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I. Doing a Great Work (1-6)

- A. Calling - Nehemiah led to (1)
- B. Opportunity - A Door Opened (2)
- C. Cooperation - An Involved People (3)
- D. Opposition - Dealing with (4)
- E. Strife - Internal Problems (5)
- F. Overcoming to Accomplishing (6)

II. Revival Work (7-10)

- A. A People Organized (7)
- B. Revival - the Word proclaimed (8)
- C. Revival - confession of sin (9)
- D. Revival - a covenant work (10)

III. Maintained Work (11-13)

- A. Recruiting (11)
- B. Celebrating (12)
- C. Reforming (13)

Helpful Online Sources:

Precept Austin - Amazing online resource with many commentaries and helps: including David Guzik, Chuck Smith, John MacArthur, Ray Stedman, C.H. Spurgeon, John Piper and many more!

<http://preceptaustin.org/Nehemiah commentaries.htm>

You Version - with multiple translations. You can get this online or with a mobile device. They even have audio files of the Bible that you can listen to.

<http://www.youversion.com/>

Calvary Roswell - Previous messages and overview studies by Pastor Jim:

<http://www.calvaryroswell.com/biblestudies/WednesdayBibleStudies/Nehemiah/Index.htm>

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Sowing the Word



Nehemiah 2 pt. 2

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*So they read distinctly from the book, in the Law of God;
and they gave the sense, and
helped them to understand the reading.
(Nehemiah 8:8)*

NEHEMIAH 2

Waiting. Nehemiah did not suddenly quit his job and hurry to Jerusalem. He prayed and faithfully worked for four months, waiting to approach the king in the Lord's time. Waiting may be much harder than working, but it is dangerous to rush ahead of the Lord.

Praying. Nehemiah's "telegraph prayers" were effective because he spent much time alone with God. The throne of grace in heaven has greater authority than any throne on earth ([Eph. 1:15–23](#)). Are you in the habit of talking to God during your daily activities?

Explaining. Nehemiah had been planning his work carefully, so he was able to give the king satisfactory answers. Prayer and concern are not substitutes for clear thinking and adequate organization.

Preparing. Nehemiah paid attention to this advice: "Whoever believes will not act hastily" ([Isa. 28:16](#)). Before enlisting the leaders, Nehemiah became personally acquainted with the needs ([v. 11](#); [Ezra 8:32](#)). Dedicated leaders are awake when others are asleep, but they see more in the darkness than others do in the light ([Prov. 20:18](#)).

1. Upon completing his inspection of Jerusalem, what challenge does Nehemiah give to the people? How do the people respond? How do the governing officials react? Does Nehemiah's response to them address their questions or their motives?
2. In this chapter, we see Nehemiah's boldness. Are you bold like Nehemiah? What relationship or situation needs you to be bolder? How can you receive that boldness?
3. Nehemiah is very concerned with unity. What are some ways that unity is shown in the church today? How do you feel this is best demonstrated?
4. How can we guard ourselves from disappointment and cynicism when things do not go well in our service for God? How can you know when to be diplomatic and when to confront boldly? What guidelines should we follow?