

Revive Devotional – Week of May 2

Rebuilding

Subtitle: **Rebuilding and Recognizing Each Other**

Hi Revive Family,

One of the first things that Nehemiah does is recognize what God has put on his heart, then takes action. Then he examines the damage before gathering people and getting to work. Before we can rebuild, we must take time to survey and understand the areas that are broken and are in need of repair. Once we understand the needs, we then can identify and recognize the people and resources we need to properly address the situation.

Reflection of the Word:

- Read the following passage and highlight things that stick out to you. Then read Nehemiah 3 and appreciate how Nehemiah gives credit to the village of people it took to rebuild the wall. This shows how we need the body of Christ and everyone's specific skill sets to accomplish the task of rebuilding.

Nehemiah 2:11-20

11I went to Jerusalem, and after staying there three days 12I set out during the night with a few others. I had not told anyone what my God had put in my heart to do for Jerusalem. There were no mounts with me except the one I was riding on. 13By night I went out through the Valley Gate toward the Jackal Well and the Dung Gate, examining the walls of Jerusalem, which had been broken down, and its gates, which had been destroyed by fire. 14Then I moved on toward the Fountain Gate and the King's Pool, but there was not enough room for my mount to get through; 15so I went up the valley by night, examining the wall. Finally, I turned back and reentered through the Valley Gate. 16The officials did not know where I had gone or what I was doing, because as yet I had said nothing to the Jews or the priests or nobles or officials or any others who would be doing the work. 17Then 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." 18I 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. 19But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official and Geshem the Arab heard about it, they mocked and ridiculed us. "What is this you are doing?" they asked. "Are you rebelling against the king?" 20I answered them by saying, "The God of heaven will give us success. We his servants will start rebuilding, but as for you, you have no share in Jerusalem or any claim or historic right to it."

Also, here is the schedule for the next few months of Revive, and what chapters in Nehemiah we will be covering for each week:

- Week of May 3rd: Nehemiah 2:11-20, 3
- Week of May 24th: Nehemiah 4, 5, 6
- Week of June 7th: Nehemiah 7, 8, 9, 10
- Week of June 21st: Nehemiah 11, 12, 13

Nehemiah 2:11-20 and Nehemiah 3

Reading Notes & Observations:

Questions:

Key Verses or Phrases:

Application:

- What is something that you need or want to rebuild or fix? Try and get divine inspiration and sit with it for a bit, much like Nehemiah did. (Maybe it's a space in your house, a relationship, your health, etc.?)
- When you symbolically or physically rebuild something, you need to survey the lay of the land and be real with yourself with the damage control you will need to do. What is your plan of action for your answer to #1?
- In Nehemiah 3, there is mention of many names and families who helped with the rebuilding process. Each had a specific gift and talent to bring to the table. Who can you invite into your rebuilding process for help, encouragement or accountability for your answer to #1 and #2?
- Lastly, pray over these plans and ask God to give you the strength, plan, and people needed to walk alongside of you.