

Disciple's Quest

*IF YOU CONTINUE IN MY WORD, THEN YOU ARE
TRULY DISCIPLES OF MINE.*

JOHN 8:31

RESTORATION
STUDIES IN EZRA AND NEHEMIAH
HARDWARE

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Restoration Hardware, Part 8

How to Persevere Through Challenges and Serve God Well

Nehemiah 1 - 2

Main Idea:

Serving God well in a fallen world isn't easy. Faithful and effective ministry demands unwavering trust in God and sacrificial love for His people.

Outline:

Instructions for serving God well:

1. To persevere in this fallen world and render effective service to God, we must trust Him continually, regardless of our circumstances.
2. To persevere and be truly useful in God's service, we must love the people of God sacrificially.

Questions for further application and contemplation after the message:

#1 Nehemiah's "official" mission was to rebuild Jerusalem's defensive fortifications (1:5). Why was that vital for the spiritual wellness of its citizens?

#2 Why do you think Nehemiah was afraid when Artaxerxes scolded him for coming into his presence with a sorrowful countenance?

Why was his request to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the city such a big request?

Where did Nehemiah's courage to make such a bold request come from?

Is such courageous boldness available to Christians today? How do we access it?

#3 In the message, Pastor Vaughn said, "to be able to serve well, you must love well." Do you agree? Why?

What does it mean to love others well?