

Rise & Rebuild

A Five-Week Journey Through Nehemiah

As we walk through Nehemiah together each Sunday, this reading plan invites you to continue the journey throughout the week. Read slowly. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the character of God before asking what He wants you to do. Notice how every chapter points beyond rebuilding walls to God's greater work of restoring hearts.

WEEK 1 Rise and Return

Focus: God Awakens Hearts Before He Rebuilds Walls

"The king granted my requests, for the gracious hand of my God was on me." Nehemiah 2:8

Monday

Read: Nehemiah 1

- What burden did God awaken in Nehemiah?
- How does Nehemiah's first response challenge the way I respond to brokenness?

Tuesday

Read: Nehemiah 2

- Notice every place God's hand is evident.
- Where do you see God's gracious hand working before Nehemiah ever begins rebuilding?

Wednesday

Read: Jeremiah 31:31-34

- How does God's promise of a new covenant prepare us for the ending of Nehemiah?

Thursday

Read Ezekiel 36:22-28

- What does God promise to do that Nehemiah never could?

Friday

Read Hebrews 8

- How is Jesus the fulfillment of everything Nehemiah longed for?

Prayer

Father, awaken my heart before You ask for my hands. Help me trust that Your gracious hand always goes before my faithful obedience.

WEEK 2: Build the Wall, Build the Body

Focus: God Builds His People Together

"Let's start rebuilding." — Nehemiah 2:18

Monday

Read Nehemiah 3

- Notice how many different people participate.
- What does this chapter teach about every believer's role?

Tuesday

Read Nehemiah 4

- How does opposition reveal our dependence upon God?

Wednesday

Read Ephesians 4:1-16

- How does Christ build His Church?

Thursday

Read 1 Corinthians 12

- What part has God called you to play within His body?

Friday

Read Psalm 127

- What happens when we try to build apart from God?

Prayer

Lord, make me more committed to Your people than my own preferences. Help me build what You are building.

WEEK 3: Guard the Gates

Focus: Holiness Protects What God Builds

“Remember me favorably, my God.” — Nehemiah 5:19

Monday

Read Nehemiah 5

- How does injustice threaten God’s people from within?

Tuesday

Read Nehemiah 6

- What distractions attempt to pull Nehemiah away from God’s calling?

Wednesday

Read John 10:1-18

- Why is Jesus the Good Shepherd?

Thursday

Read James 3

- What “gates” need guarding in my own life?

Friday

Read Ephesians 6:10-20

- How does spiritual warfare shape the Christian life?

Prayer

Father, guard my heart from compromise. Help me recognize distractions that pull me away from You.

WEEK 4: Revival

Focus: God's Word Restores God's People

"The joy of the Lord is your strength." — Nehemiah 8:10

Monday

Read Nehemiah 7-8

- What happens when God's Word is read publicly?

Tuesday

Read Nehemiah 9

- How does remembering God's faithfulness lead to confession?

Wednesday

Read Psalm 119:1-24

- What role does Scripture play in spiritual renewal?

Thursday

Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17

- Why is Scripture essential for spiritual maturity?

Friday

Read Luke 24:13-35

- How does Jesus open our eyes through the Scriptures?

Prayer

Speak to me through Your Word. Convict me, comfort me, and transform me into the likeness of Christ.

WEEK 5: Reclaim What Was Lost

Focus: Jesus Completes What Nehemiah Could Not

“The God of heaven is the one who will grant us success.” — Nehemiah 2:20

Monday

Read Nehemiah 10

- What commitments do God’s people make?

Tuesday

Read Nehemiah 11-12

- How does worship shape the life of God’s people?

Wednesday

Read Nehemiah 13

- What emotions do you feel as the book ends?
- Why isn’t rebuilding enough?

Thursday

Read Hebrews 10:11-25

- How is Jesus’ work different from every previous attempt at reform?

Friday

Read Revelation 21:1-5

- How does the Bible’s story end differently than Nehemiah’s?
- What hope does this give us today?

Prayer

Jesus, thank You that You do more than rebuild broken places—you make all things new. Continue Your work in me until the day You complete it.

Final Reflection

As you finish Nehemiah, take a few moments to reflect on the journey.

- What have you learned about the character of God?
- Where have you seen His gracious hand at work in your own life?
- What burden has God awakened in your heart?
- How is Jesus the better and greater Nehemiah?
- Where is God inviting your faithful hands to respond to His gracious work?