

Making Spiritual Progress!

Nehemiah 1

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Philippians 3:13, *Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*

How to Reach Your Personal and Spiritual Goals:

Identify The PROBLEM: The Walls Are Broken Down

Nehemiah 1:3, *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.”*

Pray Specific PRAYERS: Pray for Spiritual Success

Nehemiah 1:11, *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.*

Declare Your INTENTIONS: Believe You Can Do It

Nehemiah 2:4, *The king said to me, “What is it you want?” Then I prayed to the God of Heaven, 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 ancestors are buried so that I can rebuild it.”*

Choose a Plan of ACTION: Make Commitments That Count

James 1:22, *Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.*

Four Commitments to Reach Your Spiritual Goals:

1. Commit to Worship - Text “APP” to 77978

Nehemiah 12:27, *At the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem, the Levites were sought out from where they lived and were brought to Jerusalem to celebrate joyfully the dedication with songs of thanksgiving and with the music of cymbals, harps and lyres.*

2. Commit to Read God’s Word - Text “PLAN” to 77978

Nehemiah 9:3, *They stood where they were and read from the Book of the Law of the LORD their God for a quarter of the day, and spent another quarter in confession and in worshiping the LORD their God.*

3. Commit to A Group - Text “GROUP” to 77978

Nehemiah 3:1, *Eliashib the high priest and his fellow priests went to work and rebuilt the Sheep Gate... 2 The men of Jericho built the adjoining section, and Zakkur son of Imri built next to them. 3 The Fish Gate was rebuilt by the sons of Hassenah...*

4. Commit to Serve - Text "SERVE" to 77978

Nehemiah 6:15, So the wall was completed... in fifty-two days. **16** When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God.

1 Corinthians 11:23, For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, **24** and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." **25** In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." **26** For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.