



Where Restoration Starts

Welcome to the NewDay Worship Service today!

READ: Nehemiah 1:1-4

The words of Nehemiah son of Hakaliah:

In the month of Kislev in the twentieth year, while I was in the citadel of Susa, ² Hanani, one of my brothers, came from Judah with some other men, and I questioned them about the Jewish remnant that had survived the exile, and also about Jerusalem.

³ They said to me, "Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire."

⁴ When I heard these things, I sat down and wept.

For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven.

"To each there comes in their lifetime a special moment when they are figuratively tapped on the shoulder and offered the chance to do a very special thing, unique to them and fitted to their talents.

What a tragedy if that moment finds them unprepared or unqualified for that which could have been their finest hour."

Sir Winston Churchill

Jewish History Timeline

722 B.C	The Assyrians scatter 10 northern tribes	2 Kings 17
586 B.C.	Captivity of Judah (Jerusalem walls destroyed)	2 Chronicles 36:17-21
586-536 B.C.	Exile in Babylon	
539 B.C.	Persians (Cyrus) overthrows the Babylonians	Daniel 5
537 B.C.	Zerubbabel leads first group of exiles to Jerusalem	Ezra 2
534 B.C.	Rebuilding of the Temple begins	Ezra 3:8
522 B.C.	Work on the Temple stopped	Ezra 4:24
516 B.C.	Temple completed	Ezra 6:15
484-465 B.C.	Esther's influence	Esther
August, 458 B.C.	Ezra leading a second group of exiles to Jerusalem	Ezra 7:6-9
August, 445 B.C.	Nehemiah leads the third group of exiles to Jerusalem	Nehemiah 2:11

REFLECT: What is a key trait for those who truly make an impact on other people's lives?

1. Nehemiah was a leader who was not afraid to _____

and _____ of others.

Questions for reflection today & this coming week:

Who are those people who have made the most difference in your life?

What about them impacted you so much?

Where is God calling you to enter into the struggles and pain of others?

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.

²We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.

Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame.

Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne.

³Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up.

Hebrews 12:1-3

"I have walked that long road to freedom.

I have tried not to falter; I have made missteps along the way.

But I have discovered the secret that after climbing a great hill, one only finds that there are many more hills to climb. I have taken a moment here to rest, to steal a view of the glorious vista that surrounds me, to look back on the distance I have come. But I can only rest for a moment, for with freedom come responsibilities, and I dare not linger, for my long walk is not ended."

— Nelson Mandela

Respond & Apply: Individual & Small Group Discussion Guide

Take some time this week to reflect on those questions inside this insert. Is there anyone God is nudging you to reach out to with a word or encouragement or thanks?

Who are those people that God has broken your heart for?

What do you do with that concern?

How is the Holy Spirit giving you strength to reach out and wisdom to know what burdens he wants you to carry and the ones to let go of?

Revive, Rebuild, Restore: Moving Forward with God's Vision

November 6 – Where Restoration Starts (Nehemiah 1:1-4)

November 13 – Prayers That Get God's Attention (Neh. 1:4-11)

November 20 – Moving Forward with God's Vision (Neh. 2:1-6)

ADVENT (November 27-December 24)

November 27 – Doing God's Work Together (Neh. 2:7-20)

December 4 – When the Vision becomes the Reality (Neh. 3)

December 11 – Faith in the Face of Opposition (Neh.4)

December 18 – Hope When Misunderstood (Neh. 4-5)

December 24 - Christmas Eve Service, 4:00 pm

NewDay Worship Service Location Update

Thank you for your faithful prayers as the NewDay Leadership Team has discerned God's leading us to continue to meet at Taco Jed on Sunday mornings for Worship until the end of May, 2023.

NewDay Envisioning Our Ministry Values

- 1. We are a community that has a passion to serve others.**
- 2. We are a community that longs for deeper life relationships with God and others.**
- 3. We are passionate about investing in children, youth, and families.**
- 4. We are a people who have a desire to be led by and experience the power of the Holy Spirit in everyday life.**

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