

# INFLUENCE<sup>R</sup>

a study of Nehemiah



August 18, 2024  
8:40 AM Worship

NEHEMIAH: ALL FALL DOWN

Welcome

Giles Blankenship

Scripture

*Isaiah 12:1a, 5-6*

*I Thank God*

Moses/Butler/Bowe/Cline/George

Scripture

*Isaiah 12:2*

Song for the Offering

*The Lord Will Provide*

*Doxology*

Bourgeois/Ken

Prayer for the Offering

Robert Barefoot

*Make Room*

Farro/White/Heideriqui/Cortazio

Sermon

Blake Bengé

*InfluenceR  
All Fall Down*

Song of Response

*Jesus Is The Answer*

Crouch

Recognition of Decisions

Blake Bengé

Next Steps & Benediction

Kaidyn Murphy

Postlude

## INVITATION TO RESPOND

- Comment on Facebook
- Share this worship service on your social media
- Email a decision or prayer request to [info@snydermbc.com](mailto:info@snydermbc.com)
- As comfort and common sense allows, reach out to your next door neighbors. Be a neighbor. Share and show Christ.

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## TAKE IT WITH YOU

"And some things that should not have been forgotten were lost." This quote by Tolkien from *The Fellowship of the Ring* captures our thoughts and gives us pause to consider what is most important. The quote continues, "History became legend. Legend became myth." And so the story of mankind evolves - rebellion, repentance, redemption, and then repeat. Too often history is either forgotten or rewritten into some legend, and eventually the narrative creates a myth to tell the story.

About Nehemiah Chapter 13 Warren Wiersbe expounds, "The material building was now over. It was time to begin to build the people spiritually." Wiersbe writes that what and how we worship are essential in determining "the character of life itself." Reflecting a lifestyle pleasing to God, the Ten Commandments provide standards of righteous living, and offer examples of visible, outward behavior. Ethical living defines integrity and exceeds head knowledge by calling for a heart response. Our inner character writes the story, our living tells others.

The Holy Scriptures reveal the character and holiness of God, record the history of God's prophecies and their fulfillment, teach the way of repentance and redemption through Christ, establish the guidelines

for righteous and holy living, and define hope as God's promise of eternal life. Using precepts and promises, prophets and parables, God's story of redemption and restoration enfolds us. Within the pages of this ancient text, we discover God's ultimate plan for humanity. Jesus Christ proclaims God's truth, love, and hope for the world. Reading this holy and living book gives us a taste of eternity and the goodness of God. In reply, our lives tell the Jesus-story we hold most dearly.

Today as in ancient times, the nations of the world stand in defiance, ignoring God, committing sins against His laws and against each other. Along with terrorism, genocide, injustice, abuse, sex trafficking, and a myriad of crimes and wars, the list includes our new, improved, twenty-first century idols – wealth, power, social media influencers, technology, beauty, and youth. Israel (NORTHERN KINGDOM), Judah (SOUTHERN KINGDOM), Assyria, Babylon, and Persia experienced God's righteous judgment. At some point, after all is recorded on history's ledger, God's most sovereign act will end this earthly confusion. For now, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near... I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (Revelation 22:10-13) Then we will discover that this end is simply the beginning of God's best, never-ending story!

~ Donna Oswalt

## INFLUENCER | ALL FALL DOWN

In this series we have been considering the life of Nehemiah. While he is not a Professional Influencer in the modern sense, he is an InfluenceR with social and spiritual impact. His life reveals traits of a Good Influencer we should emulate as an Ambassador of Jesus (II Corinthians 5:20).

Coming to the end of the book about Nehemiah and his Influence we see that all he has worked for has fallen. Not the structure of his work, more painfully it is the substance of his work that has unravelled.

Today we find the InfluenceR trait of Courageous Correction as we realize that even the best InfluenceR is limited. More importantly when all seems to be falling down we need an answer greater than even Nehemiah can give us.

"Remember me, O my God, for good."  
Nehemiah 13:31b

**Courageous Confrontation**  
bravely stepping up for those who follow after us

**What Happened? How we can guard against it!**  
Nehemiah 13

A Sacred Trust Broken (13:4-9)

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Powerful Collective Spiritual Disciplines Abandoned (13:10-14)

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God Abandoned (13:23-27)

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### What to do when it All Falls Down

1. Confront and correct where you can, and leave it to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Remember this is not \_\_\_\_\_ there is, another day is ahead.
  - Lamentations 3:22-23
  - 2 Corinthians 5:17
3. You cannot make \_\_\_\_\_ choice.

