

# REBUILD

1. Rebuilding with Purpose
2. Rebuilding with Spirit and Truth
3. Rebuilding with Prayer
4. Rebuilding in Community
5. **Rebuilding in Opposition**
6. Rebuilding in God's Strength
7. Rebuilding through Sacrifice
8. Rebuilding with Worship
9. Rebuilding with Hope

TODAY

NEHEMIAH 4

## Nehemiah 4

<sup>10</sup> In Judah it was said, “The strength of those who bear the burdens is failing. There is too much rubble. By ourselves we will not be able to rebuild the wall.” <sup>11</sup> And our enemies said, “They will not know or see till we come among them and kill them and stop the work.”

<sup>12</sup> At that time the Jews who lived near them came from all directions and said to us ten times, “You must return to us.”

<sup>13</sup> So in the lowest parts of the space behind the wall, in open places, I stationed the people by their clans, with their swords, their spears, and their bows. <sup>14</sup> And I looked and arose and said to the nobles and to the officials and to the rest of the people, “Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes.”

<sup>16</sup> From that day on, half of my servants worked on construction, and half held the spears, shields, bows, and coats of mail. And the leaders stood behind the whole house of Judah, <sup>17</sup> who were building on the wall. Those who carried burdens were loaded in such a way that each labored on the work with one hand and held his weapon with the other.

19<sup>b</sup> “The work is great and widely spread, and we are separated on the wall, far from one another. <sup>20</sup> In the place where you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us.”

1. The Oppositions to Rebuilding
2. The Fight for Rebuilding

# Opposition

In Front of Us

Overwhelmed  
by how broken  
it is and how  
weak we are.

Nehemiah 4:10

In Judah it was said, “The strength of those who bear the burdens is failing. There is too much rubble. By ourselves we will not be able to rebuild the wall.”

# Opposition

## In Front of Us

Overwhelmed  
by how broken  
it is and how  
weak we are.

## Outside Us

People in  
culture that try  
to attack and  
discourage

## Nehemiah 4:7

But when Sanballat and Tobiah ... heard that the repairing of the walls of Jerusalem was going forward and that the breaches were beginning to be closed, they were very angry. <sup>8</sup> And they all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and to cause confusion in it.



# Opposition

## In Front of Us

Overwhelmed by how broken it is and how weak we are.

## Outside Us

People in culture that try to attack and discourage

## Around Us

People on the “inside” that discourage and distract

Nehemiah 4:12

At that time the Jews who lived near them came from all directions and said to us ten times, “You must return to us.

# Opposition

In Front of Us

Overwhelmed by how broken it is and how weak we are.

Outside Us

People in culture that try to attack and discourage

Around Us

People on the “inside” that discourage and distract

Inside Us

Rebuilding the wrong things or simply giving up

Haggai 1:9

You looked for much, and behold, it came to little. And when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why? declares the LORD of hosts. Because of my house that lies in ruins, while each of you busies himself with his own house.

# “Fighting”

4:9 And we prayed to our God and set a guard as a protection against them day and night.

4:14 “Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes.”

# Rebuilding: Our Original Image



**SOMEWHERE ALONG THE LINE  
YOU CHANGED  
YOU STOPPED BEING YOU**

Genesis 1:27

So God created man in  
his own image,  
in the image of God he  
created him;  
male and female he  
created them.

# Opposition

In Front of Us

Overwhelmed  
by how broken  
and weak I am

Romans 7:24

Wretched man that I am!  
Who will deliver me from this body of death?

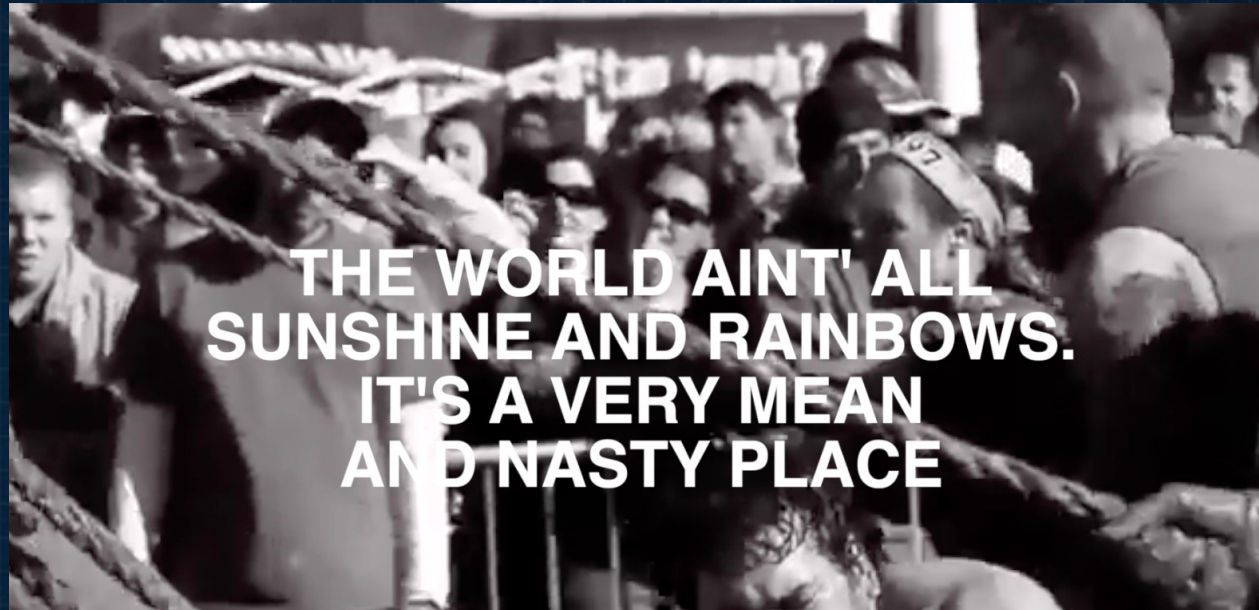
# Opposition

In Front of Us

Overwhelmed  
by how broken  
and weak I am

Outside Us

Trials and  
temptations;  
shiny things



# Opposition

In Front of Us

Overwhelmed  
by how broken  
and weak I am

Outside Us

Trials and  
temptations;  
shiny things

Around Us

False gospel,  
gossip, slander,  
in-fighting



Matthew 7:15

Beware of false prophets,  
who come to you in sheep's  
clothing but inwardly are  
ravenous wolves.

# Opposition

In Front of Us

Overwhelmed  
by how broken  
and weak I am

Outside Us

Trials and  
temptations;  
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Around Us

False gospel,  
gossip, slander,  
in-fighting

Inside Us

Rebuilding the  
wrong things,  
or giving up



# Fighting

## Psalm 107

Opposition

<sup>4</sup> Some **wandered** in desert wastes,  
finding no way to a **city to dwell in**;  
<sup>5</sup> **hungry** and thirsty,  
their **soul** fainted within them.

Defense

<sup>6</sup> Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress.

Solution

<sup>7</sup> He **led them** by a straight way  
till they reached a **city to dwell in**.

Response

<sup>8</sup> Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
for his wondrous works to the children of man!  
<sup>9</sup> For he **satisfies** the longing soul,  
and the **hungry soul** he fills with good things.

# Fighting: Rally Together

<sup>20</sup> “In the place where you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us.”

Come together,  
and God shows up



# Fighting: Remember Together

14b “Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes.”

What is Truly True?

Remember  
who God is:  
Greater  
More Powerful

Remember  
who we are:  
God's Family  
His Beloved

## Luke 22:19-20

And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>20</sup> And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."