



Week 2

Renewal

Sermon Notes

Psalm 51:10

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

1. The enemy attacks via distraction and discrediting

Nehemiah 6:1-9

- Like Nehemiah, we cannot stop the work

2. The enemy tries to Discredit Nehemiah

Nehemiah 6:10-14

- Nehemiah Trusted god to sustain him in the work
- Don't stop the work to prove the work

3. God will finish what he began

Nehemiah 6:15-16

Philippians 1:6

- Don't grow weary
- Don't get intimidated
- Don't stop the work
- Don't give up

Questions to Consider

Read Nehemiah 6:1-4. What does Nehemiah's response to Sanballat and Geshem teach us about handling distractions? What do you think about the use of the phrase "I am doing a great work".

The sermon asked: "Whose hands is your work in?" Be honest—what area of your life are you trying to control instead of surrendering to God?

What is your "valley of Ono"? What distractions are currently trying to pull you off the wall that God has called you to build??

The sermon mentioned that discernment came to Nehemiah after he focused on the Lord rather than the attacks. How can we develop better spiritual discernment in the midst of spiritual warfare?

Is there something you need to take out of your hands and put into God's hands today? What would that look like practically?

Application

Choose at least one action step to commit to this week:

- **Identify your distraction:** Write down what's pulling you off the wall God has called you to build. Commit to saying "Oh no!" When that distraction comes.
- **Pray Nehemiah's prayer:** Each morning this week, pray "Lord, strengthen my hands" for the specific work God has called you to.
- **Practice discernment:** Before making decisions this week, pause and ask, "Is this God's voice or the enemy's voice?"
- **Surrender your weakness:** Identify one area where you feel weak or inadequate. Surrender it to God daily, asking Him to make His strength perfect in your weakness.

★ Starting February 18th, commit to fasting and praying for salvation (details at dayspring.tv/fast).

Pray for one another