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NEHEMIAH

*Renewal Amongst the Ruins*



# CALL TO WORSHIP

“I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.”

-Psalm 34:1



# Nehemiah 13

*On that day they read from the Book of Moses in the hearing of the people. And in it was found written that no Ammonite or Moabite should ever enter the assembly of God, 2 for they did not meet the people of Israel with bread and water, but hired Balaam against them to curse them—yet our God turned the curse into a blessing. 3 As soon as the people heard the law, they separated from Israel all those of foreign descent.*

*4 Now before this, Eliashib the priest, who was appointed over the chambers of the house of our God, and who was related to Tobiah, 5 prepared for Tobiah a large chamber where they had previously put the grain offering, the frankincense, the vessels, and the tithes of grain, wine, and oil, which were given by commandment to the Levites, singers, and gatekeepers, and the contributions for the priests.*



# Nehemiah 13

*6 While this was taking place, I was not in Jerusalem, for in the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon I went to the king. And after some time I asked leave of the king 7 and came to Jerusalem, and I then discovered the evil that Eliashib had done for Tobiah, preparing for him a chamber in the courts of the house of God. 8 And I was very angry, and I threw all the household furniture of Tobiah out of the chamber. 9 Then I gave orders, and they cleansed the chambers, and I brought back there the vessels of the house of God, with the grain offering and the frankincense.*

*10 I also found out that the portions of the Levites had not been given to them, so that the Levites and the singers, who did the work, had fled each to his field. 11 So I confronted the officials and said, "Why is the house of God forsaken?" And I gathered them together and set them in their stations.*



# Nehemiah 13

*15 In those days I saw in Judah people treading winepresses on the Sabbath, and bringing in heaps of grain and loading them on donkeys, and also wine, grapes, figs, and all kinds of loads, which they brought into Jerusalem on the Sabbath day. And I warned them on the day when they sold food.*

*17 Then I confronted the nobles of Judah and said to them, "What is this evil thing that you are doing, profaning the Sabbath day? 18 Did not your fathers act in this way, and did not our God bring all this disaster on us and on this city? Now you are bringing more wrath on Israel by profaning the Sabbath."*



# Nehemiah 13

*21 But I warned them and said to them, “Why do you lodge outside the wall? If you do so again, I will lay hands on you.” From that time on they did not come on the Sabbath.*

*23 In those days also I saw the Jews who had married women of Ashdod, Ammon, and Moab. 24 And half of their children spoke the language of Ashdod, and they could not speak the language of Judah, but only the language of each people. 25 And I confronted them and cursed them and beat some of them and pulled out their hair. And I made them take an oath in the name of God, saying, “You shall not give your daughters to their sons, or take their daughters for your sons or for yourselves. 26 Did not Solomon king of Israel sin on account of such women? Among the many nations there was no king like him, and he was beloved by his God, and God made him king over all Israel. Nevertheless, foreign women made even him to sin.*

