

REBUILD

A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH

WHAT IT TAKES TO REBUILD

Part 2

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When you live by _____ it doesn't mean you _____

You will never have _____ when you live by your own _____ and _____

Then I said to them, "You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace." I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the king had said to me. They replied, "Let us start rebuilding." So they began this good work. Nehemiah 2:17-18

3. Expect _____

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4. Use the _____

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So the wall was completed in fifty-two days. Nehemiah 6:15

You're not there to _____
you're there to _____

If you _____ your _____
will find a way to your _____

The _____ of your team
will determine the _____ of your life.

"Go and celebrate with a feast of the best foods and drinks, and share gifts of food with everyone...For the joy of the LORD is your strength! Nehemiah 8:10

We still have a lot of _____ to do,
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