

Let Us Arise and Build

You have a life to build. You have a family to build. You have a business to build. You have a church to build.

LET US ARISE AND BUILD.

Nehemiah received a commission from God to rebuild the walls around Jerusalem. They were decayed and broken down leaving the people of God without defense, and leaving the people of God in despair.

Let's notice six principles Nehemiah practiced in building the walls. These six principles will also apply to building a life, building a family, building a business.

1. Nehemiah Fixed His Focus

The very first thing Nehemiah did was fixed his focus.

Nehemiah 2:12 (NLT)- "I slipped out during the night, taking only a few others with me. I had not told anyone about the plans God

had put in my heart for Jerusalem. We took no pack animals with us except the donkey I was riding.”

Nehemiah had a mandate from God! Nehemiah knew how to get alone with God! He fasted, he prayed, he wept and God told him what to do!

NEHEMIAH HAD DIRECTION THEREFORE HE HAD FOCUS.

Have you done that!

Are you wandering aimlessly like a ship without a rudder? Like a ship without a compass.

Are you putting yourself in neutral and just letting life push you around? Or do you have focus? Do you have a goal, do you have an aim.

GOD HAS A PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE!

God has something he wants you to do. You are special to God. God made you special just like he wants you. That's because God has a job for you.

The same God who created you, has a plan for you and he's equipped you for that plan.

It's time to get alone with God and discover the plan he has for you if you haven't already done that.

Philippians 2:13 (NLT)- "For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him."

Philippians 3:13 (NLT)- No dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, But I *focus on this one thing*: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead

FIX YOUR FOCUS

2. Nehemiah Found the Facts

Nehemiah not only Fixed his focus but he also Found the Facts.

Nehemiah. 2:13-15 (NLT)- "After dark I went out through the Valley Gate, past the Jackal's Well, and over to the Dung Gate to inspect the broken walls and burned gates. Then I went to the Fountain Gate and to the King's Pool, but my donkey couldn't get

through the rubble. So, though it was still dark, I went up the Kidron Valley instead, inspecting the wall before I turned back and entered again at the Valley Gate.”

What’s Nehemiah doing? He was out there gathering the facts. He wants to see what condition the walls are really in.

He’s not like an ostrich with his head in the sand. And once he saw the true condition of the walls then he’s ready to begin God’s work!

FRIENDS WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT WE’RE FACING IN THE WORLD TODAY AS WE BUILD OUR LIFE! WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT OUR KIDS AND GRANDKIDS ARE FACING IN THIS WORLD.

FIX YOUR FOCUS AND FIND THE FACTS

3. Nehemiah Formed a Fellowship

Nehemiah got some people to help him!

Nehemiah 2:17- NLT“ But now I said to them, “You know very well what trouble we are in. Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have

been destroyed by fire. Let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem and end this disgrace!”

TOGETHER WE BUILD

Nehemiah was not a one-man ministry. Nehemiah knew there’s strength in numbers. Strength in unity and he knew he could not possibly do it by himself.

Although God had called Nehemiah to lead he said, “Come, let us do it together!”

TOGETHER WE BUILD!

OH HOW POWERFUL WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER IN
UNITY!

Psalm 133:1-3 (NKJV)- “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is
For brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil
upon the head, Running down on the beard,

The beard of Aaron, Running down on the edge of his garments.
It is like the dew of Hermon, Descending upon the mountains of
Zion; For there the Lord commanded the blessing— Life
forevermore.”

Oh how we need to work together in Unity! There's a Biblical principal for people working together.

“One will put a thousand, two ten thousand to flight.”

Building a church! We need to build together!

Building a life! You can't do it by yourself. You need others!

Building a family! Father, Mother, children! You build together!

Building a Business! Involve those who work for you-do it together!

CONCLUSION: I believe it's time we get focused and we said, “Together We Build!”

Let's try it! Say it with me all together. **“TOGETHER WE BUILD!!”**

LET'S SAY IT AGAIN! “TOGETHER WE BUILD!”

Now doesn't that sound wonderful! It sounds much better than one person saying "Together We Build!"

1. Fix Your Focus
2. Find the Facts
3. Form a Fellowship

TOGETHER WE BUILD!