

MSC 2009 Session 4

- 7 Ingredients to Be A Builder -

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"You will rebuild the devastated places!"

Acts 15:16-19

After this I will return and will rebuild the tabernacle of David which has fallen down. I will rebuild its ruins, and I will set it up, so that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, even all the Gentiles who are called by My name, Says the Lord who does all these things, that have been known for ages.

*19 It is my judgment, therefore, that **we should not make it difficult for** the Gentiles who are turning to God.*

Isaiah 61: 3b-4

...They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor. 4 They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations.

Nehemiah - 7 Ingredients to be a builder !

1. Live with A Vision of The _____-

Nehemiah 1:2

Hanani, one of my brothers, came from Judah with some other men, and I questioned them about the Jewish remnant that survived the exile, and also about Jerusalem.

3 They said to me, "Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire."

- a. Live convinced of the divine potential for your church and city.
- b. Understand the necessity of revival for the current generation!

Habakkuk 3:2

LORD, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, O LORD. Renew them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy.

2. A _____ for the condition of the people

Vs. 4 When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven.

- a. A burden is a _____!
- b. A burden is shared with those in _____ to the broken heart of God

3. The enormity of the need requires _____!

4b. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven.

*5 Then I said: "O LORD, God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and obey his commands,
6 let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel.*

4. Builders build with a _____ (2:5, 17).

We cannot determine the scope of the vision!

Nehemiah 2:5

and I answered the king, "If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor in his sight, let him send me to the city in Judah where my fathers are buried so that I can rebuild it."

- a. Joy and the "pleasure of God" are discovered as we pursue God's vision.

17 Then 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."

18 I 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.

- b. The personalized authority and favor of God only _____ to the limits of the sphere God is giving.

2 Corinthians 10:13,14

We, however, will not boast beyond measure, but within the limits of the sphere which God appointed us - a sphere which especially includes you. 14 For we are not extending ourselves beyond our sphere

5. Builders carry the vision first and alone**Nehemiah 2:12,13**

Then I arose in the night, I and a few men with me; I told no one what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem; nor was there any animal with me, except the one on which I rode.

13 And I went out by night through the Valley Gate to the Serpent Well and the Refuse Gate, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem which were broken down and its gates which were burned with fire.

6. In God's timing, builders share the vision and _____ people!

Nehemiah 2:18

I told them of the hand of my God which had been good upon me, and also of the king's words that he had spoken to me. So they said, "Let us rise up and build." Then they set their hands to do this good work.

7. Builders are not swayed by the _____ of the vision

Nehemiah 2:19, 20

But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official, and Geshem the Arab heard of it, they laughed us to scorn and despised us, and said, "What is this thing that you are doing? Will you rebel against the king?" 20 So I answered them, and said to them, "The God of heaven Himself will prosper us; therefore we His servants will arise and build..."

Answer Key:

1. Potential 2. Deep burden 2a. gift 2b. proximity 3. Fasting and prayer 4. God shaped vision 4b. extend 6. Mobilize 7. Enemies