

# INFLUENCE<sup>R</sup>

a study of Nehemiah



August 4, 2024  
8:40 AM Worship

NEHEMIAH: DAMAGE CONTROL

My Jesus	Wilson/Pardo/West
Good, Good Father	Brown/Barrett
Welcome & Introduction	Giles Blankenship & John Bigger
Prayer for the Offering	Deed Murphy
Song for the Offering <i>Promises</i>	Moses/Gaines/Bowe/Alvarado/Marin
Sermon	Blake Bengé
<i>Influence<sup>R</sup> Damage Control</i>	
Song of Response <i>The Power of the Cross</i>	Getty/Townend
Recognition of Decisions	Blake Bengé
Next Steps & Introduction	Blake Bengé & Jay Griffith
Benediction	Kaidyn Murphy
Postlude <i>Give Us Clean Hands Goodness of God</i>	Hall Cash/Johnson

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## TAKE IT WITH YOU

As I hurried out the door as a teenager, my Daddy always said, "Remember WHOSE you are!" Another wise saying he had was, "anybody can be like everybody else." Integrity does matter, especially in a world where it seems "everybody" simply argues about who is right as opposed to putting that same energy towards showing Christ's love by serving others and making a difference in this broken world.

Two sweet Snyder members, now with Jesus, will always be a part of my faith memories at Snyder. I treasured Mr. Allen Barefoot's constant prayers for us as I was expecting twins after losing two babies. Every single week he said to me, "we only have \_\_\_ weeks left," and he filled in the weeks we had to go. After our twins were born, Mr. Allen and Mrs. Ella brought beautiful little quilts made by Mrs. Ella. My babies were in little infant seats on the floor and Mr. Barefoot walked right in my house, knelt down on his hurting knees, and kissed my babies' bare feet saying, "Oh I love you so much and I have prayed for you for so long." It is truly one of my most precious memories. Mr. and Mrs. Barefoot were influencers at Snyder, in God's Kingdom, in my life and the lives of our children.

Now grandchildren have been covered in the beautiful quilts made by Mrs. Barefoot, and play with the huge Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls that she also made for our girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Barefoot's leadership was authentic, just as we have seen their son, Robert Barefoot love and minister to our refugee families so well.

Those little babies Mr. and Mrs. Barefoot prayed for are now teaching their babies to pray. One of our granddaughters recently thanked God for, "everybody and I mean EV-ER-Y body that you made!" Oh that we would have childlike purity and love for all people with that same gusto!

There are prayers to be prayed and quilts to be made. Yards to be raked and cakes to be baked. Bible Stories to be taught, school supplies to be bought. Songs to be sung, Christmas garlands to be hung. Mission trips to be led, people to be fed.

Last week we had a new vibrant blossom among the older dark blossoms on our hydrangea bush, reminding me of how Nehemiah stood out among the people.

May we remember WHOSE we are, Ambassadors for Christ, standing out, making a difference, authentic leaders in the positions and paths He has chosen for us.

~ Kerri Hurley

## INFLUENCER | DAMAGE CONTROL

In this series we are considering the life and leadership 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).

Last week we focused on Nehemiah's trait of Relentless Resilience, because we all encounter resistance when we set out to be a Good InfluenceR. However, sometimes the resistance we encounter comes from unexpected places and in unexpected ways.

In considering some unexpected places and ways Nehemiah encountered resistance, we uncover two InfluenceR traits we will need to control or avoid the damage done by such resistance.

