



Week 4

We Build Together

Sermon Notes

Psalm 51:10-12 (ESV)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

1. Side by Side

Nehemiah 3

- Every person built their spot of the wall side by side
- When we are all being led by the Spirit to rebuild our lives- we stay connected to each other.

2. The Attack of the Enemy

- The enemy only attacked once the work started
- Sanballat attacked the identity
 - Attacked their strength (feeble)

- Attacked their resource (poor)
- Tobiah attacked the work
 - The progress is slow- there are gaps
 - The progress is lacking- a fox would take this wall down

3. The Response of the people

Nehemiah 4:10-12

- If the enemy can destroy us, he can destroy the work.
- If the enemy can't destroy us, he will try to discourage us.
- The enemy uses fear and weariness to stop the building
- The enemy doesn't want you whole

4. The Answer to the Problem

Nehemiah 4:13

- We work and we war
 - Places need rebuilt
 - Places need defended
- Sure up the weakness
 - The enemy attacked the gaps to create confusion
 - We partner with the Holy Spirit who helps in our weakness
- We stay side by side
 - I fight with you and for you
 - We need to stop fighting each other
- Don't put your weapon down
 - Fight for your Peace
 - Fight for your family
 - Fight for your Joy
 - Fight for your purpose
 - Fight for your health
 - Fight for your healing

Questions to Consider

How does knowing your identity in Christ (chosen, victorious, free, head and not the tail) change your perspective on current challenges?

What keeps you from being vulnerable and asking for help when you're struggling?

What does it mean to "work and war" at the same time in your spiritual life?

What causes you to "put down your weapon" and give up on what God has called you to do?

What would it look like if you applied the concepts of Nehemiah and the rebuilding of the wall (Filling in the gaps, working side by side with people, continuing the work instead of putting down your weapon) in your own life?

Application

This Week's Challenge:

Choose ONE area to focus on:

Option 1: Identify Your Wall

- Spend time in prayer asking the Holy Spirit to show you what specific "wall" you need to rebuild in your life.
- Write it down and share it with at least one trusted person in this group.

Option 2: Shoulder to Shoulder

- Reach out to someone in your life who is struggling and offer to "stand guard" for them through prayer, encouragement, or practical help.
- Ask someone to stand guard for you in an area where you're vulnerable.

Option 3: Weapon Check

- Evaluate where you've "put down your weapon" (stopped reading Scripture, stopped praying, stopped believing God's promises).
- Commit to picking it back up daily this week. Choose one verse to memorize and to declare over your situation.

Option 4: Emergency Brake Assessment

- Like the car illustration, identify where you might be "pushing through life with the emergency brake on."
- What is one practical step you can take to release control and let the Holy Spirit do the heavy lifting?

Pray for one another