

# Let Us Rise Up and Build<sup>1</sup>

Nehemiah 2:11-3:32

## **INTRODUCTION:**

1. Having returned to Jerusalem from Babylon and having seen the disgrace, Nehemiah said, "Let us rise up and build" (2:17, 18).
2. Nehemiah 2:11-3:32 records six principles which must be present in building anything.

## **DISCUSSION: Six building principles of Nehemiah include...**

### **I. Find the facts.**

- A. God's man went in search of how bad the walls actually were (2:11).
- B. To do anything worthwhile, you must first know the facts.

### **II. Fix your focus.**

- A. After finding the facts, Nehemiah decided what needed to be done, and he resolved to do it (2:5).
- B. He saw the rebuilding of the walls as God's will and determined that he could do it.
- C. You cannot reach a destination for which you do not aim.
- D. Nehemiah fixed his focus on rebuilding.

### **III. Form a fellowship.**

- A. Realizing he could not do the job by himself, Nehemiah got the people together and exhorted them (2:17).
- B. Strength lies in unity (cf. Acts 2:44; Eph. 4:3).
- C. If we are going to be God's people, we have to maintain fellowship with God (1 John 1:7).
- D. We must be workers together with God (1 Cor. 3:9).

### **IV. Fortify your faith.**

- A. The people were discouraged and needed to be strengthened.
- B. Nehemiah fortified their faith by telling them of the providence of God (2:18).
- C. We also need to hear that God is good, and He wants us to prosper (cf. Psa. 126:3).
- D. Nehemiah said, "The hand of God is upon us for good" (cf. 2:18).

### **V. Face your foes.**

- A. Nehemiah faced his detractors with courage and the power of God behind him (2:19, 20).
- B. Opposition will come.
- C. We must deal every day with an accuser, a deceiver, a liar, and a murderer.

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- D. For every room of opportunity, there is a door of opposition (cf. 1 Cor. 16:9).
- E. If we do nothing, the devil will win.

**VI. Fulfill your function.**

- A. Notice the pattern (ch. 3).
  - 1. Each section of the wall had a leader.
  - 2. The work was well organized by Nehemiah.
- B. Notice the people (3:2, 5).
  - 1. They were goldsmiths, priests, Levites, carpenters, laborers, and farmers.
  - 2. They did their part.
  - 3. Some thought themselves too good to work and did not fulfill their function (3:5).
- C. Notice the place (ch. 3).
  - 1. The people started where they were.
  - 2. We, too, can work for God starting where we are.

**CONCLUSION:**

- 1. Let us do a mighty work for God.
- 2. Rise up and build a life, the church, a business, a family.