

Nehemiah 1:4-5

When I heard this, I sat down and wept. In fact, for days I mourned, fasted, and prayed to the God of heaven.

Then I said, “O Lord, God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps his covenant of unfailing love with those who love him and obey his commands, Everything we do for God starts with prayer.

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Nehemiah 2:17-18

But now I said to them, “You know very well what trouble we are in. Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire. Let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem and end this disgrace!”

Then I told them about how the gracious hand of God had been on me, and about my conversation with the king.

Private prayer becomes public proclamation.

Comfort with disfunction can impede purpose.

God takes note of who is building.

Nehemiah 4:1-2 NLT

Sanballat was very angry when he learned that we were rebuilding the wall. He flew into a rage and mocked the Jews,

saying in front of his friends and the Samaritan army officers, “What does this bunch of poor, feeble Jews think they’re doing? Do they think they can build the wall in a single day by just offering a few sacrifices?

Do they actually think they can make something of stones from a rubbish heap—and charred ones at that?”

Opposition comes to attack Identity, Purpose, and Progress

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Nehemiah 4:20

When you hear the blast of the trumpet, rush to wherever it is sounding. Then our God will fight for us!”

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