

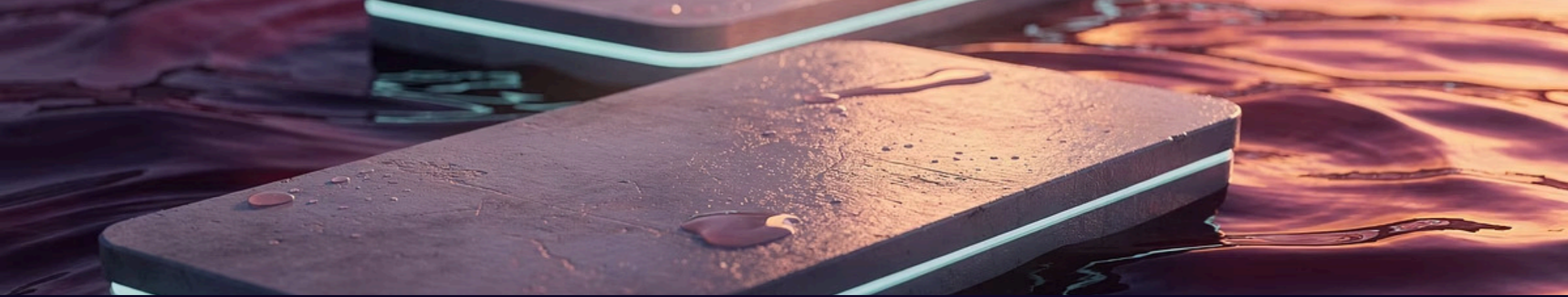


It's Time To Rebuild What's Broken

God will rebuild broken lives, and He is calling us to join Him in the work of restoration.

THE GOD WHO RESTORES

NEHEMIAH 2:11-20



The Journey of Restoration

01

Seeing the Reality

God cannot rebuild what His people refuse to honestly acknowledge.

02

Share the Vision

God mobilizes His people through shared obedience and clear action.

03

Standing in Faith

Faith-filled leadership responds to opposition with confidence in God.

PART 1

Seeing the Reality



Nehemiah waited three days, then inspected Jerusalem's broken walls privately at night before making any announcements. Wisdom requires honest assessment before action.

"What we excuse, God will not rebuild. Healing requires diagnosis before treatment."

The Power of Honest Assessment

Personal Sin Patterns

Acknowledge behaviors we've normalized instead of addressing them honestly.

Broken Relationships

Examine connections that need repair rather than avoiding difficult conversations.

Spiritual Stagnation

Identify areas where we've stopped growing and settled for comfort.

God invites us to look closely at what's broken so He can begin the work of restoration.

PART 2

Share the Vision

The Trouble WE Are In

Nehemiah said "WE" not "YOU"—creating trust through shared ownership of the problem.

Come and Let Us Build

Specific calls to action mobilize people. Vagueness undermines motivation and commitment.



Testimony Fuels Movement

"I told them of the hand of my God which had been good upon me."

Nehemiah testified to God's faithfulness before calling people to action. The people responded: "Let us rise up and build."

Vision gains traction when leaders share what God has already done and invite others into partnership rather than assigning tasks.



Standing in Faith



Opposition Comes

Spiritual progress attracts spiritual resistance. Critics mocked immediately.



Declare Faith

"The God of heaven Himself will prosper us"—confidence over defense.



Draw Boundaries

Define who has authority to speak into God's work with clarity.

What We Allow to Intimidate Us Will Control Us

Before: Intimidation

Fear causes
paralysis and
spiritual bondage



After: Truth

Truth brings
freedom, clarity,
and action

The Question

What voices are currently intimidating you from moving forward in obedience?

Seeing truth clearly makes it impossible to stay comfortable with sin or brokenness.

Frederick Douglass said learning to read made slavery unbearable—truth makes bondage impossible to accept.

This Week's Challenge



Seeing the Reality

Schedule 30 minutes alone with God to honestly assess one area of brokenness. Ask: "What are You showing me?"



Share the Vision

Identify someone who needs encouragement. Share God's faithfulness and invite them into partnership.



Standing in Faith

Write a declaration of faith for one area where fear has kept you from obedience. Take action this week.

Connection to Christ



Nehemiah quietly inspected broken walls before rebuilding—Jesus entered our broken world before restoring it.

Nehemiah invited people to rise and build—Jesus invites us to follow and be made new.

Nehemiah stood firm against opposition—Jesus endured the cross to secure victory.

☐ **We cannot rebuild ourselves.** Our brokenness runs too deep. But Jesus came to restore what sin destroyed. The same God who gave Nehemiah vision gives us His Spirit to rebuild us from the inside out.