

PRAYER

- Pray for the different sectors of society and ask God to freely move in our nation.

- Ask God to use you mightily in your workplace or sphere of influence to help rebuild this nation.

- Pray that God's Word will spread and be heard in your family, community, and beyond.



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CONNECT

- When given a task in a team, are you a fast starter or a strong finisher? Give an example.
- Tell of a task that you had a difficult time finishing or one that you were not able to finish? What was the problem?
- If you had no fear or worry, what would you like to try even for just a time? What is holding you back from doing it?



WORD

¹⁷Then I said to them, “You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace.” ¹⁸I also told them about the gracious hand of my God upon me and what the king had said to me. They replied, “Let us start rebuilding.” So they began this good work.

Nehemiah 2:17,18

WHAT *What does the Bible say?*

We have seen our nation go through catastrophes just recently yet amidst all these, we also saw how God moved on our behalf and how we have responded as a people. How can a nation rise from desperate situations? God’s way of nation building is different from our ways which are limited. Let us learn from Nehemiah’s story how we can work with God in rebuilding our country.

- **Rebuild believing that God has a purpose.**

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In Nehemiah’s time, the broken walls meant the absence of peace and protection and the burned gates meant that their honorable people had no place to do formal transactions. This was a bad reputation for Israel. However, God wanted the world to know how He looks after His people and that His purposes prevail (Proverbs 19:21). What do you believe is God’s purpose for our nation?

- **Rebuild by God’s grace.**

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Nehemiah 2:18

Nehemiah did not rebuild Jerusalem’s walls all by himself, not even with his fellow Jews. It took God’s divine enablement and provision to accomplish such a huge task. But one lesson is highlighted here:

Nehemiah was willing to follow God. Why can we have the same confidence to follow God despite our limitations (Philippians 2:13)?

- **Rebuild with confidence.**

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When the people heard that God had promised them help and has given them favor, they readily responded to the challenge of rebuilding the wall. Sometimes, we are held back by many reasons to finish strong. But when we shift our confidence from something limited to Someone who is a certified finisher (Genesis 2:2; John 19:30), our faith is strengthened. Why can we believe God for great and impossible things to happen even in our nation (Philippians 1:6)?

SO WHAT *What is the relevance of the Word to my life?*

- What are some signs or clues that God is working in our nation? How do we know if God is already moving in the lives of people?
- When do you know if you are already moving on your own strength? How will this change into moving in God’s strength?
- Where does your confidence lie? What needs to change in this perspective?

NOW WHAT *How do I apply the Word to my life?*

- What specific area or group of people in your nation do you have a burden to help (e.g., military, youth, government, schools, etc.) in? How can you be a part of God’s work in these areas?
- What sectors of our society do you feel need God’s intervention the most? Why and how do you think God will move?
- How can you help build this nation wherever you are? What specific things can you commit to?