

RISING UP AND BUILDING | NEHEMIAH 2:17-20, 3:1-32

God had led Nehemiah back to Jerusalem with a task: Rebuild the walls. He prayed, he fasted, he traveled, he rested, he evaluated, he planned, and he motivated the leaders. They responded well, "Let us rise up and build." Now it was time for "the rubber to meet the road." It was time for the people of Jerusalem to "put their money where their mouth is" and get their hands dirty. Subsequently, that is exactly what they did. They had avoided the great work of God for decades, but now they dove in. What can we learn about rebuilding from the people of Jerusalem?

1. The _____ stepped up, took the lead, and got their hands dirty.
2. People of _____ backgrounds and skills, stepped up, worked _____, and did their part even though it may not have been their _____.
3. God _____. He saw who was involved and who wasn't, and we see that in His Word this very day.
4. God works _____ through those who truly _____ Him.