

Living Insight

The Lord's people have always faced tremendous challenges and great opposition as they have walked by faith in Him. We may also face challenges and even opposition as we travel through our journey in life. The one constant promise that we have from God is that He will be with us through it all. As we face the challenges of this new year, let us all resolve to rise up and build up the body of Christ. Let us all be willing to do our part to strengthen and improve our church. Nehemiah and Israel had to rebuild a wall. Our task is to build up the family of God.

~ Through His Grace, Mercy & Love,

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Prayer Requests



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Sermon Outline

Nehemiah 2:17-20

Date: Sunday, January 5, 2014

Time: 11:00 A.M.

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Introduction: How Do We Respond to Difficulty?

- A. Sometimes we give in to the deadly D's.
 - 1. Some of us become discouraged.
 - 2. Others become distracted or doubtful.
 - 3. There may be a few who become depressed.
- B. The Lord gives us every reason to be hopeful.
 - 1. His promises are always fulfilled. ~ **1 Cor. 1:20**
 - 2. His blessings are new every morning.
~ **Lamentations 3:22**
 - 3. The Lord's love & mercy never come to an end.
- C. Nehemiah and Jerusalem faced a huge challenge
 - 1. The city had been in ruins for 140 years.
 - 2. The people had become discouraged.
 - 3. Nehemiah stepped in to encourage & lead.

II. Body: How Do We Rise Up & Build Up the Church?

- A. We must be willing to follow strong leadership!
 - 1. Leaders must first be led by the Lord.
 - 2. The people of God must be willing to follow.
 - 3. Our hands must be strengthened for the good.
- B. We must be willing to face opposition as we build.
 - 1. We will face persecution! ~ **2 Timothy 3:12**
 - 2. Nehemiah faced 6 different attacks.
 - 3. He faced the opposition and overcame them.
- C. We must be willing to work diligently for the Lord.
 - 1. Evangelism is every Christian's responsibility.
 - 2. Everyone can encourage a brother or sister.
 - 3. Our love for each other must be sincere!
~ **Romans 12:9-11**

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III. Conclusion: Are We Ready to Rise Up?

- A. There is no commandment to sit down & rest.
 - 1. Our rest will come in heaven.
 - 2. We must overcome discouragement.
 - 3. We must build what was torn down.
- B. There is no commandment to fall back or retreat.
 - 1. All of our armor is forward-facing.
~ **Ephesians 6:10-20**
 - 2. We must be ready to engage the enemy.
 - 3. Our fight is the good fight of faith.

Happy New Year!

Let's make 2014 a great year in the Lord!



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