

Rebuilding the Walls

Day One – A Heart for God

Today's reading: Page 291 through break on page 296

This reading covers: Ezra 7; Nehemiah 1-2

Summary: God uses a foreign king and the heart of Nehemiah to rebuild Jerusalem.

Consider this:

Are you concerned about the things God is concerned about? When God wants to act in a certain situation, can he move through you to accomplish his purposes? What would it take for you to be available to God? Since we see that God can use even a pagan king to accomplish his purposes, we know he can use anyone. I wonder how much more God wants to use his children to do his will.

For further reading: Deuteronomy 6:4-6; Jeremiah 18:1-4; Romans 12:1-2

Prayer:

Father, turn my heart towards you. I want to be available to you to respond according to your will. Use me for your purposes. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Day Two – Committed to Completion

Today's reading: Break on page 296 through break on page 299

This reading covers: Nehemiah 4-6

Summary: In spite of opposition, the people stay focused on the task before them.

Consider this:

How do you respond when things don't go as planned? How quickly do you give up when there are obstacles in your way? God wants to use you to accomplish his purposes, but the path ahead won't always be easy.

For further reading: 2 Corinthians 4:8-9; Philippians 3:12-14

Prayer:

Father, how incredible to realize that you invite me to be part of what you are doing. Help me stay focused on your plans and give me the courage and determination to see things through to the end. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Day Three – Rebuilding Hearts

Today's reading: Break on page 299 through end of chapter

This reading covers: Nehemiah 7-8; Malachi 1-4

Summary: The walls were completed, but the people's hearts were in disrepair.

Consider this:

Which is easier to repair, issues on the outside or issues on the inside? God's people took care of the Temple and the walls, but their hearts were still in bad shape. When it comes to the internal issues of the heart, we must learn we are dependent on God's help.

For further reading: Psalm 51:7-12; Ezekiel 36:24-27; Matthew 9:4-8

Prayer:

Father, take my heart and make it fully yours. Continue to mold and shape me, from the inside out, into the person you want me to be. In Jesus' name, Amen.