

## Might as Well be Me

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"Please remember what you told your servant Moses: 'If you are unfaithful to me, I will scatter you among the nations. But if you return to me and obey my commands and live by them, then even if you are exiled to the ends of the earth, I will bring you back to the place I have chosen for my name to be honored."

"The people you rescued by your great power and strong hand are your servants. O Lord, please hear my prayer! Listen to the prayers of those of us who delight in honoring you. Please grant me success today by making the king favorable to me. Put it into his heart to be kind to me."

NEHEMIAH 1:8-10 (NLT)

1 God can do extraordinary things through someone who has a "might as well be me M E N T A L I T Y ."

What if you were one R I G H T
D E C I S I O N away from
R E B U I L D I N G the rubble in your life?

- 3 We often E L I M I N A T E ourselves because of our E X C U S E S.
- 4 When we embrace EXCUSES, we abandon POTENTIAL.

"Ninety-nine percent of the failures come from people who have the habit of making excuses."

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER

I replied, "There is no truth in any part of your story. You are making up the whole thing." They were just trying to intimidate us, imagining that they could discourage us and stop the work. So I continued the work with even greater determination.

NEHEMIAH 6:8-9 (NLT)

#### TWO OF THE GREATEST LIES:

You will never	-
You are not	

...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 1:6 (NIV)

5 You're waiting on the wrong person. God wants to use YOU.

### **NOTES**



### **SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS**

- 1 What stood out to you in this week's sermon and why?
- 2 Nehemiah was faced with opportunity and opposition. What opportunities has God placed in your path? What are the oppositions?
- What other bible characters do you think shared the same mentality as Nehemiah? What can we learn from their experience?
- 4 Oftentimes, our pain is one of the greatest places where we can discover our potential. Have you ever been through something painful and later discovered its potential? How did that work out for you?
- Nehemiah's background could have been both a pitfall and a launch pad, depending on how he approached the problem. He could have been held back by his inexperience, or he could have been too comfortable living in a palace. Which excuse do you find you lean toward when God calls you to something difficult "I am not enough" or "It's not my problem?"
- 6 How can we be praying for you this week?



# **Upcoming Events**

06.25 | Blood Drive at Rancho Classic Praise

07.02 | Backpack Drive Begins

07.10 | Venture at Lakeside Begins

07.23 | Summer Nights - Country Night

07.30 | Summer Nights - Thrive Worship & Baptisms