



Build the Wall – Build a Life – Build a Leader – WE DID IT!

All men have at some time and to some degree experienced having the walls to their heart torn down by the enemy in various ways. Your heart is like a city, which you are to protect from all forms of attack. Your heart is made up of your whole person—your mind, will and emotions. When the walls of your heart are torn down, the enemy has a free access to your mind, your emotions, or your choices. He comes in to deceive you into thinking destructive thoughts about who you are. He comes in to stir up your emotions with anger, confusion, depression, bitterness and shame. He comes in to influence or control your choices. When the walls are torn down you are vulnerable to addictions and uncontrolled thoughts, which invite you to believe lies about yourself and reality. You must confront the lies, be a leader and initiate the work of rebuilding the walls of strength, definition, and leadership. The story of Nehemiah is a narrative of leadership and the rebuilding of a life – a leader in the context of the community of God.

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Summary: A Man knows building the wall takes a "WE"!

Bible Verses: Nehemiah 6:15,16, Nehemiah 6:15-19.

I John 1:8-10

Music: Paxton Ingram – Break Every Chain

Video: Cool Hand Luke – No man can eat 50 eggs
New Pavilion and Deer Camp

Resources: Nehemiah – Becoming a Disciplined Leader by Gene Getz
Nehemiah – Overcoming Challenges by Bill Hybels
The Emotionally Healthy Leader by Peter Scazzero

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Nehemiah: Mission Accomplished! – Neh. 6:15-19.

1. _____ > YES, we can! Daniel, who was one of the captives taken from Jerusalem to Babylon (605 B.C) predicted the rebuilding of the city walls (Daniel 9:25). Here his prophecy comes true.
2. _____ > They said it couldn't be done! The date was probably October 2, 445 BC. The job was too big, and the problems were too great. But God's men and women, joined together. They made the solution a "WE Solution!"
3. _____ > They didn't win! Nehemiah's enemies had tried to intimidate him and then they themselves were intimidated. They reluctantly understood that the completion of the wall was to God's help.
4. _____ > I thought they were safe! Nehemiah's enemies were so well informed of conditions within Jerusalem because the nobles of Judah sent many letters to Tobiah. These nobles were "bound by oath" to Tobiah through marriage. Tobiah had married a Jewish girl. Family loyalty can be a trap in seeing the truth.

Nehemiah: Build a Wall > The Way of the Heart.

1. Confession – _____. (I John 1:8-10). Be honest about your failures. Feel the shame and pain about your broken life.
2. Repentance – _____. Let your heart tell you where you are in your story. What is your heart saying?
3. Grief – _____. All the grief and sorrow over your losses, your pain, your failures to be experienced in a redemptive way. Tears are good!
4. Voices – Be aware of _____. You will be attacked. There will be accusations. You must stay with your heart!
5. Warfare – _____! You are in a war.
6. Receive – _____ is essential. You must _____. Jesus provides the healing.

Action: Journal This!

1. A Leader addresses his own brokenness. With God's help, I will begin immediately to address the following personal issue in my life _____ . What issue do you need to address?
2. Instead of avoiding losses, fear, or addictive behavior, I will embrace them and see them as a fundamental part of God's plan for me.

Bible Verses

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I John 1:8-10

8 If we claim that we're free of sin, we're only fooling ourselves. A claim like that is errant nonsense. **9** On the other hand, if we admit our sins - make a clean breast of them - he won't let us down; he'll be true to himself. He'll forgive our sins and purge us of all wrongdoing. **10** If we claim that we've never sinned, we out-and-out contradict God - make a liar out of him. A claim like that only shows off our ignorance of God.

Break Every Chain

By Tasha Cobb - Sung by Paxton Ingram

[Lead:]

There is power in the name of Jesus *[3x]*
to break every chain, break every chain, break every chain. *[2x]*

[Chorus:]

There is power in the name of Jesus *[3x]*
to break every chain, break every chain, break every chain. *[2x]*

[Lead:]

There's an army rising up. *[3x]*
To break every chain, break every chain, break every chain. *[2x]*

[Chorus:]

There's an army rising up. *[3x]*
To break every chain, break every chain, break every chain. *[2x]*

[Vamp:]

I hear the chains falling.

[End:]

There is power in the name of Jesus
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Rebuild the Wall – WE DID IT!

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- Deer Camp is an experience where I was given a chance to release all my secrets. I had more chronic exposure to love that defeated my shame and I was offered brotherly acceptance from all. I learned to take notes for myself on specific scriptures pertaining to healing.

- Men's Coaching Weekend is great on the deck where community is formed. This is where you will be challenged to grow and be real. If you do, you will experience God with us.

- I really enjoyed sharing my story at Deer Camp and allowing men to speak into my life. The connections to other men that are struggling in different areas of life were really eye openers. It is so important to just be open with your story and understand that tears do heal. This was a great experience with honest and bold men who really care about pouring truth into your life.

- Men's Coaching Weekend encouraged me to keep growing and strengthen my community. This is a place of great men who support each other. It is absolutely a man's school and the best place I've seen to learn how to do life well together.

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- Men's Coaching Weekend has taught me to value intimate community with other men. The sharing of stories was great. I learned that freedom is to surrender and let go of control. This place taught me to better take care of me. I can't wait to come back to this circle.

- Deer Camp is where I gained a sense of freedom and saw feedback modeled. This is where I learned that I was a chameleon and how to change that. I came here with so much fear and left with a sense of peace and freedom for myself.

- Men's Coaching Weekend gives me a chance to be among other men. It helped me to clear up some thoughts that wouldn't be able to happen during "usual life." I love to hear other men's stories and details that I can use to reflect on towards my own development.

- *I attended Deer Camp for my desire to be whole. I learned that I am not alone and I found instant family here. I do not have to do life alone and I found additional support for my own framework here. I will encourage everyone to accept an invitation to this place.*

- *Men's Coaching Weekend gave me a place to be open and have community with men who are willing to come along side me in this journey. It was definitely the best first step to help me learn who I really am.*

- *Deer Camp is a great place to have a connection with Jesus. There are so many broken men that are willing to be there for each other. I like the trust you can have to say anything and know that it is a safe place. This is where you can leave all your fears behind.*