



REBUILD

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EZRA / NEHEMIAH

REBUILDING FROM RUBBLE

NEHEMIAH 1:4-11

“REBUILDING WITH PRAYER”

OCTOBER 3

Nehemiah 1

³ And they said to me, “The remnant there in the province who had survived the exile is in great trouble and shame. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates are destroyed by fire.”

⁴ As soon as I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days, and I continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven. ⁵ And I said, “O LORD God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments,

⁶ let your ear be attentive and your eyes open, to hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you day and night for the people of Israel your servants, confessing the sins of the people of Israel, which we have sinned against you. Even I and my father's house have sinned. ⁷ We have acted very corruptly against you and have not kept the commandments, the statutes, and the rules that you commanded your servant Moses. ⁸ Remember the word that you commanded your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples,

⁹ but if you return to me and keep my commandments and do them, though your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there I will gather them and bring them to the place that I have chosen, to make my name dwell there.’ ¹⁰ They are your servants and your people, whom you have redeemed by your great power and by your strong hand. ¹¹ O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants who delight to fear your name, and give success to your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man.”

Desperation

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Brokenness

- Relational
- Physical
- Vocational
- National
 - Global
- Emotional
- Spiritual

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Look Down
“It’s out of control”

Look In
“I’m in control”

Look Up
“God’s in control”

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Pray Through

- Mourn
- Adore
- Repent
- Ask

MOURN

1:4b | sat down and wept and mourned for days

1 Thessalonians 4:13

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

- Mourn, but don't give up
- Don't settle for platitudes

ADORE

⁵ And I said, “O LORD
God of heaven, the great
and awesome God who
keeps covenant and
steadfast love with those
who love him and keep
his commandments,

ReFocus

Know and lean
upon God’s promises
(rather than...)

ADORE

⁶ let your ear be attentive and
your eyes open, to hear the
prayer of *your servant*

You are God
I am Not

REPENT

^{6b} confessing the sins
of the people of
Israel, which we have
sinned against you.
Even I and my father's
house have sinned.

Breaking out of victimhood.

I am guilty of brokenness.

REPENT

Romans 8:34

Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

ASK

1:11 O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants who delight to fear your name, and give success to your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man.”

Not as a genie,
but a good Father.

Unfiltered, with a
humble heart

ASK

Jeremiah 33:3

Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.

1 John 5:14

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.

James 1:17

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

Ready, Fire, Aim

“Don't be afraid to give up
the good to go for the great”
- John D. Rockefeller

“The best is the enemy
of the good”
- Voltaire

Ready, Fire, Aim

Intimate

Matthew 6:6

But when you pray,
go into your room
and shut the door
and pray to your
Father who is in
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Continual

Nehemiah 2:4

Then the king said
to me, “What are
you requesting?” So
I prayed to the God
of heaven. ⁵ And I
said to the king...

Ready, Fire, Aim



Romans 8:26

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.

Lord's Prayer

Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.

Amen.