

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT *(continued)*

4. "God is always working, and our job is cooperating." What would it look like for you cooperate with what God is doing in your life currently? What specific step could you take this week to partner with God's work in your life?

5. What encouragement do you receive as you read these verses?

**Hebrews 12:1-2**

**Ephesians 4:22**

6. Nehemiah's response to the invitation he received was, "I am doing a great work, and I cannot come down!" In what ways are you making the most important parts of your life and walk with God a priority?

7. Read this verse:

*For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.*  
**Philippians 2:13**

As we cooperate with what God is doing, we need the power to do it. As you pray this week, in what ways can you ask God to empower you to do your part?

## MESSAGE NOTES

### Summer Soundtrack // Week 8

**Summer Reset:**

**Path, not \_\_\_\_\_ determines \_\_\_\_\_.**

*The words of Nehemiah son of Hakaliah; In the month of Kislev in the twentieth year, while I was in the citadel of Susa, Hanani, one of my brothers, came from Judah with some other men, and I questioned them about the Jewish remnant that had survived the exile, and also about Jerusalem. They said to me, "Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire." When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven. **Nehemiah 1:1-4***

**You may not be where you expected to be... but you can still get where**

\_\_\_\_\_.

*Where there is no vision, the people perish. **Proverbs 29:18***

*Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! **2 Corinthians 5:17***

*I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection! But I keep working toward that day when I will finally be all that Christ Jesus saved me for and wants me to be. No, dear brothers and sisters, I am still not all I should be, but I am focusing all my energies on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us up. **Philippians 3:12-14***

**Rebuilding my life is...**

**1. A \_\_\_\_\_, not a \_\_\_\_\_.**

**VERSE TO REMEMBER:**

*I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. **Philippians 1:6***



## MESSAGE NOTES *(continued)*

### 2. All about \_\_\_\_\_.

*God's will was for us to be made holy...* **Hebrews 10:10**

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.* **Hebrews 12:1-2**

*Throw off your old nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception.* **Ephesians 4:22**

### 3. A \_\_\_\_\_.

*I am engaged in a great work, so I can't come. Why should I stop working to come and meet with you?* **Nehemiah 6:3**

#### RECOMMENDED READING:

"Hearing God" by Dallas Willard

"The Principle of the Path" by Andy Stanley

"Visioneering" by Andy Stanley

**"Be doers of the word and not hearers only..." James 1:22**



## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Our groups are taking a break for the summer. Use these questions for personal study and reflection during the summer season, and our groups will launch again in the fall!

### INTRODUCTION

This week, our long time friend and supporter of Westbridge, Mike Meeks, shared with us about how to rebuild our lives! Take a few minutes this week to reflect on these questions from Sunday's talk:

1. Mike said, "You may not be where you expected to be, but you can still get where God wants you to go."

What particular area of your life are you not where you expected to be? Where do you believe God wants you to go?

2. "The ability to trust God is developed in zigzags, not straight lines." What "zigzags" were you not anticipating? In what ways has God come through for you?

3. Re-read this verse from Sunday:

*I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.* **Philippians 1:6**

What encouragement do you receive from these words?