

***Pentecost and the
Rebuilt Life III***

Filled to Build

Pentecost - The inauguration of Spirit-empowered Church

- ***The Promise***
- ***The Power***
- ***The Purpose***
- ***We celebrate that moment because Pentecost is:***
 - ***Powerful.***
 - ***Supernatural.***
 - ***Necessary.***
 - ***Jesus Himself commanded them:***
 - ***“Tarry ye...until ye be endued with power from on high.”***
 - ***The experience mattered.***

Baptized with Fire - Power in Time of Need

- ***Acts 2 - filled with the Holy Ghost and spoke with other tongues as a witness***
- ***Acts 4 (Peter) - filled with the Holy Ghost spoke boldly before the council***
- ***Acts 4 - (believers) filled with the Holy Ghost and spoke the Word with boldness (after threatenings)***
- ***Acts 6 (deacons) - FULL of the Holy Ghost and wisdom for service***
- ***Acts 7 (Stephen) - filled with the Holy Ghost and saw Jesus standing***
- ***Acts 11 (Barnabas) - Full of the Holy Ghost***
- ***Acts 13 (Paul) - Full of the Holy Ghost to confront Elymas the sorcerer***
- ***Acts 13 - the Disciples were filled with the Holy Ghost and joy (after being kicked out of Pisidian Antioch)***

****The moment matters!***

Not just a moment but a lifestyle

Ephesians 5:18-21 - And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled (continuously) with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

Nehemiah

The Pattern

Deliverance, empowerment, obedience, destiny
(Exodus, Babylon, Christians)

Nehemiah

Nehemiah 1:1 The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. And it came to pass in the month Chisleu, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the palace, 2 That Hanani, one of my brethren, came, he and certain men of Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, which were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem. Nehemiah 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.

Rebuilding the Walls and Gates

The cumulative work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer

- ***Salvation is real and immediate.***
- ***Spirit baptism is real and immediate.***
- ***But the full effect of the Holy Spirit's ministry is lifelong***

Realized destiny (success) = faithfulness + time

(Noah, Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Joshua and Caleb, David, Elisha, the 12 Disciples, Paul, Timothy...)

Nehemiah - the Comforter

- ***Nehemiah - (neh-khem-YAH) - God comforts (comfort, ease, sigh with relief)***
 - ***Sent from the King - Neh. 2:5, 6***
 - ***Sent with Authority - Neh. 2:7***
 - ***Sent with Provision - Neh. 2:8***
 - ***Sent with Protection - Neh. 2:9***
 - ***Sent with Power - Neh. 2:8***

Nehemiah's mission was not personal advancement but the restoration of a people whose walls and gates were broken and burned and whose lives were vulnerable. He came to help them restore, rebuild, and recover what had be broken.

A City Without Walls and Gates

- ***A city without walls and gates has no:***
 - ***Order***
 - ***Authority***
 - ***Boundaries***
 - ***Security***
 - ***Identity***
 - ***Governance***

A city without walls and gates was exposed to anything that wanted to enter. A soul without walls and gates is no different.

The Call

Ezra 1:3 Who is there among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel, (he is the God,) which is in Jerusalem.

Nehemiah 2:17 Then said I unto them, Ye see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lieth waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire: come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach. 18 Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the king's words that he had spoken unto me...

The Response

Nehemiah 2:18 Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work.

He Cares

Nehemiah 1:4 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

It begins with an honest assessment

***Nehemiah 2:15 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.***

What is going on in your life that is hindering your spiritual growth?

***Understanding Our
Resources and
Authority***

Nehemiah's Resources and Authority

Nehemiah received:

- 1. Time** (4 months prep. 12 years work)*
- 2. Power and Authority** (2:7 letters of passage from the King)*
- 3. Resources** (2:8 letters to obtain necessary building materials)*
- 4. Protection** (2:9 military troops)*

The Believer's Resources and Authority

Through Christ we have received

- 1. Time** *(dispensation of grace; until the last Gentile come in Lk. 21:24; Rom. 11:25)*
- 2. Power and authority**
 - a. Mt. 16 - keys; bind and loose**
 - b. Jn. 1 - Sons of God**
 - c. Acts 1:8 Holy Ghost**
 - d. Lk. 10:19 - power over the power of the enemy/tread on serpents and scorpions**
 - e. The name of Jesus**
 - i. In my name (believers) Mk. 16:17, 18 - cast out devils, speak with new tongues, take up serpents, drink any deadly thing, lay hands on the sick*
 - ii. Name above all names Phil. 2:9-11 - at the name of Jesus every knee must bow (in heaven, in earth, under the earth)*

****The name of Jesus gives authority, the Holy Spirit provides the power***

*****It's not automatic - it must be exercised***

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3. **Resources**
 - a. **2 Peter 1:3** *According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:*
 - b. **Philippians 4:19** *But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

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 - a. The Word, the name of Jesus, the Spirit**
 - b. Angels**
 - i. Hebrews 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?*
 - ii. 2 Kings 6:15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? 16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. 17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.*