

Doing what I can to bring glory to God

Our Mission part 3 Nehemiah 3

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"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!" Nehemiah 2:17

1. I use what I have to bring glory to God

i. Our abilities

"Then Eliashib the high priest and the other priests started to rebuild at the Sheep Gate...People from the town of Jericho worked next to them, and beyond them was Zaccur son of Imri." 3:1-2

ii. God's resources

"Meremoth son of Uriah and grandson of Hakkoz repaired the next section of wall...The Old City Gate was repaired by Joiada son of Paseah..." 3:4 & 6

2. I start where I am to bring glory to God

"Next Jedaiah son of Harumaph repaired the wall across from his own house..." 3:10

3. I put aside my ego to bring glory to God

"Then Eliashib the high priest and the other priests started to rebuild" v 1

"Next was Uzziel...a goldsmith by trade" v 8a

"Beyond him was Hananiah, a manufacturer of perfumes." v 8b

"The other goldsmiths and merchants repaired the wall from that corner to the Sheep Gate." v 32

"Next were the people from Tekoa, though their leaders refused to work with the construction supervisors." v 5

4. I combine with others to bring glory to God

- i. Each member is important – 38 workers named & 42 different groups identified
- ii. God uses all kinds of people – rulers, priests, men & women, professional craftsmen and even people from outside the city.
- iii. Leaders are to set an example – Eliashib v 1
- iv. They submitted themselves to Nehemiah's leadership
- v. Some workers have more capacity than others
"Next to him was Baruch son of Zabbai, who zealously repaired an additional section..." v 20
"the sixth son of Zalaph, repaired another section..." v 30
- vi. Kept their eyes on the goal

"I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead. I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us." Philippians 3:13-14