4. Look to \_\_\_\_\_.

### Thinking Exercise

Have I given my life to Jesus? If not, why not?

As a follower of Jesus, how well am I fulfilling my responsibility as a priest?

### Prayer Exercise

God, please make me brave for Your truth and compassionate for others.

May I fulfill my duties as a priest, praying for others and peacefully influencing them toward Jesus.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DISCOVERY CLASS, THIS MORNING AT 10AM ON THE MEZZANINE:** Discovery Class is an opportunity to learn about our mission, values, and history. Join us for a light breakfast and learn about Snyder in an informal and interactive setting. We look forward to seeing you this morning!

**YOUTH CHOIR RESUMES TODAY, AUGUST 18, AT 4:45PM:** Grades 6 - 12 meeting in the Music Suite (B2040). We will be taking a midbus and heading to the *Mt. Sinai Back to School Bash* after choir rehearsal ends.

**MT. SINAI HOMES BACK TO SCHOOL BASH, TODAY, 5PM - 7PM:** Snyder Missions is hosting a Back to School Bash for our new partner neighborhood, Mt. Sinai Homes. Everyone is invited to meet our new families! We will host a cookout for the neighborhood and have bouncy houses and games for the children. We will give out 100 backpacks filled with supplies for the children. Please come help and meet our neighborhood partner.

**THE MOMCO:** Motherhood is complicated. Mom friends help. Register today for the 2024 - 2025 season! There are three groups starting in the fall. To register go to [snydermbc.com/women](https://snydermbc.com/women). For MomCo 5 and Older Family Fun Day and Kick-off Party on August 23, please visit [snydermbc.com/events](https://snydermbc.com/events) for registration or more info.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The *MomCo* at Snyder is looking for volunteers to assist with childcare during our meetings on the first and third Friday of the month from 9:30am - 11:30am, September through May. If you are interested, please contact Alexa DiBianco, our MomCo Coordinator, at [alexa.dibianco@icloud.com](mailto:alexa.dibianco@icloud.com) or 732-674-1036.

**SNYDER BACK 2 SCHOOL BASH:** Join us on August 24 from 10am - 3pm as we celebrate the new school year. This event is for grades 6-12. Please arrive at Snyder by 9am. We will provide transportation departing at 9:30am and arriving at Rockfish Camp and Retreat Center. Sign up at [snyderstudents.com/events](https://snyderstudents.com/events).

**GROUNDS WORK DAY:** Saturday, August 24, 8am - 12pm. Gathering at the black awning entrance of the FH.

**SNYDER KIDS:** Hey Parents! Promotion Sunday is August 25! Your child will be "Popping-Up" to his/her next class.

**READY TO LAUNCH:** Come join us for a Launchpad Kickoff Party for the whole family on Sunday, August 25, from 4:30 - 6pm on Snyder's Front Lawn.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, August 25 at the end of both services to present the 2024 - 2025 Nominating Committee report. Keep an eye out for the upcoming Bell.

**GOODIES WITH GRANDS:** Celebrate Grandparents Day with Snyder on Sunday, September 8, from 8:15am - 10:30am on the Mezzanine! Enjoy refreshments, crafts, and snap a photo of Snyder generations! Hosted by Snyder Kids & Snyder Students.

**SNYDER PARENTING WEEKEND:** Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, September 14, 9am - 11:30am. We will have guest speakers Chris Sasser and Abbey Wedgeworth who will discuss practical ways we can help our kids and learn to thrive in parenthood. For registration please visit <https://snydermbc.com/parentingconference>.

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- by mail or dropping off to Finance Office
- Automated Bank Draft on the 5th or 20th of the month - contact Finance Office to acquire forms for draft set up

### Online (computer, mobile phone, tablet)

- Go to [www.snydermbc.com](http://www.snydermbc.com); select "Giving & Tithing | Online" from the menu; enter the information (if you are already in our database, you can login; otherwise you can continue as guest)  
*or*
- download the "Church Life" app to your mobile phone (you must already have a username and password for AccessACS - see below - in order to use this app). There is a link on the app to give, and it will take you to AccessACS; follow the instructions

**WE EXIST TO LEAD PEOPLE TO DISCOVER GOD, DEVELOP FAITH AND DISPLAY  
CHRIST-LIKE LOVE IN OUR ATTITUDES AND ACTIONS.**

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