

Name two or three of  
the standard excuses  
you have heard (or given!)  
for not going to church





# “Bringing Your A-Game” #2

Bible Reading: Nehemiah 3  
(edited and name-modified) *TNIV*  
Sermon: Gary Olsen,  
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# NEHEMIAH 3

(EDITED AND NAME-MODIFIED) *TNIV*

3:1 Lee the high priest and  
his fellow priests

went to work and rebuilt the Sheep Gate...

<sup>3</sup> The Fish Gate was rebuilt by  
the sons of Hassen.

They laid its beams and put its doors and  
bolts and bars in place.

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<sup>5</sup> The next section was repaired by the men of Alcoa, but their nobles would not put their shoulders to the work under their supervisors.

<sup>6</sup> The Josh Gate was repaired by Joe Don ...

# NEHEMIAH 3

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<sup>7</sup> Next to them, repairs were made by...  
Mel of Gibson and Don of Meredith...  
under the authority of the governor  
of Trans-Euphrates.

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<sup>8</sup> Louie..., one of the goldsmiths,  
repaired the next section;  
and Hank, one of the perfume-makers,  
made repairs next to that.  
They restored Jerusalem  
as far as the Broad Wall.

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<sup>9</sup> Ralph son of Hur, ruler of a half-district of Jerusalem, repaired the next section.

<sup>10</sup> Adjoining this, Jed son of Harold made repairs opposite his house, and Hatton son of Nielson made repairs next to him.

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<sup>11</sup> Kai son of Harry, and Hub son of Moab repaired another section and the Tower of the Ovens.

<sup>12</sup> Stallings son of Hall, ruler of a half-district of Jerusalem, repaired the next section with the help of his daughters.



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<sup>15</sup> The Fountain Gate was repaired by Sal son of Kohl, ruler of the district of Mizpah. He rebuilt it, roofing it over and putting its doors and bolts and bars in place. He also repaired the wall of the Pool of Silo, by the King's Garden, as far as the steps going down from the City of David.

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<sup>20</sup> ... Barry son of Zabbinsky  
zealously repaired another section,  
from the angle to the entrance  
of the house of Eli the high priest.

<sup>22</sup> The repairs next to him were made by  
the priests from the surrounding region.

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<sup>23</sup> ... Benjamin and Hubble made repairs in front of their house; and next to them, Asa son of Mayfield, the son of Armani, made repairs beside his house.

<sup>28</sup> Above the Horse Gate, the priests made repairs, each in front of his own house.

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<sup>29</sup> Next to them, Zach son of Emerson made repairs opposite his house. Next to him, Sam son of Cannon, the guard at the East Gate, made repairs.

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<sup>30</sup> Next to him, Hank son of Shellsmith, and Hank, the sixth son of Zavala, repaired another section.

Next to them, Michael son of Barrick made repairs opposite his living quarters.



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<sup>5</sup> The next section was repaired by the men of Tekoa, but their nobles would not put their shoulders to the work under their supervisors.

“I don’t need some holier-than-thou stranger telling me what to do!”

## NEHEMIAH 3 *TNIV*

<sup>8</sup> Uzziel..., one of the goldsmiths, repaired the next section; and Hananiah, one of the perfume-makers, made repairs next to that. They restored Jerusalem as far as the Broad Wall.

“I’ve never been,  
and I don’t know any Bible,  
so I just won’t fit in”



## NEHEMIAH 3 *TNIV*

<sup>12</sup> Shallum son of Hallohesh, ruler of a half-district of Jerusalem, repaired the next section with the help of his daughters.

“It’s just not worth the hassle of getting the kids up and ready on time”

## NEHEMIAH 3 *TNIV*

<sup>23</sup> ... Benjamin and Hasshub  
made repairs in front of their house;  
and next to them, Azariah ...  
made repairs beside his house.

## NEHEMIAH 3 *TNIV*

<sup>20</sup> ... Baruch son of Zabbai zealously repaired another section, from the angle to the entrance of the house of Eliashib the high priest.


<sup>22</sup> The repairs next to him were made by the priests from the surrounding region.

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for saving and building people  
who will, in turn, help God  
save and build more people.



## **MATTHEW 28 *ESV***

<sup>19</sup> Go therefore and  
make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name  
of the Father and  
of the Son and  
of the Holy Spirit,  
<sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all  
that I have commanded you.





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*Author of If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat*

# JOHN ORTBERG

WITH STEPHEN AND AMANDA SORENSON

WHEN THE GAME IS OVER

IT ALL GOES

BACK IN THE



SIX SESSIONS ON LIVING LIFE  
IN LIGHT OF ETERNITY





“The inner game is  
the most important game  
to win...”


-- John Ortberg

*When the Game Is Over,  
It All Goes Back in the Box*

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## NEHEMIAH'S RULE OF GOD'S GAME OF LIFE:

Spend as much effort on the inner game  
-- or more --  
as you do on the outer game.




“How do you take care  
of your inner self?”

-- John Ortberg

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## **COLOSSIANS 3 *ESV***

<sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom,



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<sup>16</sup> ... singing psalms and hymns  
and spiritual songs, with thankfulness  
in your hearts to God.

## **COLOSSIANS 3 *ESV***

<sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

# A-GAME, INNER GAME BUILDING MATERIALS:

Colossians 3 *ESV*

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ACTION STEP #1 =

Digest the Playbook

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ACTION STEP #2 =

Participate in Team Meetings



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<sup>16</sup> ... singing psalms and hymns  
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in your hearts to God.

ACTION STEP #3 =  
Join in the Cheers

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Colossians 3 *ESV*

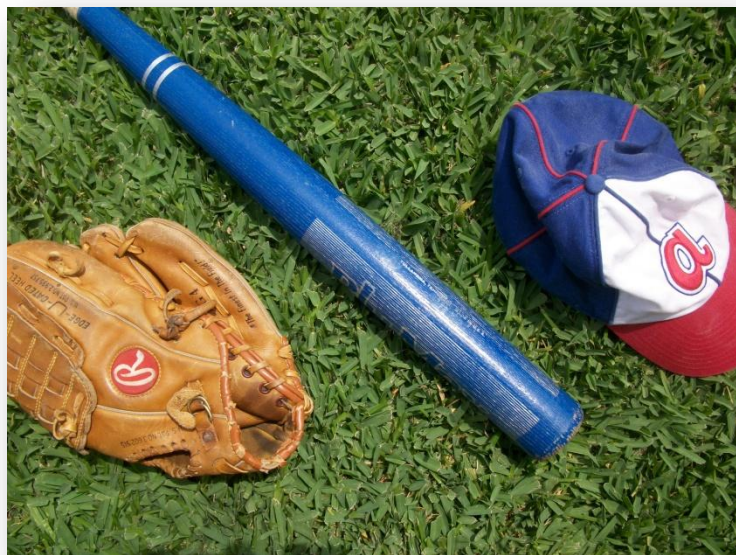
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ACTION STEP #4 =

Follow the Leader

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