

DEUTERONOMY 30:19

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I

**call heaven and earth
to record this day **against**
you that....**

I

**have set before YOU....
LIFE and **DEATH**
BLESSING and **CURSING****

THEREFORE:

**CHOOSE LIFE,
that **BOTH THOU** and
THY SEED
may **LIVE!!****

DEUTERONOMY 30:19**CHOOSE LIFE !!!**

NOT A SERMON....

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JUST A THOUGHT !!!

“What is taking place in America is a war against the child. And if we accept that the mother can kill her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another.”

Mother Teresa

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**



Sermon Notes with Pastor's Teaching Tool

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NEHEMIAH 1:4

THE RESPONSE

³ And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and **reproach**: the **wall of Jerusalem** also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire.

⁴ And it came to pass, when I **heard** these words, that I **sat down** and **wept**, and **mourned** certain days, and **fasted**, and **prayed** before the GOD of **HEAVEN**,

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A THOUGHT

"As a **TEACHER** of the

WORD OF GOD ...

Your Lesson **MUST**

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

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Teaching Purpose

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

- 3) **Service** TO HIM can be so/so **REWARDING** on one hand and ...so/so **Disappointing** on the other hand
- 4) Whenever **GOD** wants to get a major **work** done **HE** calls out a willing **SERVANT**
- 5) Never was there a time when men and women of Faith/ Principles/ Conviction/ and Courage are called out to **SERVE THE MASTER than NOW. . . RIGHT NOW!**
- 6) The Divine Writer of the Book of Nehemiah declared three (3) purposes for its Existence
 - a) **to show** the **Steadfast Faithfulness** of the returning exiles in the face of severe **opposition**
 - b) **to show** the **RIGHT PATH** to **PURITY** of Worship... the **WORSHIP** of the **ONE TRUE GOD**

c) **to encourage** GOD's People of every **Generation** to be **FAITHFUL** in their **COMMITMENT** and **SERVICE** to **THE LORD** as they face difficult tasks that confront them / US

- 7) Three (3) men were used by GOD to **REBUILD JERUSALEM**
- a) **Zerubbabel**....The **PRINCE** represented the **political** class
 - b) **Ezra**.....The **PRIEST** represented the **clergy** class
 - c) **Nehemiah**.....The **LAYMAN** represented the everyday/
ordinary / **servant** class
- 8) **Our GOD** still uses the Laity / Ordinary / Servant class to **DO THE GREAT WORK** of Putting HIS **CAUSE** in a **PLACE** of **PRIORITY** and **BUILD / REBUILD** HIS CHURCH on a **SURE FOUNDATION**

- 9) **Our GOD** still uses the Nehemiahs...(male and female Nehemiahs) to **watch and wait and work and pray**
- 10) **R/ R/ NF**...Our GOD will **ALWAYS** Bless Your **OBEDIENCE!**
- 11) **R/ R/ NF**...In the Journey of Life
there is **NO winning** without **warring**
NO opportunity without **opposites**
NO victory without **vigilance**
- 12) We **MUST ALWAYS** **BUILD to LAST** and
FIGHT to WIN!

Action Point

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

LIVE LIKE IT. . .
SERVE LIKE IT!

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