Let Us Arise And Build

Greg Kline · Nehemiah 4:1–20

INTRODUCTION

- How practically do I trust in God when it is tough?
- He was a faithful child of God who instilled those values to the people who had returned from captivity, and he was their leader who worked right there with them.
- Who frustrated the plan of the enemies? Was it Nehemiah with his good planning? No, it was God who frustrated their plan and turned the enemies back.

1 Pray and Pray Again

Nehemiah 4:4–5; Luke 18:1–8

- Nehemiah had a real strong relationship with his God.
- Do we have a real relationship with God? Or do we repeat kind of phrases that we've picked up at church or from other people?
- And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.
- When we have a problem, what should we do with it? Yes, we should pray. But then what? Pray again.
- What a beautiful and powerful blessing that God isn't bothered by our prayers.

2 We Need God's Help in Every Part of Life

Acts 4:23–31

- He reminds them, we need God. We need the Lord. We have to have him.
- Sometimes we get so patterned into doing good things or doing things we know God wants us to do, that we forget that we need God's help in every part of our life.
- If we are going to fulfill God's commands, we have to involve God in the work.
- And now, O Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness.
- We need God every single day, not just as grace, not just as forgiveness, not just his mercy. We need God's help and guidance all the time.

3 Make a Specific Plan

Proverbs 21:5; Proverbs 6:6–8; Nehemiah 4:14

- The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance. But everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty.
- He led them into specific parts of the wall for specific purposes in rebuilding the wall, and they were to be constantly vigilant, watching, and ready.
- Even the ant knows to prepare, to take a specific plan of action to be ready for when adversity strikes.
- Without a specific plan, we not only are at risk of not starting, we are certainly at risk, and I can tell you, we'll not finish.

- That specific plan needs to include how often and what am I going to pray for? How is God going to help me in this work?
- To trust in God doesn't mean just praying and saying, God, I know that you're going to take care of this.

4 Working Together: Getting Help From Others

Nehemiah 5:16; 1 Thessalonians 5:14–22

- I also persevered in the work on this wall, and we acquired no land.
- Rebuilding the wall, side by side, on the same team, pleasing the Lord.
- We urge you, brothers, admonish the idle. Encourage the faint hearted. Help the weak. Be patient with them all.
- Either way, it means serving God goes beyond just me.
- To trust in God means accepting God's plan, accepting all that God has said. And what does God put around us? A church family.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **We have to be looking. We have to be serving. We have to trust in God's plan as best always.**

MY NOTES