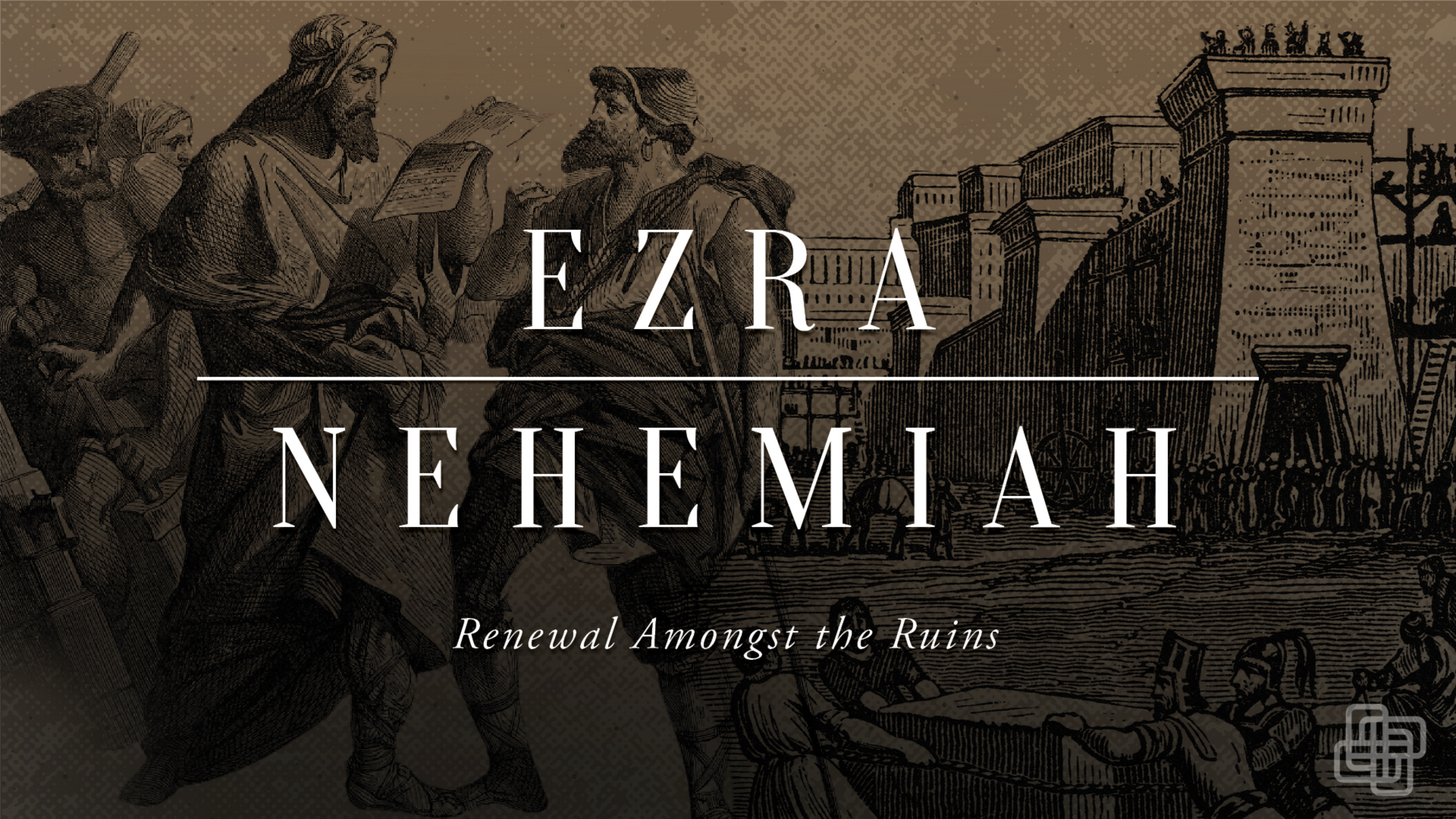


# Nehemiah 13

*30 Thus I cleansed them from everything foreign, and I established the duties of the priests and Levites, each in his work; 31 and I provided for the wood offering at appointed times, and for the firstfruits.*

*Remember me, O my God, for good.*





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## SEPARATION FOR HOLINESS (vs. 1-3)

**Renewal/Reform always find it's genesis in God's Word**

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**Deut. 23**

it was found written that no Ammonite or Moabite should ever enter the assembly

of God, 2 for they did not meet the people of Israel with bread and water, but hired  
**Num. 22-24;**

**pagan King Balak hired him to do this**

Balaam against them to curse them—yet our God turned the curse into a blessing.

**We have always been called to be distinct from world (Rmns 12:2; 2 Cor. 6:17, 1 Pet. 1:15-16)**

3 As soon as the people heard the law, they separated from Israel all those of foreign

descent.

*Sin that becomes tolerated by one generation is sin  
that becomes embraced by the next.*



## CLEANSING THE HOUSE OF GOD (vs. 4-14)

High Priest whom Nehemiah appointed

4 Now before this, Eliashib the priest, who was appointed over the chambers of the Room was to store Enemy of Israel/Nehemiah

supplies for temple worship

(Neh. 2; 4; 6)

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Compromised by allowing the enemy within

chamber where they had previously put the grain offering, the frankincense, the

vessels, and the tithes of grain, wine, and oil, which were given by commandment to People had also backed away from Biblical giving; Levites were no longer in

Temple but went back to work the fields; Worship of YHWH forfeited the Levites, singers, and gatekeepers, and the contributions for the priests.

Righteous anger

8 And I was very angry, and I threw all the household furniture of Tobiah out of the

chamber.

