

INFLUENCE R

a study of Nehemiah



July 28, 2024
11:00 AM Worship

NEHEMIAH: RELENTLESS RESILIENCE

Greeting		Rev. Susie Reeder
Worship Feature	Mrs. Carla Crenshaw, flute & Mrs. Donna Davenport, piano	
	<i>On Eagle's Wings</i>	arr. Raney
Hymn 425		
	<i>He Keeps Me Singing [vs 1, 4, 5]</i>	SWEETEST NAME
Morning Prayer		Rev. Jon Nahlen
Worship Feature		Sanctuary Choir
	<i>Hymn of Promise</i>	McDonald
Hymn 175		
	<i>"Man of Sorrows," What a Name</i>	HALLELUJAH, WHAT A SAVIOR
Prayer of Commitment		Mr. Mack Tucker
Offertory Feature	Mrs. Carla Crenshaw, flute & Mrs. Donna Davenport, piano	
	<i>His Eye Is On the Sparrow</i>	arr. Raney
Message	<i>InfluenceR Relentless Resilience</i>	Pastor Blake Bengé
Hymn		
	<i>Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer</i>	Getty
	Jesus, draw me ever nearer as I labor through the storm. You have called me to this passage, and I'll follow though I'm worn.	
	Chorus: <i>May this journey bring a blessing, may I rise on wings of faith; And at the end of my heart's testing, with Your likeness let me wake.</i>	
	Jesus, guide me through the tempest, Keep my spirit staid and sure. When the midnight meets the morning, let me love You even more.	
	[chorus] May the treasures of the trial form within me as I go; At the end of this long passage, let me leave them at Your throne.	
	[chorus]	
Recognition of Decisions & Next Steps	Pastor Bengé	
Commissioning of Jon Nahlen & Spoken Benediction		Mr. Bryan Lake
Parting Praise 253		
	<i>Doxology</i>	OLD 100TH
Postlude		Donna Davenport
	<i>Carillon</i>	Young

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TAKE IT WITH YOU

Resilience is hard. We have lots of phrases in our vernacular to encourage us to be resilient:

"Pull yourself up by your bootstraps"

"Get back on the horse"

"If at first you don't succeed, try, try again."

But the truth is that doing so is really difficult, even painful, in real life. There is something so demoralizing about putting forth effort, sometimes tremendous amounts of effort, doing everything "right" and things still don't work out like you want them to or like they were promised. It's all too easy to throw up your hands, walk away, and say "forget it...it's too hard...I give up!"

I don't always think of resilience as being a particularly spiritual concept; but the truth is that we have examples of people being resilient throughout the Bible. Sometimes it's easy to miss because we're getting kind of a compressed, third-person account of the story, and we know the ending. Think of all that some of our heroes of the faith were put up against: Noah, Joseph, Moses, David, Jeremiah, Daniel, Nehemiah...just to name a few, and that's just the Old Testament. These people had to be resilient in the face of danger, resistance, violence, persecution and contempt. How easy it would have been for any of these people to give in to the very human instinct to give up when faced with failure and challenges.

So, what was their secret? How did they have what it took to keep going when the going got tough? How can we emulate them when we face obstacles? The one thing they all had in common was faith in God. We can cry out to God to give us strength to persist, because our strength will never be enough. Isaiah 41:10 says:

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Our own strength will only take us so far and our human weakness defaults to the path of least resistance, which by definition is not resilient at all. But when we lean on the everlasting arms of our Heavenly Father and rely on His strength, then we *"can do all things through Christ, who gives [us] strength."* (PHILIPPIANS 4:13).

~ Katie Herring

INFLUENCER | RELENTLESS RESILIENCE

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).

We all encounter resistance. We cannot ignore it. We should not be surprised by it, rather we should be ready for it, and Nehemiah's example shows us how.

As we consider some of the resistance Nehemiah faced, the trait of Relentless Resilience emerges, along with three of the efforts we can take in order to develop our own Relentless Resilience.

Today's Trait | Relentless Resilience

_____ forward against resistance
propelled by Divine Alignment
taking practical and prudent _____

Three Efforts in Relentless Resilience

Nehemiah 2 & 4

First Account of Resistance & Resilience - 2:10-11

1. Maintain Forward _____

Philippians 3:12-14

Hebrews 10:39

Second Account of Resistance & Resilience - 2:20-21

2. _____ Divine Alignment

Third Account of Resistance & Resilience - 4:1-6

Fourth Account of Resistance & Resilience - 4:7-9

Rise of the Rumors & Nehemiah's Resilience - 4:10-14

Not Backing Down - 4:15-22

Nehemiah's Example - 4:23

3. _____ an Example

Thinking Exercise

1. Where do I need to move forward?
 - What is my next step?
 - How is that step practical (outcome)?
 - How is that step prudent (Risk/Reward)?
2. How is my relationship with God?
 - What am I doing daily to ensure I am on God's side? Divinely Aligned?

3. Is my example one worth imitation?

Prayer Exercise

A Prayer of Forward Motion

Father, keep me aware that I am of those who are pressing on to Your higher calling, and I am not of those who shrink back and are destroyed but of those who believe and are saved!

A Prayer of Divine Alignment

May I always be aligning with Your presence of power, love and self-control; ever mindful that I am setting an example to others as one who follows Your Son.

based on Philippians 3:14, Hebrews 10:39 and II Timothy 1:7

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KENYA MISSION TRIP: Please continue to pray for our Kenya Mission Team will return on Tuesday, July 30. You can follow what they have been doing by reading the blog at <https://snydermbc.com/blog> or on our FB page.

NEW MINISTER OF STUDENTS AND CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR: We are excited to welcoming Deed Murphy as our new Minister of Students and Kaidyn Murphy as our new Children's Director, who will be arriving with their beautiful son, Cross, on July 28! Their first Sunday with us will be August 4.

MT. SINAI HOMES BACK TO SCHOOL BASH: We will be hosting a *Back to School Bash* for our new partner neighborhood on Sunday, August 18 from 5 - 7pm. We will host a cookout for the neighborhood, have some bouncy houses for the children, and give out 100 backpacks filled with supplies for these children who attend Margaret Willis School (our partner school). Be watching for more information about how you can sign up to help! You will be needed!

TEACHING OR ASSISTING A CLASS - NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE: The Nominating Committee is working hard at filling all teaching vacancies. We are in need of youth workers for Sunday School and LifeGroups. If you are interested in serving by 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.

YOUTH PRAISE BAND RETREAT: The Youth Praise Band is seeking to grow and develop the next generation of worship leaders by hosting a 2-day retreat at Snyder! The retreat will be held Thursday - Friday, August 22 - 23. This is not an overnight event and hours are still to be determined. The Youth Praise Band leads weekly at our student gathering on Sunday nights and is open to all rising 9th - 12th graders. For more information, please contact Giles (gilesb@snydermbc.com) or Zaidy Belle (zaidybelles@snydermbc.com) or sign up at snyderstudents.com/events.

THE MOM.CO: Motherhood is complicated. Mom friends help. There's a seat for you at the Mom.Co at Snyder. Register today for the 2024 - 2025 season (resuming in the fall)! There are three groups that meet at Snyder. Ages are given to help you find a group that is right for you, but does not limit moms to a specific group. To register and for more information go to 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.

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CHRIST-LIKE LOVE IN OUR ATTITUDES AND ACTIONS.**

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