### Inner Integrity

the commitment expected  
of others is first true of \_\_\_\_\_

### Surprising Resistance to Restoration

Nehemiah 5 & 6

Organizational Self Sabotage (5:1-5)

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Nehemiah's Extreme Anger and Saboteurs' Silence (5:6-8)

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Sight restored so the city can be restored. (5:9)

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Repayment, Accountability and Consequences (5:11-12)

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Nehemiah's Inner Integrity (5:13-19)

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## Discerning Determination

a tenacious \_\_\_\_\_  
seeing the best path forward,  
while staying \_\_\_\_\_ of the pitfalls

The Ono Conspiracy (6:1-9)

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The Temple Conspiracy (6:10-13)

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The Wall is up and Resistance Keeps on Coming (6:15-19)

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Developing Discerning **Determination** (II Timothy 1:7)

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Developing **Discerning** Determination (James 1:5)

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### Thinking Exercise

1. In what ways might I lose sight of what is good, godly and truly dangerous?
2. What lesser voice is calling me to a lesser work?

### Prayer Exercise

A Prayer of Inner Integrity  
May I walk with integrity of heart within my house.  
*based on Psalm 101:2*

A Prayer of Discerning Determination  
Father give me wisdom to see trouble coming  
and take refuge in you.  
*based on Proverbs 22:3 & 18:10*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEW MINISTER OF STUDENTS AND CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR:** Welcome to Deed Murphy, our new Minister of Students and Kaidyn Murphy, our new Children's Director, who have arrived with their beautiful son, Cross! Today is their first Sunday with us! Be sure to join us for dinner on Wednesday, September 4 (our first Fall Family Night)! We will have an informal "meet 'n greet" as Blake introduces Deed and Kaidyn to our church family!

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE - TEACHING OR ASSISTING A CLASS:** The Nominating Committee is working hard at filling all teaching vacancies. We are in need of some youth workers for Sunday School and LifeGroups. If you are interested in teaching in any way, please contact Toni Clark at teclark1231@gmail.com.

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY COLLECTION:** We are collecting items for DSS Foster Care Kids and Margaret Willis School. A list of items can be found in *The Bell*. Please bring items to the collection box located in the Gathering Hall. Items are needed by Sunday, August 11.

**MT. SINAI HOMES BACK TO SCHOOL BASH, AUGUST 18, 5 - 7PM:** We will be hosting a cookout for the

neighborhood as well as having some bouncy houses for the children. We will give out 100 backpacks filled with supplies for the children as these children are part of Margaret Willis School. We need volunteers to help with the cookout, supervising the bouncy houses and giving out the school supplies. All are welcome! Please contact Susie Reeder by email ([susier@snydermbc.com](mailto:susier@snydermbc.com)) or by calling the Church Office (919) 484-3191 to volunteer.

**YOUTH PRAISE BAND RETREAT:** The Youth Praise Band is hosting a 2-day retreat at Snyder on August 22-23 for rising 9th - 12th graders to develop the next generation of worship leaders. Not an overnight event, time TBD. For more info, please contact ([gilesb@snydermbc.com](mailto:gilesb@snydermbc.com)) or ([zaidybelles@snydermbc.com](mailto:zaidybelles@snydermbc.com)) or sign up at [snyderstudents.com/events](http://snyderstudents.com/events).

**THE MOMCO:** Motherhood is complicated. Register today for the 2024 - 2025 season! Groups resume in the fall. To register and for more information go to [snydermbc.com/women](http://snydermbc.com/women).

**SNYDER BACK 2 SCHOOL BASH - AT THE BEACH:** Join us on August 24, at Ocean Isle, as we celebrate the new school year. For grades 6-12, sign up at [snyderstudents.com/events](http://snyderstudents.com/events).

**MIDBUS DRIVERS NEEDED:** Drivers are needed to drive our 15-passenger buses for our upcoming Adult Trips! You do NOT need to have a CDL to drive these buses. If you are willing, please call or text Judy Dawkins (910) 237-6785 or via email ([jmwdawkins@gmail.com](mailto:jmwdawkins@gmail.com)). You can practice driving in advance with a staff member. Thank you!

**SNYDER PARENTING WEEKEND:** Meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, September 14, 9am - 11:30am, with guest speakers Chris Sasser and Abbey Wedgeworth. Cost is \$5 per person. Childcare is \$10 per family, by reservation only. For registration and more information, please visit <https://snydermbc.com/parentingconference>.

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