

It Takes One

Nehemiah 13

READ Nehemiah 13:1-3

Waffle or Diamond (In order to make a diamond, you need three things. Pressure, heat, time. Turns out those are the same three things you need to make a waffle. Are you going to come out as a waffle or a diamond?)

Time Gap

Nehemiah had served faithfully... rebuild the wall and reestablish the people. Was governor over Jerusalem for 12 years. He then returns to serve the king of Persia, though we do not know exactly how long, given the distance and task... it was not a quick weekend trip. Rather, it would have been for a considerable amount of time.

Nehemiah left able people in place, and sets off on his next journey. The dilemma is that there is a difference between people who are ABLE and people who are WILLING.

Balaam & Balak

The assembly of God: CHURCH?

Mixed Multitude (**A murky spring and a polluted well**)

You can mix personalities, testimonies, styles, but not beliefs.

Balaam was hired to bring a curse upon the Israelites.

- Numbers 22-24 Balaam & King Balak
- If you bring a curse upon Israel, I will reward you handsomely & make you a rich.
- 3 hills, 14 sacrifices on each hill, 3 blessings
- 4 prophetic blessings

Numbers 23:12 "Must I not take heed to speak what the LORD has put in my mouth?"

- 1 Plan – Introduce idolatry and sexual immorality, and they will fall.

2 Peter 2:15 false teachers (having loved the wages of unrighteousness)

Jude 1:11 error of seeking profit

Revelation 11:14 "But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality."

Ruth the Moabitess – entitled to a very different reception

My Father's house shall be a house of prayer for.... ALL NATIONS!

In that day... it was found.

It's incredible what happens when we remove the influence of God's Word from our lives.

The Hot and cold game... the slow fade, but a fade nonetheless.

A log removed from the fire will eventually grow cold.

Place (4-13)

Allied: to become connected, aligned, bound together.

Well... If you lose your heart, your mind will soon follow.

Compromise within the leadership will lead to an erosion amongst the people.

Time rewind “now before this” Inch back in time just a bit.

Allied with the wrong guy

Read through Nehemiah 13:4-12

Eliashib the priest – **had authority, what did he do with authority?** (ABLE VS. WILLING)

Allied with Tobia (Tobia was in cahoots with Sanballat, now he is living in the one of the rooms of the Temple?!?!) And not because he had this crazy moment of revelation and repentance. Remember back in chapter 6, business dealing and marriage monopolies Tobia seemed to have his had in everything. And here he is, living in the temple.

- **The enemy was living where the worship was once stored.**
- The very provision that was given for those who brought the Bible, offerings, and sacrifices was now emptied out... and with that, *the temple attendants were no longer facilitating time with God but had to be out working in the field.* The room is not only hollowed out of what was honoring to God, but living in it was a rat named Tobia.

First you lose a heart for God's Word

Next you lose a heart for God's house

Then you lose a heart for God's work

Nehemiah may be a man of few words but also a man of BIG actions.

8. I threw out the household goods

9. I commanded them to cleanse the room and make things right (***no uncertain terms***)

He did not have a conviction, a feeling, an awareness; he DID godliness.

Do you DO godliness? – you know your tired of going back and forth. (2 jobs)

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A (15-22)

(Give Me 52 days and I'll give you 313)

1 Timothy 6:7-8 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.

Temporary... work your whole life to reach for and build up *the souls of men or material stuff.* **Do you own your stuff or does your stuff own you?** Is your hope in your next achievement or is your hope in your eternal promises – reserved for you in Heaven?

Philippians 4:12-13 I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

RESETTING THE SABBATH (19)

Don't just know, don't just talk, DO!!!
JUST DO IT!!!

What is important to God is worth guarding (22)

Not from swords and spears this time but, from laziness and greed.

The foolish repeat the same mistakes, the wise learn from their mistakes, the brilliant people learn from the mistakes of other's.

A (23-31)

24 – sin is predictable... It's like the gravitational pull, always down, never up. Sin's nature is always pulling, never lifting.

Language and Mixed Marriages

The paganization of a generation – *lose the language, lose the Word of God.*

A single generation's compromise could undo the work of centuries.

25 – WAKE UP! Do something, STOP bringing the world to your kids and shipping your kids off to the world.

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When the cats away, the mice will play – KEEP LEADING – EYES ON THE PRIZE
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AN ALLIANCE – A REQUEST – A REALITY (THE LAW WON'T WORK)

THE THREE REMEMBER MES

REMEMBER ME: Something that is on your mind often, in this case, for good.

A desire to hear the Father's well done, is the most innocent and cleansing ambition

THE LAW WONT WORK

Chapter 10 covenant... grew cold. We will not neglect, and we will not compromise

Well – they had done both. God does discipline those whom He loves. If you are wayward and only run further away, you will only become more miserable. Look back, experiences, entertainment and noise **your whole life is a hangover.**

Drink what Jesus gives and you will have AND GIVE living water.

Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

Remember Me

Alliance – in line with

Broad is the way

Narrow is the way, few will find it

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Hebrews 10:12 But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God,

1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,