

21 Days Of Prayer And Fasting

Then as I looked over the situation, I called together the nobles and the rest of the people and said to them, "Don't be afraid of the enemy! Remember the Lord, who is great and glorious, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes!"

Whack!! This is what I heard as my sister balled up her fist and punched a kid on the bus who was picking on me.... might I add he was a member of my dad's church. As a pastor, I love sharing stories with congregants about my childhood, and this story is one of my favorites. You see this boy had been picking on me for some time and today it was the wrong day, wrong time, and in the wrong way when my sister took matters into her own hands. I must admit, he deserved what was coming to him as he had finally pushed her over her limit and was met with a fist. Gushing blood, nose crooked, lightheaded, and much more he had received a taste of his own medicine. Believe me, it was deserved....

As I reflect on this story, I begin to realize that this is the state of our world today. The people we are supposed to be fighting for we are fighting against. Nehemiah found himself in a very similar situation. Jerusalem's walls were torn down, they were vulnerable, desperate, assessable to the enemy, and needed someone to fight for them. Nehemiah stands up in the face of adversity and delivers a speech. "Don't be afraid of the enemy! Remember the Lord, who is great and glorious, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes!" I believe in 2024 we need a group of Nehemiah's to RISE UP!

Our world is in a very similar situation to Jerusalem. Our walls of morality, love, forgiveness, and so much more are torn down. We have a generation that is wide open for the attack of the enemy, and they are not able to fight for themselves. I want to pose two questions.... Who is going to fight for them, are you fighting against them? In 2024 I want to challenge you to be a Nehemiah as it's time as Nehemiah said to "fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives and your homes."

How do you fight? There are countless ways to fight, but might I encourage you to start here today? Develop a list of people that are on your heart, pray for them, reach out to them, put an arm around them, and be family. Many people are not looking for someone to say the right things, but instead just to be there. Lastly, this year join with the body of Christ in agreement over the next generation and the family of God.

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