

WHEN REBUILDING SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE

NEHEMIAH 2

When rebuilding seems overwhelming or even impossible ...

I. Pray and _____ for God to open a door of opportunity. (vv. 1-8)

Then the king said to me, "What are you requesting?" So I prayed to the God of heaven. And I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' graves, that I may rebuild it." ... And the king granted me what I asked, for the good hand of my God was upon me. vv. 4-5, 8b

WAIT FOR GOD'S _____ so you can move forward with God's authority.

II. Assess the _____ to prioritize what needs your immediate attention. (vv. 9-16)

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. ... and I inspected the walls of Jerusalem that were broken down and its gates that had been destroyed by fire. vv. 12, 13b

DON'T GET _____ by those who might derail the work you must do.

III. Gather _____ from others who want to see God glorified. (vv. 17-20)

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." v. 17

_____ FOR HELP from those who believe in God and what He can do.

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HOME GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What “rebuilding” have you been praying about these first three weeks of the sermon series? Where has a gate burned down or a wall fallen into disrepair in your life?

2. Read Nehemiah 2. The Hebrew word here for *inspected* (v. 13) suggests the way a doctor probes an open wound to assess the damage. Why was it so important that Nehemiah inspect the wall before proceeding, painful as it was? How has inspecting your own vulnerabilities been painful but necessary?

3. Someone defined leadership as *the art of getting people to do what they ought to do because they want to do it*. In what ways did Nehemiah’s leadership fit that description?

4. Sometimes we should negotiate, but other times we must draw a firm boundary and defend it. How did Nehemiah deal with distractions from the opposition? Why did he emphasize the particular points he did in his response to them (vv. 19-20)?

5. Read Exodus 14:13, Ruth 3:18 and Psalm 46:10. How do we exercise our faith by waiting? How do these Scriptures encourage you as you wait on the Lord? Are there others that also encourage you?

6. How can following Nehemiah’s examples here help you to be ready for God’s movement as you rebuild? Who else has He placed in your life to assist you?

“Three statements in Scripture have a calming effect on me whenever I get nervous and want to rush ahead of the Lord: ‘Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord’ (Ex 14:13); ‘Sit still ... until you know how the matter will turn out’ (Ruth 3:18 NKJV); ‘Be still, and know that I am God’ (Ps 46:10). When you wait on the Lord in prayer, you are not wasting your time; you are investing it. God is preparing both you and your circumstances so that His purposes will be accomplished. However, when the right time arrives for us to act by faith, we dare not delay.”

WARREN WIERSBE

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here’s a glimpse at what you need to know for this week. Like to plan ahead a little more? Pick up a copy of *The Source* at a stand around campus or near the exits, or visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events. They’re your source for everything going on at Christ Chapel.

TEXT “CCBCONNECT” TO 94090 FOR NEXT STEPS. If you’ve been worshipping with us for a while, we want to help you take the next step of learning more about Christ Chapel and connecting in a smaller community. Text “CCBCConnect” to 94090 and we’ll send you ways to start this week.

MUSIKGARTEN CLASSES ARE BACK THIS WEEK! Music is a proven way for young children to grow physically, emotionally and socially. That’s why we’re offering Musikgarten classes online for ages 0 to 5 this spring semester. Your little ones will have fun making sounds, singing along and playing instruments with new friends, plus the class is a way for parents to connect as well. See the class schedule and register today at www.ccbcfamily.org/musikgarten. (And if you have a friend whose family might also enjoy Musikgarten, tell them about it!)

NEW CONNECTING POINT CLASSES START NEXT SUNDAY, FEB. 7. If you’re new-ish to Christ Chapel, Connecting Point is the perfect place to learn more about us and how we’re here to help you grow in your faith. Plus, you’ll get to know other people new to CCBC as well. February classes are happening in person and online. Sign up for one today at www.ccbcfamily.org/cp.

REGISTER FOR GRIEFSHARE. If you have lost a loved one, we are so sorry. GriefShare is a 10-week gathering where you can process your thoughts and feelings, and gain hope along with practical help for honoring and remembering your loved one as you start to move forward. The group will meet online on Thursdays, beginning Feb. 11, at 6 p.m. Visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events to learn more and register today.

SAVE FRIDAY, FEB. 12 FOR YOUR NEXT CCBC DATE NIGHT. We’re putting together something extra special for the February Date Night experience! All the details will be released on Wednesday, Feb. 10 at www.ccbcfamily.org/events so that you and your love can plan ahead. Go and circle your date night on the calendar now, and check back soon for details.

SINGLE MOMS, RSVP FOR THE FEBRUARY OASIS GATHERING. Oasis is a small, monthly hangout created for single moms to relax and have some fun in an encouraging, supportive community. To learn more about their February get-together, scheduled for Friday, Feb. 12, email Kristin at KristinH@christchapelbc.org.

READY TO BE BAPTIZED? If you’ve made the decision to accept Jesus as your Savior, baptism is an important next step. We’re getting ready for a February baptism celebration and we’d love to include you in it. Email Hannah at HannahS@christchapelbc.org to learn more and sign up this week.

IF YOU’D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE. The process is quick and easy—just text “CCBCFW” to 77977 to get started.

