

## 2026-08-19 Scripture

Here is a list of all scripture references mentioned or alluded to in the sermon, along with relevant suggested verses where the sermon addressed general biblical themes:

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### DIRECTLY REFERENCED

Nehemiah 1:4 - Nehemiah's response of weeping, mourning, fasting, and praying upon hearing of Jerusalem's condition

Nehemiah 3:12 - The participation of Shallum's daughters in repairing a section of the wall

Nehemiah 3:22-31 - The involvement of priests, goldsmiths, merchants, and temple servants in the wall-building effort

Nehemiah 4:7 - The surrounding opposition from Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites

Nehemiah 4:14 - Nehemiah's exhortation to the people to not be afraid and to fight for their families

Nehemiah 8 (general reference) - The communal reading of the Law and celebration after the wall's completion, described as the people gathering "as one"

Acts 2:42 - The early church's devotion to teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayer

Acts 2:47 - The Lord adding to the number of believers daily

Ephesians 2:11-22 (general reference, with specific focus on verses 14 onward) - Paul's declaration that Christ has broken down the dividing wall

between Jew and Gentile, making both groups one and granting access to the Father by one Spirit

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#### SUGGESTED VERSES ALIGNED WITH THEMES ADDRESSED

On the theme of God adopting believers into his family:

Romans 8:15-17 - The Spirit of adoption by which believers cry out to God as Father and are counted as heirs

Galatians 3:26-28 - All believers are children of God through faith in Christ, with no distinction between different groups

On the theme of unity within the body of Christ:

1 Corinthians 12:12-27 - The church described as one body made up of many different members

Psalms 133:1 - The goodness and beauty of brothers and sisters dwelling together in unity

On the theme of God's faithfulness through personal hardship:

Psalms 34:18 - God's nearness to the brokenhearted and those crushed in spirit

Romans 8:28 - God working all things together for good for those who love him

On the theme of fellowship and community:

Hebrews 10:24-25 - The exhortation not to forsake gathering together but to encourage one another