

FIVE DAY DEVOTIONAL: REBUILDING THE WALLS pt1

Day 1: Recognizing Our Need for Rebuilding Reading: Nehemiah 1:1-4

Devotional: Just as Nehemiah heard about the broken walls of Jerusalem, we too must become aware of the areas in our lives that need rebuilding. God's Word acts as a mirror, revealing our true spiritual condition.

Today, ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate any areas of your life that have fallen into disrepair. Are there relationships that need mending? Habits that need breaking? Priorities that need realigning? Remember, recognizing the need for change is the first step towards spiritual renewal. Reflect on Hebrews 4:12-13 and pray for God to give you clarity and courage to face the truth about yourself.

Day 2: The Power of Confession and Repentance Reading: Psalm 51:1-17

Devotional: Nehemiah's response to the news about Jerusalem was to weep, fast, and pray, confessing the sins of his people. David's psalm of repentance echoes this heart of contrition. True rebuilding cannot begin without honest confession and genuine repentance. **Today,** spend time in prayer, asking God to reveal any unconfessed sin in your life. Remember, God's love is unfailing, and His mercy is new every morning. He doesn't desire your guilt, but your transformed heart. As you confess, embrace the freedom and cleansing that comes with God's forgiveness. Consider journaling your thoughts and commitments as you seek to turn away from sin and towards God's grace.

Day 3: Forgiveness - The Foundation of Rebuilding Reading: Matthew 6:9-15, Colossians 3:12-14

Devotional: As we rebuild the walls of our spiritual lives, forgiveness plays a crucial role – both receiving God's forgiveness and extending it to others. Jesus emphasizes the importance of forgiveness in the Lord's Prayer, linking our forgiveness of others to God's forgiveness of us. Is there someone you need to forgive? Are you struggling to forgive yourself? **Remember,** forgiveness is not about forgetting or excusing wrongs, but about releasing the burden of resentment and allowing God to heal. Pray for the strength to forgive as you have been forgiven, and to embrace the freedom that comes with letting go of bitterness.

Day 4: Trusting in God's Promises Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:18-22, Joshua 21:45

Devotional: Nehemiah recalled God's promises to His people as he prayed for restoration. Our spiritual rebuilding must be founded on the unshakeable promises of God. In Christ, all of God's promises find their "Yes." **Today,** meditate on some of God's promises that are meaningful to you. Perhaps it's His promise never to leave you, to work all things for good, or to give you strength. How have you seen these promises fulfilled in your life? Where do you need to trust God's promises more fully? Let these promises be the foundation upon which you rebuild your life, knowing that God is faithful to fulfill His word.

Day 5: Building on the Solid Rock Reading: Matthew 7:24-27, Ephesians 2:19-22

Devotional: As we conclude our week of spiritual rebuilding, Jesus reminds us of the importance of not just hearing His words, but putting them into practice. Our lives must be built on the solid foundation of Christ and His teachings. **Reflect** on the insights and commitments you've made this week. How will you put them into action? Remember, spiritual growth is not about perfection, but about progress. Each day is an opportunity to build your life more firmly on Christ. Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance and strength as you seek to live out your faith practically. Consider sharing your journey of rebuilding with a trusted friend or mentor, encouraging each other in your walk with God.