
REBUILD THE WALL

REBUILD THE PEOPLE

The Kingwood Church of Christ exists to fearlessly make and grow committed disciples of Jesus.

Nehemiah 1

The words of Nehemiah son of Hakaliah:

In the month of Kislev in the twentieth year, while I was in the citadel of Susa, 2 Hanani, one of my brothers, came from Judah with some other men, and I questioned them about the Jewish remnant that had 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.”

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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. 5 Then I said:

“Lord, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, 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. I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father’s family, have

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committed against you. 7 We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses.

8 “Remember the instruction you gave your servant Moses, saying, ‘If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations, 9 but if you return to me and obey my commands, then even if your exiled people are at the farthest horizon, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place I have chosen as a dwelling for my Name.’

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10 “They are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great strength and your mighty hand. 11 Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man.”

I was cupbearer to the king.

The Problem

The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire.”

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The Solution

...let him (the king) send me to the city in Judah where my ancestors are buried so that I can rebuild it.”

Nehemiah 2:4-5

The Reason

...if you (God) return to me and obey my commands, then even if your exiled people are at the farthest horizon, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place I have chosen as a dwelling for my Name.'

Nehemiah 1:9

The Problem wasn't the broken
walls

Nor was the solution a vision for
rebuilding the walls

Rebuilding was a means to an
end

Rebuilding the walls was a
pathway to create a suitable
environment

For God's name to dwell

The Problem Today

God does not have a suitable environment for His name to dwell.

Where God's Name is
Hidden

His presence is forbidden.

In Nehemiah's time, the
greatest expression of their
sin...

...was idolatry

Today, the greatest expression
of our sin...

...is competency

John 4

7 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?”

John 4

9 The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

10 Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”

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11 “Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? 12 Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?”

John 4

13 Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, **the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.**”

John 4

15 The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.”
16 He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.”

Our Solution

Create a suitable environment for God's name to dwell by asking this church to help us rebuild.

Our Reason

By participating in a vision to rebuild this congregation through prayers of repentance and guidance by the Holy Spirit...

...We will once again discover our first love

...and God will dwell among us

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