

WE STAND AGAIN

When We Stand in Gratitude

Nehemiah 12; Psalm 23; Hebrews 8:8-12 | May 31, 2026

“...I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

– Hebrews 8:12

How did Nehemiah point to Jesus?

- » He left a place of comfort and privilege to enter the brokenness of his people.
- » He wept over the brokenness.
- » He overcame opposition.
- » He is known as the rebuildder.
- » He finished the work.

Nehemiah’s wall eventually fell, but what Jesus did on the cross holds forever.

How can our rubble become a testimony to the Lord? **By being grateful for God’s presence in all circumstances.**

As we close Nehemiah, we realize that **without Jesus, we’ll continue to fall, but with Jesus, we stand again.** Nehemiah pointed to Jesus because only Jesus can rebuild what’s truly broken.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Women: Reading Through the Gospels begins June 1

MS Supernova: June 1 to June 4

Connect Class: June 14

HS Move: June 21 to 26

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STUDY QUESTIONS

GETTING STARTED:

Share about a time when you celebrated an accomplishment or milestone. What made that celebration meaningful? Do you find it easy or difficult to pause and celebrate?

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Five ways Nehemiah foreshadows Jesus:

1. He left comfort to enter brokenness
2. He wept over brokenness
3. He overcame opposition
4. He is known as the rebuilder
5. He finished the work

- » Which of these five parallels resonates most with you personally? Why?
- » How does seeing Nehemiah as pointing to Jesus change the way you read the Old Testament?
- » Jesus said "It is finished" on the cross. What difference does it make that His rebuilding work "holds forever" while Nehemiah's wall eventually fell again?
- » Below are some questions to ponder on the story God is writing. Reflect on each question and share your thoughts with your group.
 - Where is God at work in my life?
 - How am I expressing gratitude toward God?
 - What are my life's actions telling the people around me about God?
 - What is still being rebuilt?

NEXT STEPS:

Choose one of the following to practice:

Gratitude Journal: Each day this week, write down three specific things God has done in your life. At the end of the week, share one with the group.

Celebration Pause: Identify one area where God has been at work (even in small ways). Take intentional time to celebrate it—pray a prayer of thanksgiving, share it with a friend, or worship through music.

Worship Breakthrough: If you struggle to engage in worship, ask God to help you connect emotionally with His goodness. Try worshiping privately this week through music, prayer, or nature.

New Covenant Reflection: Read Hebrews 8:8-12 daily. Journal about what it means that God says "I will."

Share Your Testimony: Think about how God has brought you through a "valley." Share that story with one person this week as a testimony of His faithfulness.