

REBUILD – Putting the Pieces Back Together – Nehemiah

Pt 1 – What Breaks Your Heart (Neh. 1–2:8)

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Scripture Reading: Nehemiah 1–2:8

Big Idea: *Very often, a sense of calling comes when people begin to pay attention to what moves their heart. You have not been called to change the world, but you have been called to change "something."*

Know: Your ***problem*** is God's opportunity to work through you.

Do: Pray over the great concern in your heart. Identify your "God-sized" problem and what your "broken-walls" might be.

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HomeGroup and Personal Study Questions

- Can you identify any reasonable sequence of events that help us recognize what was “breaking” Nehemiah’s heart? Can you name them?
- Do you think Nehemiah’s brokenness was all born of the experience of Nehemiah or was any part God’s doing? How would you know what was “Nehemiah” and what part was God?
- Have you ever experienced any degree of brokenness that you were sure was an orchestration of God? Would you be willing to share with others or journal some of that experience? What was the result of this experience?
- Do you think Nehemiah’s burden for Jerusalem was solely about rebuilding the wall around the city? What do you think God was doing? Why do you think God was doing it?
- While Nehemiah’s experience, call, and response might be different from your own, is there anything that you can take from (consider only verses 1:1–2:8) these passages that might help you understand your own experiences, calling, and response? Please explain your answers.
- Take a few minutes after the close of these questions to reread the above passages slowly. Before reading, ask God to examine your own heart and reveal to you, where in your life you might be experiencing burden and broken heart. As God brings to your memory (and speaks) to your spirit, ask God why you are broken-hearted and how you should respond. You may want to discuss this prayer and the results with a trusted spiritual mentor-friend.
- Read the following verses from Nehemiah in preparation for the next week:
Nehemiah 2:10–4:15; 5:13.