



Nehemiah 2-3

“What Do You See?” – Building In Unity

(Part 1)

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Introduction

Road Map

- 1) United in Vision**
- 2) United in Spirit**
- 3) United in Action**



Nehemiah 2 : 1-5 (NIV)

In the month of Nisan in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was brought for him, I took the wine and gave it to the king. I had not been sad in his presence before, ² so the king asked me, “Why does your face look so sad when you are not ill? This can be nothing but sadness of heart.” I was very much afraid, ³ but I said to the king, “May the king live forever!



Why should my face not look sad when the city where my ancestors are buried lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?”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.”

Nehemiah 2 : 1-5 (NIV)



Nehemiah 2 : 10-12 (NIV)

When Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official heard about this, they were very much disturbed that someone had come to promote the welfare of the Israelites. ¹¹ I went to Jerusalem, and after staying there three days ¹² I set out during the night with a few others. I had not told anyone what my God had put in my heart to do for Jerusalem. There were no mounts with me except the one I was riding on.



Nehemiah 2 : 17-20 (NIV)

Then I said to them, “You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace.”¹⁸ I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the king had said to me. They replied, “Let us start rebuilding.” So they began this good work.



19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official and Geshem the Arab heard about it, they mocked and ridiculed us. “What is this you are doing?” they asked. “Are you rebelling against the king?” 20 I answered them by saying, “The God of heaven will give us success. We his servants will start rebuilding, but as for you, you have no share in Jerusalem or any claim or historic right to it.”

Nehemiah 2 : 17-20 (NIV)



Nehemiah 3 : 1-2 (NIV)

Eliashib the high priest and his fellow priests went to work and rebuilt the Sheep Gate. They dedicated it and set its doors in place, building as far as the Tower of the Hundred, which they dedicated, and as far as the Tower of Hananel. ² The men of Jericho built the adjoining section, and Zakkur son of Imri built next to them.



Nehemiah 3:5 (NIV)

The next section was repaired by the men of Tekoa, but their nobles would not put their shoulders to the work under their supervisors.



Nehemiah 3 : 17-18 (NIV)

Next to him, the repairs were made by the Levites under Rehum son of Bani.

Beside him, Hashabiah, ruler of half the district of Keilah, carried out repairs for his district. ¹⁸ Next to him, the repairs were made by their fellow Levites under Binnui son of Henadad, ruler of the other half-district of Keilah.



1) United in Vision

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1) United in Vision

- *“city was in ruins, and the gates destroyed by fire”*
- the reason that we embarked on **CLIP** was never just about the building, but it was always about the **calling**



1) United in Vision

- people need the Lord

- * *Nehemiah 2:18b*

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1) United in Vision

**Own the
vision and calling
of the church.**

2) United in Spirit

a) When Others do not Build

* *Nehemiah 3:5*

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2) United in Spirit

Colossians 3 : 23-24 (NIV)

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.



2) United in Spirit

Galatians 6:9 (NIV)

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.





2) United in Spirit

b) When Others Build with Differing Ability and Capacity

* *Nehemiah 3:1 (NIV)*

“Eliashib the high priest and his fellow priests went to work and rebuilt the Sheep Gate”

2) United in Spirit

*** *Nehemiah 3:17 (NIV)***

“ . . . the repairs were made by the Levites under Rehum son of Bani. Beside him, Hashabiah, ruler of half the district of Keilah, carried out repairs for his district.”

2) United in Spirit

1 Corinthians 12 : 4-7 (NIV)

*There are **different kinds of gifts**, but the **same Spirit** distributes them.⁵ There are **different kinds of service**, but the **same Lord**.⁶ There are **different kinds of working**, but in all of them and in everyone it is the **same God at work**.*

⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.



3) United in Action

a) Building as a Leadership

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3) United in Action

Nehemiah 2:19 (NIV)

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3) United in Action

Nehemiah 2:20 (NIV)

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3) United in Action

**Secondly, we need to
grow in
servant leadership.**

3) United in Action

Nehemiah 3:1 (NIV)

***Eliashib the high priest and
his fellow priests went to work
and rebuilt the Sheep Gate.***

Nehemiah 3 : 9, 14-15a (NIV)

⁹ Rephaiah son of Hur, ruler of a half-district of Jerusalem, repaired the next section.

¹⁴ The Dung Gate was repaired by Malkijah son of Rekab, ruler of the district of Beth Hakkerem. He rebuilt it and put its doors with their bolts and bars in place. ¹⁵ The Fountain Gate was repaired by Shallun son of Kol-Hozeh, ruler of the district of Mizpah.



3) United in Action

Nehemiah 3:17a (NIV)

***Next to him, the repairs were
made by the Levites under
Rehum son of Bani.***

3) United in Action

Matthew 20 : 26-28 (NIV)

*“ . . . whoever wants to become great among you **must be your servant,** ²⁷ and whoever wants to be first must be your slave - ²⁸ just as the **Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve,** and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*

b) Building as a Body



Firstly



CP or
**Community
Pastoring**



b) Building as a Body

**We need to
build the
generations**



**Build for
the
generations**



Secondly



**We need
to**

**strengthen
discipleship**

Thirdly



c)





Conclusion