

**REBUILD** – Putting the Pieces Back Together – Nehemiah  
**Pt 2 – Throw in the Towel or Throw in the Trowel** (Neh. 2:10—4:15; 5:13)  
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**Scripture:** Neh. 2:10—4:15; 5:13

**Big Idea:** You quit doing a work for God when it's finished, not when it's hard, or when it's painful, or costly, or when somebody resists.

**Know:** As a follower of Jesus I am to be like him. Jesus did not quit until his task was "finished." What God has called me to do, I will finish.

**Do:** Identify what is causing me discouragement, or where I am tempted to quit, and ask for the will and strength to persist and not quit.

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**NOTES**

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**HomeGroup and Personal Study Questions**

- Nehemiah had a grand vision and calling for the wall of Jerusalem, almost all consuming. Can you relate to having a longing or desire for anything that seemed all consuming for you? How did you respond to it?
- Have you ever started a project you were extremely passionate for, but somewhere along the way, before you completed it, you encountered major challenges or opposition? Share about the project, and specifically, how you dealt with the challenge.
- Have you ever quit a project? What were the reasons for your quitting? Did you experience any lasting consequences from your decision to quit?
- Reviewing the above questions and reflection, can you see or recognize the hand of God in the sequence of events illustrated in bullet points one through three? How would you describe God's active part in the process of those events?
- What have you learned about the character of God and the person of Jesus through your seasons of challenge, adversity, and opportunity?
- What have you learned about the character of God in any of the seasons above that may have led to your quitting or giving up? What do you think about how God looks at "quitters?"
- Has our exploration of Nehemiah revealed anything new to you about the character of God? ...anything new revealed about you? If yes, what is being revealed to you?
- Read for next week: Nehemiah 5:1-13