



Message



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.' (Neh. 2:17)

Rebuilding is not about the building

'the high priest and his fellow priests went to work and rebuilt the Sheep Gate. They dedicated it and set its doors in place...' (Nehemiah 3:1)

Rebuilding is not about the building



**'They replied, 'Let us start rebuilding.'
So they began this good work...'
(Nehemiah 2:18)**

Rebuilding is a whole-community effort

**'Just as a body, though one, has many
parts, but all its many parts form one
body, so it is with Christ...Now you are
the body of Christ, and each one of you
is a part of it.'
(1 Cor. 12:12, 27)**

Rebuilding is a whole-community effort



**'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 3:5)**

Rebuilding is costly: PRIDE

**'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. '
(Nehemiah 2:19)**

Rebuilding is costly: EMBARRASSMENT

**'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 2:20)**

Rebuilding is costly: KINGDOM INVESTMENT

'...store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy...And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin...But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness...' (Mt. 6: 20, 28, 33)

Rebuilding is costly: KINGDOM INVESTMENT

Everyone investing in the eternal

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Nehemiah 2-3



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