*Our compromises need cleansing (1 Cor. 6:19)*



## HONORING THE SABBATH (vs. 15-22)

Promise made (Neh. 10:31; Promise broken)

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over covenant obedience

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*As believers we tend to find ourselves spiritually exhausted not due to persecution, but simply because we're distracted.*



# GUARDING COVENANT FAITHFULNESS (vs. 23-29)

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Relationships shape our hearts (1 Cor. 15:33; 1 Cor. 6)

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**Danger of children losing their spiritual identity**

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God, and God made him king over all Israel. Nevertheless, foreign women made

even him to sin.

***Godly leaders confront sin, not sweep it under the rug.***

***Good leadership refuses to normalize what God forbids.***



## FINISHING WELL (vs. 30-31)

**Purified People; Restored Priestly Responsibilities; Reestablished Proper Worship**

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priests and Levites, each in his work; 31 and I provided for the wood offering at

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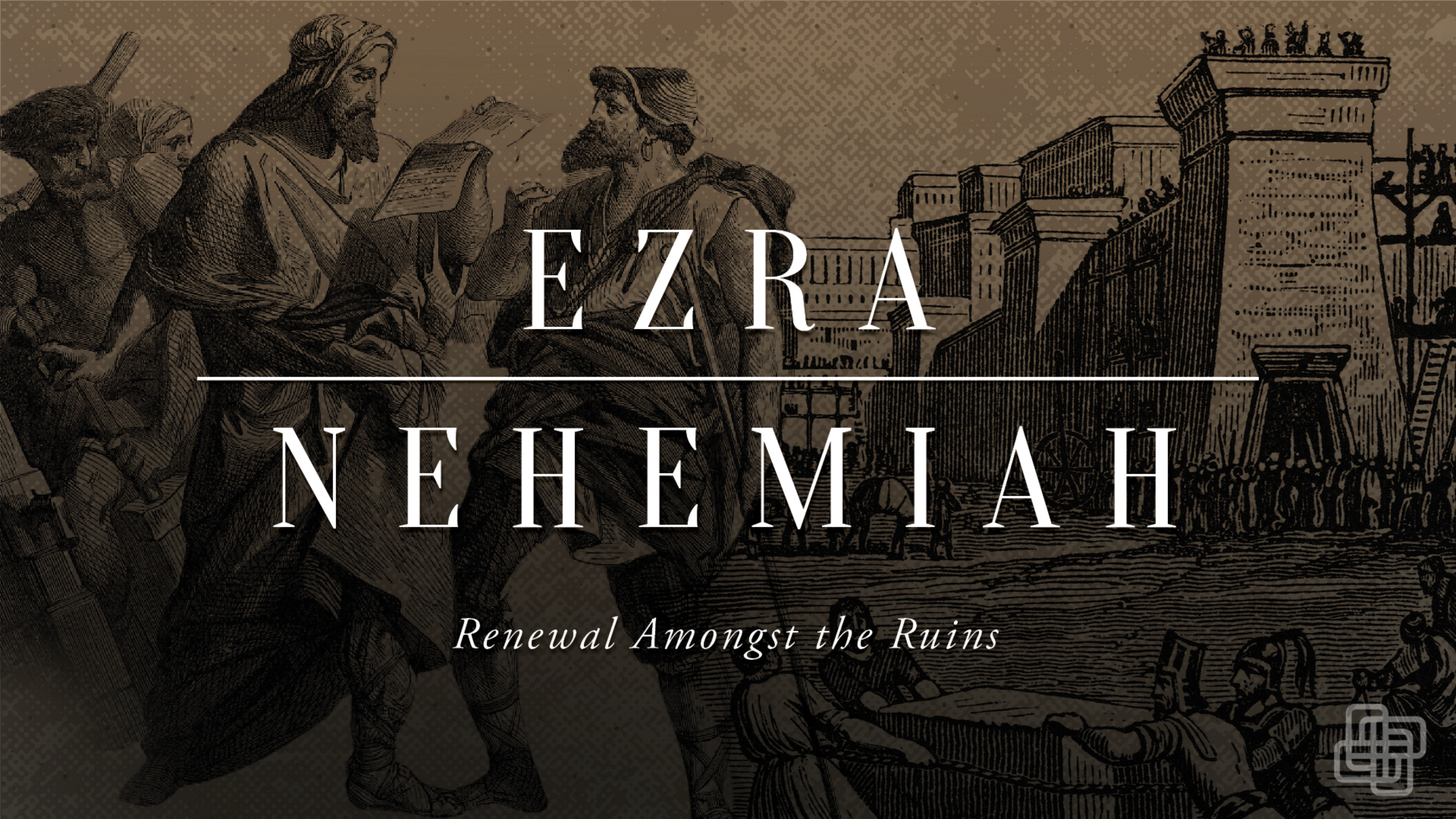
*If you live for an applause you'll be crushed by the criticism. However, if you live for "Well done my good and faithful servant" you'll press on even when the hill looks too hard to climb.*



