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Nehemiah 2:11-18 (NLT)

[11] So I arrived in Jerusalem. Three days later, [12] I slipped out during the night, taking only a few others with me. I had not told anyone about the plans God had put in my heart for Jerusalem. We took no pack animals with us except the donkey I was riding. [13] After dark I went out through the Valley Gate, past the Jackal's Well, and over to the Dung Gate to inspect the broken walls and burned gates. [14] Then I went to the Fountain Gate and to the King's Pool, but my donkey couldn't get through the rubble. [15] So, though it was still dark, I went up the Kidron Valley instead, inspecting the wall before I turned back and entered again at the Valley Gate.

[16] The city officials did not know I had been out there or what I was doing, for I had not yet said anything to anyone about my plans. I had not yet spoken to the Jewish leaders—the priests, the nobles, the officials, or anyone else in the administration. [17] But now I said to them, "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!" [18] Then I told them about how the gracious hand of God had been on me, and about my conversation with the king.

They replied at once, "Yes, let's rebuild the wall!" So they began the good work.

Big Idea: God never assigns a calling without supplying a gifting.

- Saved people serve people.

Nehemiah 3:1-4 (NLT)

[1] Then Eliashib the high priest and the other priests started to rebuild at the Sheep Gate. They dedicated it and set up its doors, building the wall as far as the Tower of the Hundred, which they dedicated, and the Tower of Hananel. [2] People from the town of Jericho worked next to them, and beyond them was Zaccur son of Imri. [3] The Fish Gate was built by the sons of Hassenaah. They laid the beams, set up its doors, and installed its bolts and bars. [4] Meremoth son of Uriah and grandson of Hakkoz repaired the next section of wall. Beside him were Meshullam son of Berekiah and grandson of Meshezabel, and then Zadok son of Baana.

- Do what others won't, and experience what others want.

Nehemiah 3:8 (NLT)

[8] Next was Uzziel son of Harhaiah, a goldsmith by trade, who also worked on the wall. Beyond him was Hananiah, a manufacturer of perfumes. They left out a section of Jerusalem as they built the Broad Wall.

- If you're going to build something for God, you can't be controlled by people.

Nehemiah 3:5 (NLT)

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

- **This short life builds a long eternity.**

How has God blessed you?

GROUPS QUESTIONS:

1. What stood out to you most in this week's message, and why?
2. Read Nehemiah 2:11–18. What stands out to you about how Nehemiah approached the brokenness he saw before inviting others to help rebuild?
3. Read Nehemiah 3:1–2. What do you notice about the kinds of people who participated in rebuilding the wall?
4. Pastor Rocky said, "Saved people serve people." In what ways do you think salvation changes someone's posture from consuming to contributing?
5. Since God never assigns a calling without also supplying a gifting, how does that perspective change the way you think about your abilities or your role in serving others?
6. Read Nehemiah 3:8. What does people serving outside their normal roles teach us about obedience and willingness?
7. What are some reasons people resist stepping into the work or responsibility in front of them?
8. Read Nehemiah 3:5. How do praise, criticism, or the opinions of others tend to influence your willingness to step into something you believe God may be asking you to do?

9. When you look at your own life, where do you most feel the tension between staying comfortable and stepping into something that could make a difference for others?
10. As you reflect on this season of your life, what is one area where you sense God may be inviting you to step in, serve, or take responsibility instead of staying on the sidelines?