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What does it really mean to be a family? Not just a biological one, but the kind of family that shows up for each other in the middle of impossible circumstances? The book of Nehemiah gives us a stunning picture of exactly that. When the Israelites faced the overwhelming task of rebuilding Jerusalem's walls, surrounded on all four sides by hostile forces, the answer was not military strategy or political maneuvering. It was unity. People from completely different walks of life, priests, merchants, goldsmiths, daughters, all picked up tools and worked side by side, calling one another brother. The walls they built were not just stone and mortar. They were a declaration that when we are bound together by a shared devotion to God, the impossible becomes achievable. This message challenges us to look at the people around us and ask whether we are truly building together, or just standing near each other. There is a profound difference between proximity and unity, and Nehemiah shows us what genuine unity looks like in action.