**6 And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.**

**-Philippians 1:6**



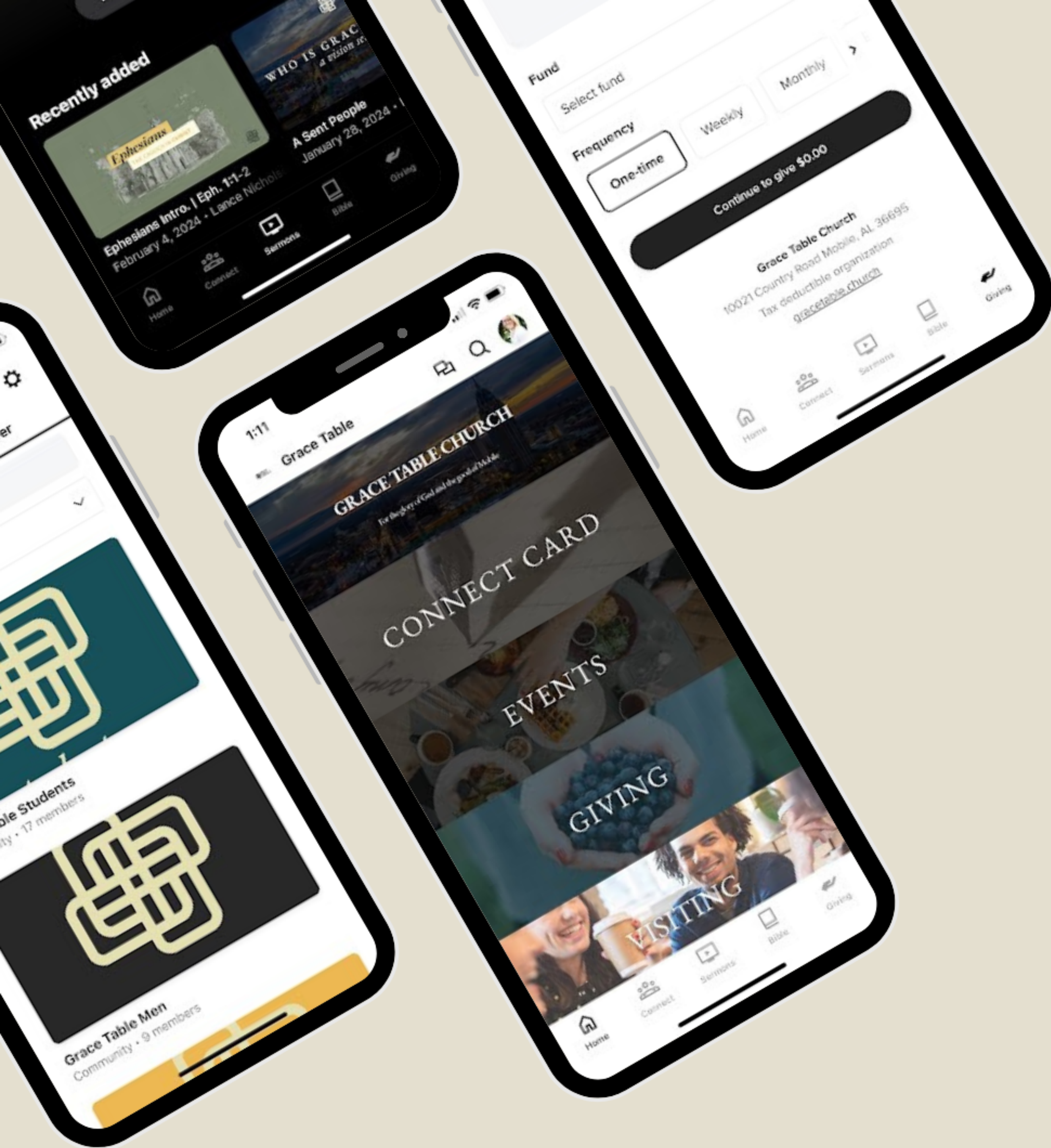


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*students*

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# ACTS



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# BENEDICTION

## **Leader:**

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”

-2 Corinthians 13:14

## **People:**

And also with you.

