

- God is in the business of working through His people to accomplish seemingly impossible tasks. (God wants to use Me!)
- **Nehemiah was a common man in a unique position. *IS THAT YOU?***
- **Nehemiah had little power but he had a great DREAM!**
- **Nehemiah never could have rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem until he wept over the ruins. The burden led to the prayer that led to a seed the seed produced the miracle!**
- We are a dry eyed church in a hell bent world. "Our eyes are dry, our faith is old, our heart is hard, our prayers are cold.
- **You cannot heal what you do not feel.**
- ☑ ***What is the brokenness in the world that produces a brokenness inside of me?***
- For Nehemiah, it was his people's condition and the broken down walls of Jerusalem. *What is it for you?*
 - *Injustice? People who are far from God? Poverty? The state of the educational system? The lack of honor in our world? Child abandonment?*
- ☑ **Once you've figured that out, your next step is simple: build it back up.**
- That was Nehemiah's calling. And that's your calling. **To build up the brokenness that produces a brokenness inside of you. Neither brokenness will go away until you do.**
- ☑ **Whatever it looks like, there's definitely one thing God hasn't called us to do: **nothing.****
- God hasn't put us on this Earth to have a front row seat to a broken down world. Or complain about how broken it is. He's put us here to build it back up.
- ☑ **His burden led him to prayer.**
- New life is conceived in intimacy.
- It only takes one seed to change everything...

- One idea that seems impossible.
 - The seed- is the dream, the vision, the faith, the action...
 - *The seed in a parking lot...*
 - **The problem did not come because of the seed, the seed came because of the problem.**
 - **God will not allow a problem that he does not give a seed to move the problem.**
 - *And I told them of the hand of my God which had been good upon me, and also of the king's words that he had spoken to me. So they said, "Let us rise up and build." Then they set their hands to this good work. Nehemiah 2:17-18*
 - **It's time to strengthen the hands.**
 - Today, in this house, the weary hands are strengthened, the feeble hands are made new, the broken are restored...
 - *But it so happened, when Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, that he was furious and very indignant, and mocked the Jews. 2 And he spoke before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, "What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they fortify themselves? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they complete it in a day? Will they revive the stones from the heaps of rubbish—stones that are burned?" 3 Now Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him, and he said, "Whatever they build, if even a fox goes up on it, he will break down their stone wall." Nehemiah 4:1-3*
 - **Tried to discourage him in 3 ways...**
 - The enemy has not deployed some new tactic...
- ☑ **Scorn**- the feeling or belief that someone or something is worthless or despicable;
- ☑ **Threats**- a statement of an intention to inflict pain, injury, damage, or other hostile action on someone in retribution for something done or not done

☑ **Bluffs**- an attempt to deceive someone into believing that one can or will do something

- **I've got a revelation- Satan is DEFEATED!**
- **Sanballat- Strength**
- **Tobiah- Jehovah is good**
- **Poser**- someone who pretends to be something they are not!
- The Empty tomb- the keys.
- **Satan always attacks those next in line for a promotion.**
 - The enemy's upset because he's about to lose his position...

☑ **Will they revive the stones?**

- The more you build the more upset the devil gets...
- Will they revive their family? Hope? Finances? Health? Dreams
- ***For they all were trying to make us afraid, saying, "Their hands will be weakened in the work, and it will not be done." Now therefore, O God, strengthen my hands. Nehemiah 6:9***
- **YOU'RE GETTING YOUR STRENGTH BACK TODAY!**
- God will give you strength for the dream.
- God will speed the dream.
- Your enemies will see the dream.
- ***Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength. Nehemiah 8:10***
- Bathe the dream in prayer!
- **Noah- the dream is so sloppy because it's starting to rain.**