Sermon Notes with Pastor's Teaching Tool

BUILD TO LAST - FIGHT TO WIN

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NEHEMIAH 2:9-16

NEHEMIAH AND THE RUINS - PART 1

BUILD & FIGHT

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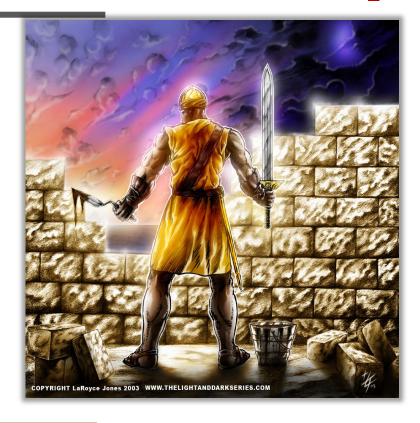
NEHEMIAH 4:17-18 (KJV)

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



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

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

S	P	E	C	S
Sin to confess and forsake?	Promise to claim?	Example to follow?	Command to obey?	Situation or State of mind 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 <u>classic book</u> in the Bible on the matter of <u>Personal Service</u>.
- 2) No <u>SERVICE</u> of any kind can be taken on with so much potential as <u>Service</u> to <u>THE MASTER</u>.

- 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

- (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!