

**“The book of Nehemiah is designed to teach us that only with God’s help can we actually change ourselves and recover from the damage and ruin of the past. In an individual’s life, the rebuilding of the walls is a picture of re-establishing the strength of that life.”**

**—Ray Stedman**

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**<sup>15</sup>So the wall was finished on the twenty-fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty-two days. <sup>16</sup>And when all our enemies heard of it, all the nations around us were afraid and fell greatly in their own esteem, for they perceived that this work had been accomplished with the help of our God. —Nehemiah 6:15-16 ESV**

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**Nehemiah was a  
F-A-T Man: Faithful  
Available  
Teachable**

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## **Character**

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**<sup>14</sup>Moreover, from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year to the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes the king, twelve years, neither I nor my brothers ate the food allowance of the governor. <sup>15</sup>The former governors who were before me laid heavy burdens on the people and took from them for their daily ration forty shekels of silver.**

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**Even their servants lorded it over the people. But I did not do so, because of the fear of God. <sup>16</sup>I also persevered in the work on this wall, and we acquired no land, and all my servants were gathered there for the work. <sup>17</sup>Moreover, there were at my table 150 men, Jews and officials, besides those who came to us from the nations that were around us.**

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<sup>18</sup>Now what was prepared at my expense for each day was one ox and six choice sheep and birds, and every ten days all kinds of wine in abundance. Yet for all this I did not demand the food allowance of the governor, because the service was too heavy on this people. <sup>19</sup>Remember for my good, O my God, all that I have done for this people. —Nehemiah 5:14-19 ESV

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<sup>3</sup>Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped...

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<sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

—Philippians 2:3-8 ESV

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For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do. —Hebrews 6:10 ESV

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**Compromise**

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**Temptation of Seduction**

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## Compromise

### Threat of Slander

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In the same way Sanballat for the fifth time sent his servant to me with an open letter in his hand. —Nehemiah 6:5 ESV

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### How do you handle rumors?

1. Who told you?
2. Can I quote you?
3. Will you go with me to the subject?

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## Compromise

### Terror of Suffering

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<sup>10</sup>Now when I went into the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah, son of Mehetabel, who was confined to his home, he said, "Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple. Let us close the doors of the temple, for they are coming to kill you. They are coming to kill you by night."

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<sup>11</sup>But I said, "Should such a man as I run away? And what man such as I could go into the temple and live? I will not go in." <sup>12</sup>And I understood and saw that God had not sent him, but he had pronounced the prophecy against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him.

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<sup>13</sup>For this purpose he was hired,  
that I should be afraid and act in this  
way and sin, and so they could give me  
a bad name in order to taunt me.

<sup>14</sup>Remember Tobiah and Sanballat,  
O my God, according to these things  
that they did, and also the prophetess  
Noadiah and the rest of the prophets  
who wanted to make me afraid.

—Nehemiah 6:10-14 ESV

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“Should such a man as I run away?”

—Nehemiah 6:11 ESV

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“And though this world, with devils filled,  
should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph through us:  
The Prince of Darkness grim,  
we tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure,  
for lo, his doom is sure,  
One little word shall fell him.”

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“Let goods and kindred go,  
this mortal life also;  
The body they may kill:  
God’s truth abideth still,  
His kingdom is forever.”

—Martin Luther  
*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

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Commitment

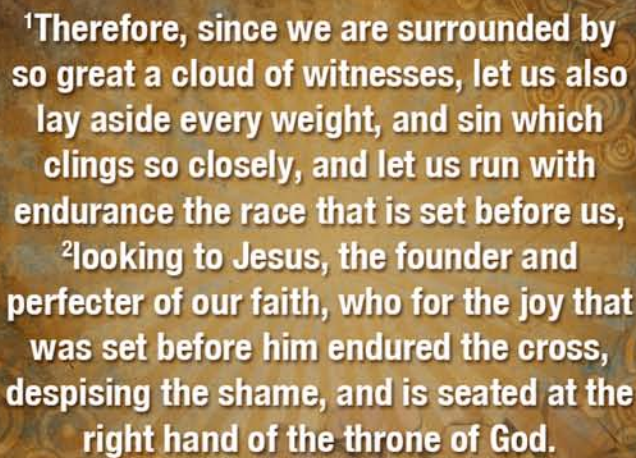
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“We live in a day where we find a lot of  
fleeing people who simply run out on  
life and on their opportunities. There are  
many people who take side streets that  
lead to the sidelines. Escapism takes all  
kinds of forms... They just leave.”

—O.S. Hawkins

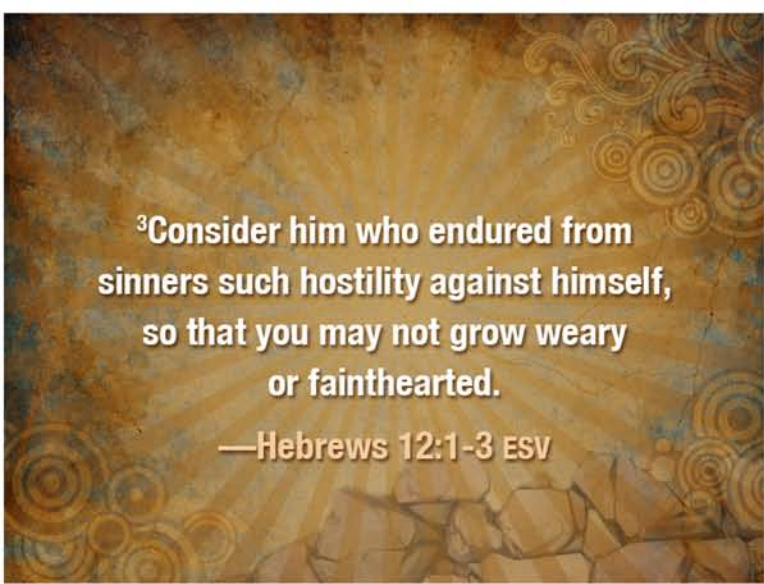
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<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by  
so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also  
lay aside every weight, and sin which  
clings so closely, and let us run with  
endurance the race that is set before us,  
<sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus, the founder and  
perfector of our faith, who for the joy that  
was set before him endured the cross,  
despising the shame, and is seated at the  
right hand of the throne of God.

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<sup>3</sup>Consider him who endured from  
sinners such hostility against himself,  
so that you may not grow weary  
or fainthearted.

—Hebrews 12:1-3 ESV

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