How The Work Gets Done

Greg Kline · Nehemiah 1:3–9

INTRODUCTION

- Nehemiah is an excellent leader.
- By the time Nehemiah comes around, this is the third wave of the return.
- When we think about how the work gets done, we have to identify what is the work, who leads us in the work, and how do we go about finding our place?

1 Great Leadership Must Lead From the Front

Nehemiah 1:6; Nehemiah 2:4–5; John 13:14

- And that responsibility requires first and foremost great leadership. And that great leadership must lead from the front, or as we might be more comfortable calling it, by example.
- Nehemiah from the beginning includes himself with the people.
- When he sees a problem, what is Nehemiah's first reaction? He stopped to pray.
- Scriptural leadership like Nehemiah says, I can be useful. I need God's guidance and send me.
- If I then, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.
- Biblical leaders lead by example and from the front of the line of service. Not from the back.

2 Understanding the Work We Are Called to Do

John 13:34; Nehemiah 2:17–18; Acts 8:4

- A new commandment I give to you that you love one another just as I have loved you.
- Do we all, collectively, as individuals, even, have an understanding of the work we are called to do.
- It's a workload that we all have to understand not only needs to be done, but needs to be done by me. I have a spot I can serve in.
- Come, let us build the wall of Jerusalem that we may no longer suffer derision.
- Maybe you're not Ezra or Nehemiah, but do you know an Ezra that you can bring somebody to?
- I don't know who you interact with every day. But you do.

3 A Successful Work Takes Everybody Doing Their Job

1 Corinthians 12:14–20

- They agreed with his analysis that there was work to be done, that they strengthened their hands for the work. Then they got to work.
- A successful work doesn't optionally take. It requires that everybody does their job.
- The body does not consist of one member but of many.
- God arranged the members in the body. Each one of them as he chose.
- We need everything. We need everybody. And if you can't do something, are you working with somebody who can lead you there?

- Sometimes I don't think it's a matter of being unwilling to work. I think it's a matter of being unwilling to ask for help.

4 Trusting God to Provide the Increase

Nehemiah 4:10–14; Exodus 3

- There's too much rubble by ourselves. We will not be able to rebuild the wall.
- Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and is awesome.
- He takes specific people. He stations them in specific places and gives them specific tools for the job they are to do.
- Do we trust that it is God who provides all increases in his work?
- Trust God's plan to work because God will make it work.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Do you trust God enough to come through with his promises?**

MY NOTES