



Rebuilding

LESSONS FROM NEHEMIAH

It Always Ends with **Perseverance**

Nehemiah 4



THIS SERIES

What does it look like for us **to
rebuild something** from a place of
suffering?

Nehemiah 4:1-3

¹ When Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, he became angry and was greatly incensed. He ridiculed the Jews, ² and in the presence of his associates and the army of Samaria, he said, “What are those feeble Jews doing? **Will they restore their wall? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they finish in a day?** Can they bring the stones back to life from those heaps of rubble—burned as they are?”

³ Tobiah the Ammonite, who was at his side, said, “What they are building—**even a fox climbing up on it would break down their wall of stones!**”





When we **REBUILD**: We must **assume**
there will be **resistance**.

Nehemiah 4:4-6

⁴ **Hear us, our God**, for we are despised. Turn their insults back on their own heads. Give them over as plunder in a land of captivity. ⁵ Do not cover up their guilt or blot out their sins from your sight, for they have thrown insults in the face of the builders.

⁶ So we rebuilt the wall till all of it reached half its height, for **the people worked with all their heart**.



Nehemiah 4:7-8

⁷ But when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites and the people of Ashdod heard that the repairs to Jerusalem's walls had gone ahead and that the gaps were being closed, they were very angry. ⁸ They all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and **stir up trouble against it**.



Nehemiah 4:9

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⁹ But we **prayed to our God** and **posted a guard** day and night to meet this threat.





We see in Nehemiah's response to resistance a balance of **trust** and **responsibility**.

I have been
ENTRUSTED



Covenant

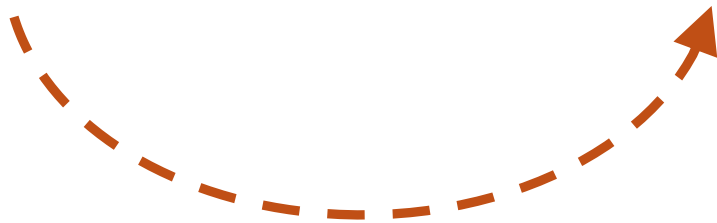
Kingdom

Relationship

Responsibility

Identity

Impact



I choose to
TRUST

Nehemiah 4:10-12

¹⁰ Meanwhile, the **people in Judah said**, “The strength of the laborers is giving out, and there is so much rubble that we cannot rebuild the wall.”

¹¹ Also **our enemies said**, “Before they know it or see us, we will be right there among them and will kill them and put an end to the work.”

¹² Then **the Jews who lived near them came and told us ten times over**, “Wherever you turn, they will attack us.”





Matthew 16:21-23

²¹ Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many thing ...and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!”

²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, **Satan**! You are a stumbling block to me.

Nehemiah 4:13-14

¹³ Therefore I stationed some of the people behind the **lowest points of the wall at the exposed places**, posting them by families, with their swords, spears and bows. ¹⁴ After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, “Don’t be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes.”





We must resource the **lowest points of the wall**,
the **exposed places**.



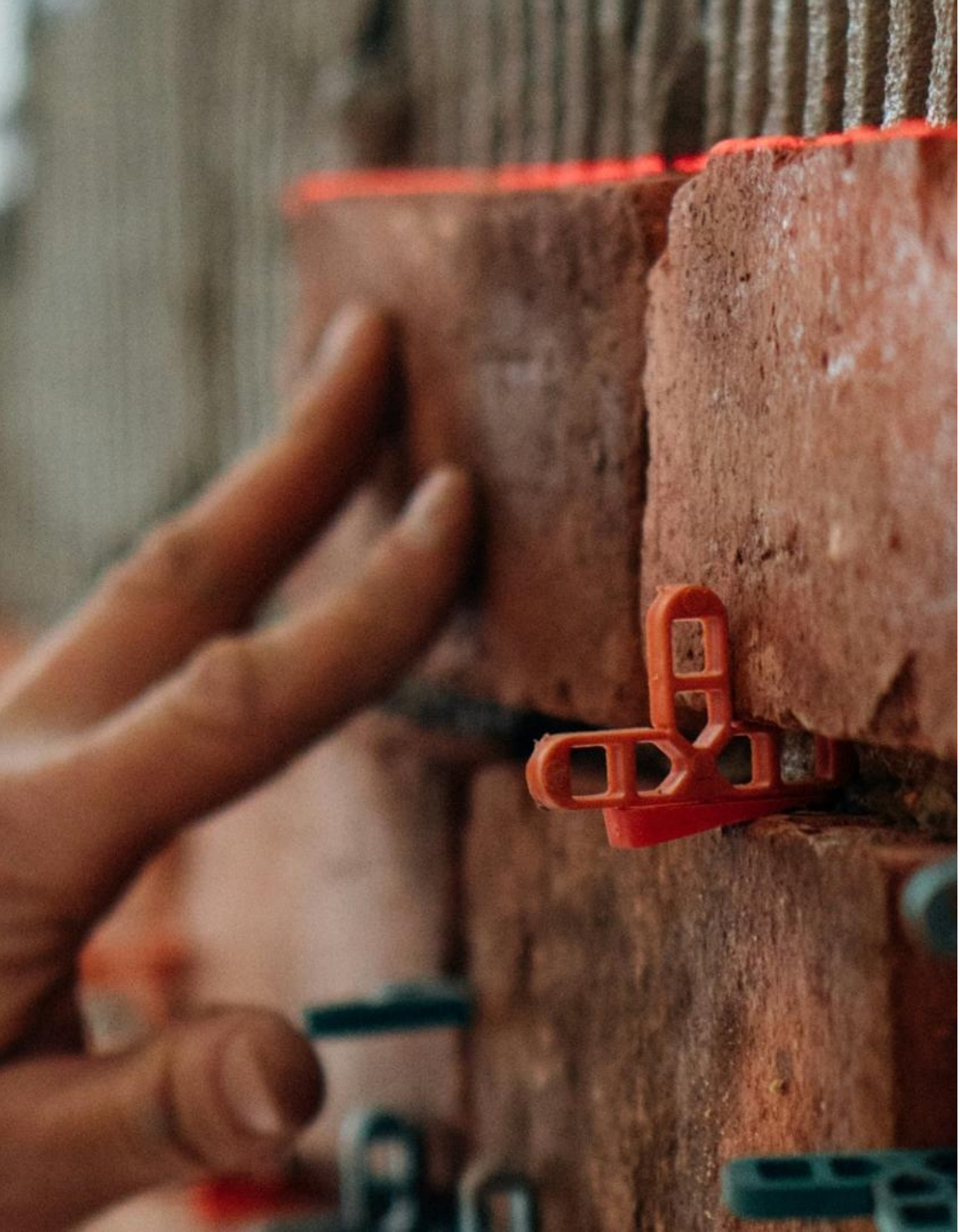
CONSIDER

In your rebuilding project – where is
the **lowest point** of the wall?

Nehemiah 4:15

¹⁵ When our enemies heard that we were aware of their plot and that God had frustrated it, **we all returned to the wall, each to our own work.**





Rebuilding in Nehemiah

1. Identify the **Pain**
2. Wait on the **Providence**
3. Play Your **Part**
4. Be Prepared to **Persevere**

¹⁵ So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in **fifty-two days**. ¹⁶ When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realized that **this work had been done with the help of our God**.

(Nehemiah 6:15-16)