gate of the fountain, and to the king's pool: but there was no place for the beast that was under me to pass.

¹⁵ Then went I up in the night by the brook, and viewed the wall, and turned back, and entered by the gate of the valley, and so returned.

¹⁶ And the rulers knew not whither I went, or what I did; neither had I as yet told it to the Jews, nor to the priests, nor to the nobles, nor to the rulers, nor to the rest that did the work.

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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**THE INTENT OF YOUR
TEACHING....**

MUST BE

MADE CLEAR!!!

REPETITION³
IS
THE MOTHER
OF
PEDAGOGY!!!

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) The Book of Nehemiah is the classic book in the Bible on the matter of Personal Service.
- 2) No SERVICE of any kind can be taken on with so much potential as Service to THE MASTER.

Sermonic Principle(s) - cont.

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3) **SERVICE** to **THE MASTER** is **MINISTRY**
to **THE MASTER!!**

4) **MINISTRY** is...men / women / boys / and girls...**WORKING...** **under**
the **LORDSHIP / LEADERSHIP** of **THE LORD JESUS CHRIST** and
WORKING ... **side by side** with **THE LORD JESUS CHRIST...**

(Because...**when** you work **FOR** HIM

HE works **WITH** YOU)

TO **ADVANCE** HIS **AGENDA** and

TO **ENLARGE** HIS **KINGDOM** !!!

- 5) **BOLD** and **RIGHTEOUS** Leaders are needed today and Nehemiah was both
- 6) **BOLDNESS** without **RIGHTEOUSNESS** will lead to **DOMINANCE** and **VIOLENCE** to others
- 7) **RIGHTEOUSNESS** without **BOLDNESS** will result in a lack of **initiative / courage / and follow through**
- 8) Nehemiah was a Servant-Leader who possessed both **BOLDNESS** and **RIGHTEOUSNESS**
- 9) Nehemiah **heard** the bad news (the **condition** of the **city** and the **need** of the **people**)
- 10) He felt a **sense of responsibility** and a **burden to do something**

- 11) **COG...**The MASTER'S call to **LEAD AND SERVE** is contained within the **PAIN OF THE BURDEN** and will lead to **CONVICTION AND COMMITMENT** to do something (even when you don't Know just what that **something is**)

- 12) **GOD** will **ONLY...BURDEN** and **CALL** those who HE Knows HE can really **TRUST** to do **HIS WORK**

- 13) **R/ R/ NF**

The Initiative for opening doors of **MINISTRY** and **SERVICE** is **NEVER** ours...**BUT ALWAYS HIS**

14) **R/ R/ NF**

a) v1) **TIMING** is **EVERYTHING!!**

b) v2) your **BURDEN** for the condition of others is
your **CALL** to serve the **SOVEREIGN**

c) v4) **PRAYER** is the **PREREQUISITE** to any **ACTION** and **SERVICE**
to **THE LORD**

d) vs 5-8) let your **HEAD COMPLEMENT** your **HEART**
let the **RATIONALLY** of your **HEAD COMPLEMENT**
the **EMOTIONALLY** of your **HEART!**

MEANING

have a **PLAN** for your future

for the **CHANGE** that you want
to see in your **FUTURE** for your sake and
for the sake of **others**

Sermonic Principle(s) - cont.

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(v5) **Send me**

(v6) **I set a time**

(v7) **Give Me Letters for the Governors**

(v8) **Give Me a letter for Asaph**

(v9) **Give GOD THE GLORY**

Action Point

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

LIVE LIKE IT. . .

SERVE LIKE IT!