



Timeless Truths Teaching You to Stand Firm in Your Faith Nehemiah 2:11-20

Series Summary

The book of Nehemiah lays out the blueprint for every nation, every church, and every individual to learn how to rebuild the broken walls of life. Nehemiah led the nation back to Jerusalem to rebuild the ruined walls of the city. The people were weak and without protection as long as the wall laid in ruins which is also true with your life and mine. The trials and difficulties of Life tend to knock down the walls of our faithfulness, strength, courage, and perseverance, leaving us vulnerable and fearful. God reminds us in this amazing book that it is possible to rebuild those broken walls. We find His plan for rebuilding life on the right foundation in the Book of Nehemiah.

Main Text

Nehemiah 2:11-20 (ESV) – ¹¹ So I went to Jerusalem and was there three days. ¹² Then I arose in the night, I and a few men with me. And I told no one what my God had put into my heart to do for Jerusalem. There was no animal with me but the one on which I rode. ¹³ I went out by night by the Valley Gate to the Dragon Spring and to the Dung Gate, and I inspected the walls of Jerusalem that were broken down and its gates that had been destroyed by fire. ¹⁴ Then I went on to the Fountain Gate and to the King's Pool, but there was no room for the animal that was under me to pass. ¹⁵ Then I went up in the night by the valley and inspected the wall, and I turned back and entered by the Valley Gate, and so returned. ¹⁶ And the officials did not know where I had gone or what I was doing, and I had not yet told the Jews, the priests, the nobles, the officials, and the rest who were to do the work. ¹⁷ Then I said to them, "You see the trouble we are in, how Jerusalem lies in ruins with its gates burned. Come, let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer suffer derision." ¹⁸ And I told them of the hand of my God that had been upon me for good, and also of the words that the king had spoken to me. And they said, "Let us rise up and build." So they strengthened their hands for the good work. ¹⁹ But when Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite servant and Geshem the Arab heard of it, they jeered at us and despised us and said, "What is this thing that you are doing? Are you rebelling against the king?" ²⁰ Then I replied to them, "The God of heaven will make us prosper, and we his servants will arise and build, but you have no portion or right or claim in Jerusalem."

**Big Idea – Commitment to the Lord and His Ways
Transforms His Promise into Your Reality**

Four Timeless Truths to Apply in Life

Truth #1 – The Starting Point: Cultivate a Heart of Faithfulness in the Midst of Solitude

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Truth #2 – The Law of Authentic Assessment – Carefully Examine the State of Your Walls

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Truth #3 – The Law of Motivation – Right Motivation Results in Right Action

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Truth #4 – The Law of Discernment – Never Stop Listening to the Whisper of God in the Midst of the Noise of the Crowd

Nehemiah 2:19-20 (ESV) – ¹⁹ But when Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite servant and Geshem the Arab heard of it, they jeered at us and despised us and said, “What is this thing that you are doing? Are you rebelling against the king?” ²⁰ Then I replied to them, “The God of heaven will make us prosper, and we his servants will arise and build, but you have no portion or right or claim in Jerusalem.”

Memory Verse

1 Corinthians 16:13 (ESV) – Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.

Challenge:

You are called to consistently apply the divine principles and truths found in the Word of God. Take the next step in your study by (1) Discussing and applying the sermon with your small group or (2) Participating in a Sunday School class.