

2020 HINDSIGHT
New Year's Message 2021 – Part 1 of 1

KEY TRUTH #1: Don't let what is URGENT distract you from what is most IMPORTANT.

"3 They said to me, 'The remnant there in the province who survived captivity are in great distress and reproach and the walls of Jerusalem is broken down and its gates are burned with fire.' 4 When I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days; and I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven." Nehemiah 1:3-4

"2 Why does your face look so sad when you are not ill? This can be nothing but sadness of heart. ' 3 'Why should my face not look sad when the city where my fathers are buried lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire? 4 If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor in his sight, let him send me to the city in Judah...so that I can rebuild it.'" Nehemiah 2:2-4

KEY TRUTH #2: We need to do something NOW.

"1 Now when it was reported to Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem the Arab, and the rest of our enemies that I had rebuilt the wall and that no breach in the wall remained in it, although at the time I had not set up the doors in the gates, 2 that Sanballat and Geshem sent a message to me, saying, 'Come, let us meet together, at Chephirim in the plain of Ono.' But they were planning to harm me. 3 So I sent messengers to them saying, 'I am doing a great work and I cannot come down....'" Nehemiah 6:1-3a

"...Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?" Nehemiah 6:3b

"Four times they sent me the same message, and each time I gave them the same answer." Nehemiah 6:4

"15 So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth day of Elul, in fifty-two days. 16 When all of our enemies heard of it, and all the nations surrounding us saw it, they lost their confidence; they recognized that this work had been accomplished with the help of our God." Nehemiah 6:15-16

Some Questions to Consider as we begin 2021:

- What is your WALL?
- What are the DISTRACTIONS you face?
- WHAT do you need to ELIMINATE?
- WHO do you need to ELIMINATE?

BOTTOM LINE: DIRECTION, not intention, determines your DESTINATION.