

THE MIDWAY CHALLENGE pt. 1
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I. Nehemiah: Lessons We Can (Should) Learn.

Rom 15:4 *For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.*

2 Tim 3:15-16 *All Scripture is God-breathed is able to make you wise for salvation (God's restorative Grace) through faith in Christ Jesus and is useful for instruction, for conviction, for correction, and for training in righteousness,*

II. Challenges We Face When Rebuilding Well.

1. An Honest Beginning (Neh 2:12-20)

Vs. 13 "I inspected the walls of Jerusalem that were broken down and its gates that had been destroyed by fire..."

"I am here, and I can't stay here."

Rebuilding begins with an honest assessment.

Vs.17 "You see the trouble we are in: Let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem and end this disgrace!"

"Humankind cannot bear very much reality." - T. S. Eliot

Neh 2:18 *I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the king had said to me. They replied, "Let us start rebuilding." So they began this good work.*

2. Persevering Through the Challenging Middle

A. Challenge #1: Discouragement (Neh 4:1-6)

Neh 4:4-6 *Hear us, our God, for we are despised. Turn their insults back on their own heads...⁵ for they have thrown insults in the face of the builders. ⁶ So we rebuilt the wall till all of it reached half its height, for the people worked with all their heart.*

Keep showing up:

- In your walk with God
- In your marriage
- In parenting
- In ministry
- In relationships

Gal 6:9 *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

B. Challenge #2: _____ (Neh 4:7-9)

C. Challenge #3: _____ (Neh 4:10-12)