

Virtue

Determination—deciding
it's worth it to finish what
you've started.

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No excuses . . .

*Keep doing what you should do
because God says you can.*

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“Nehemiah is perhaps the
classic of the whole Bible on the
subject of personal service to
God.” —Alan Redpath

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News Alert = Nehemiah 1:1-3

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586 B.C.
Babylonians destroy
Jerusalem—Jews
are taken captive and
transported to Babylon.

530 B.C.
Persians rose to
supremacy—King of
Persia encouraged a
group of Jews to go
back to Jerusalem.
(A “remnant” returned
and started rebuilding
the temple.)

Nehemiah's Wall
from 445 B.C.

Remains of Retaining
Wall from 1200 B.C.

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458 B.C.
Ezra led in the
rebuilding project
of the temple,
but the city
remained in ruins.

445 B.C.
Nehemiah heard and
responded to God's
call to go and restore
Jerusalem.

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¹The words of Nehemiah the son of Hacaliah. Now it happened in the month of Chislev, in the twentieth year, as I was in Susa the capital, ²that Hanani, one of my brothers, came with certain men from Judah. And I asked them concerning the Jews who escaped, who had survived the exile, and concerning Jerusalem.

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³And they said to me, "The remnant there in the province who had survived the exile is in great trouble and shame. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates are destroyed by fire."

⁴As soon as I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days, and I continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven.

— Nehemiah 1:1-4 ESV

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God does business with those who mean business with Him.

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"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not!" — Matthew 23:37 ESV

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 Brokenness is Real, But We Can't Excuse It.

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...you shall call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise. — Isaiah 60:18 ESV

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Responsibility is Hard, But
We Can't Refuse It.

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The #1 enemy of progress and
impact in life is complacency.

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"All that is necessary for the triumph
of evil is for good men to do nothing."
—Edmund Burke

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¹¹Besides this you know the time,
that the hour has come for you to
wake from sleep. For salvation is
nearer to us now than when we first
believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the
day is at hand. So then let us cast
off the works of darkness and put
on the armor of light.

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¹³Let us walk properly as in the
daytime, not in orgies and drunken-
ness, not in sexual immorality and
sensuality, not in quarreling and
jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord
Jesus Christ, and make no
provision for the flesh, to gratify its
desires. —Romans 13:11-14 ESV

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God's Sovereignty Gives Us
Hope; Let's Transfuse It.

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