

INFLUENCE^R

a study of Nehemiah



July 14, 2024
8:40 AM Worship

NEHEMIAH: CAN YOU SEE IT?
(PART 2)

Praise	Lake/Moore/Brown/Carnes/Barrett/Furtick
Welcome	Karen McAmis
Song for the Offering <i>Bless God</i>	Lake/Ligertwood/Carnes
Prayer for the Offering	Kerri Hurley
<i>A Thousand Hallelujahs</i>	Ligertwood/Wickham/Ligertwood
Sermon	Blake Bengé
<i>Influence^R Can You See It? (Part 2)</i>	
Song of Response <i>Trust in God</i>	Lake/Brown/Wong/Furtick
Recognition of Decisions	Blake Bengé
Kenya Commissioning	Susie Reeder
Special Recognition	Blake Bengé
Spoken Benediction	Karen McAmis
Next Steps & Sung Benediction <i>The Blessing</i>	Brown/Carnes/Jobe/Furtick
Postlude: <i>Holy Forever</i>	Johnson/Tomlin/Ingram/Johnson/Wickham

INVITATION TO RESPOND

- Comment on Facebook
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- Email a decision or prayer request to 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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SCAN ME

TAKE IT WITH YOU

In the late 300s in Milan, the temporary capital of the Roman Empire, there was a governor named Ambrose. He was so respected by the people of Milan for his justice and personal virtue that, despite not having any theological training, he was made leader of the Church in Milan by popular acclaim. He was reluctant but accepted the responsibility God gave him, and quickly became known as a brilliant theologian and a pious leader.

Not too long after he took up his office, Ambrose was faced with a crisis. The Roman Emperor, Theodosius, had committed a massacre against the people of Thessalonica. This kind of rash, evil behavior would have been unremarkable under many previous emperors, but Theodosius was a Christian, and showed no sign of repentance for the evil he had done. Ambrose was faced with a choice: he could shut his mouth, or he could say something. The choice isn't as easy as we may like to think. The relationship between church and state was already tenuous at best. The last great persecution ended only 70 years ago at this point. Over those years emperors had wavered between helping the church and hindering it, promoting heresies that weaken the body of Christ. Theodosius had taken a firm stance to support the Church, and under his rule the empire Christianized like never before. Ambrose knew this, and it would be so tempting for him to let the matter be, let Theodosius off the hook, and ensure that the church is in good standing with the empire.

But Saint Ambrose didn't do that. He recognized that favor with God is more important than favor with the empire. He used his position to publicly call on Theodosius to repent. And when Theodosius attempted to ignore Ambrose's call, Ambrose took his stand, physically barred him from entering the Church. Theodosius, compelled by Ambrose's speech and action, publicly repented. Strategic Silence is strategic; it includes knowing when not to be silent. It includes knowing when to take a stand and communicate, compellingly, to lead others to Christ. Ambrose, like Nehemiah, knew this, and his compelling communication helped establish Christendom and spread the Gospel around the world.

A prayer of Saint Ambrose:

*Merciful Lord,
Comforter and Teacher of your faithful people,
increase in your Church the desires you have given.
Strengthen the hearts of those who hope in you,
and show them the depth of your promises;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

~ Matthew Miller

INFLUENCER | CAN YOU SEE IT? [PART 2]

In this series we are considering the life and leadership of Nehemiah. While he is certainly not a Professional Influencer in the modern sense, he is an InfluenceR with a social and spiritual impact. His life reveals traits of a Good Influencer we should emulate as an Ambassador of Jesus.

Traits of a Good InfluenceR uncovered so far:

Acute Perception:

a) the ability to see what is and what it means. b) the ability to see what should not be and what could be instead.

Passionate Affinity:

caring deeply enough to move beyond emotion and sentiment to helpful action.

Divine Alignment (the most important):

a) seeking to be "on God's side". b) seeking to make the priorities of your life align with the priorities of God's word.

Proven Ability:

Continued development of gifts and consistent fulfillment of responsibilities.

Today we discover the trait of Compelling Communication as we see Nehemiah articulate his Acute Perception.

Compelling _____: The ability to verbalize what has been visualized so what "should be" is realized.

Compelling Communication
Nehemiah 2:17-18

Haters Hatin' Nehemiah Aligning
Nehemiah 2:19-20

Prayer Exercise

Prayer for Divine Alignment

God lead me to see what you see.
Move me to care about what you care about.

Prayer of Strategic Silence

Search me, O God, and know my heart!
Try me and know my thoughts!
And see if there be any hurtful way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting!
based on Psalm 139:23-24

Prayer of Compelling Communication

God, may the words of my mouth and
the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight.
based on Psalm 19:14

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MCAMIS FAMILY CELEBRATION: Join us this afternoon from 3-5pm as we celebrate and say thank you to the McAmis family before they move to Wyoming - Sweet Frog Frozen Yogurt will be on-site!

SUMMER WORSHIP CONCERT, JULY 17: Please join us for the Summer Worship Concert this Wednesday from 7-8:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a special evening of worship and original worship songs led and composed by 8:40 Worship Band members. All are welcome! We will be rounding out the evening with ice cream sundaes!

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NC ALL-STATE YOUTH CHOIR CONCERTS, JULY 14 - 21: All concerts are FREE and open to the public! The choir presents concerts in several North Carolina churches. Come and enjoy all that our talented youth have to offer! We have 10 youth participating. We will be finishing up the final concert at Butler Chapel, Campbell University on Sunday, July 21, at 5pm. For other concerts, schedule information can be found in *The Bell*.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT, JULY 19: Come join us for a family movie night this Friday at 6:30pm on the Church Front Lawn. We will be viewing "Monsters University", hosted by Snyder Learning Center. Bring a blanket and chairs. There will be complementary popcorn, lemonade, and ice cream. R-Burger food truck will be available upon purchase.

SNYDER PARENTING WEEKEND: Helping Parents, Helping Families. Save the date! 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 information, please visit <https://snydermbc.com/parentingconference>.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY COLLECTION: We will be 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 1.

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! 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. Groups resume in the fall. To register and for more information go to: snydermbc.com/women.

MISSION IN ACTION: If anyone is interested in joining Mission in Action, please contact Sharon Parsek by calling or texting her at (910) 309-9756.

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Online (computer, mobile phone, tablet)

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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

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

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