



Nehemiah: Answering the Call of God!!!

BUILDING BLOCK # 2 = “Preparing”

TEXT: Nehemiah 2

Introduction: Nehemiah is one of the most amazing characters of the Old Testament. He accepted the task of building the wall around Jerusalem (Jeremiah 5:1, Ezekiel 22:30). Through the next few weeks we are going to take a journey through the book that bears his name. On this journey we will learn the building blocks that are necessary for spiritual growth. The second building block deals with planning...

Discussion:

- I. Petitioning the Ruler
 Nehemiah 1:4-11, Nehemiah 2:1-3

- II. Probing the Ruins
 Nehemiah 2:10, Nehemiah 2:12, 16

- III. Persuading The Residents
 Nehemiah 2:17, Nehemiah 1:3, Nehemiah 2:18, 20

Conclusion: Had Nehemiah not made the necessary preparation, the work would have stopped shortly after it started. Had he not probed the ruins of Jerusalem and persuaded the people to help him with this task his work would have still been more difficult and, maybe even, unsuccessful. If one, any, or all of these things were not done exactly the way Nehemiah did them Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem would have really had something at which to laugh (Luke 14:28-30). This chapter really sets the tone for the rest of the book because Nehemiah will not change or alter his method or work ethic: pray to God, consult with the leaders, evaluate the work, and involve the people. This proves to be successful for him and, likewise, it can be successful today in the church.

WORD OF THE DAY = “Prepare”