God's Blueprint For Rebuilding His Church & Your Life "Building For The Future" Nehemiah 1:1-11

Nehemiah had to <u>Face</u> the "<u>Hard</u> <u>Truth</u>" that God's <u>Nation</u> & God's <u>People</u> were in Serious Need of "<u>REBUILDING</u>."

The <u>SETTING</u> of Nehemiah's story is the year <u>445 BC</u>.

Jerusalem was City with NO WALLS (vv. 1-3). Are you Living in a place with NO WALLS?

In Nehemiah 1:1-11, we find 3 <u>Qualities</u> that must be apparent to <u>Respond Courageously</u> to the Truth & <u>Begin Rebuilding</u> for the Future.

- 1. WE MUST HAVE PASSION FOR THE THINGS OF GOD. (v.4)
- As Believers...WE are to <u>FEEL</u> the <u>NEED</u>. (Nehemiah "Sat Down & <u>WEPT</u>")
- Nehemiah shows us...there's a <u>Danger</u> to <u>INDIFFERENCE</u>.
- We must NOT be <u>Content</u> with our current state of affairs.
- When our Hearts are Broken, often it's Good News.

2. WE MUST BECOME PEOPLE OF <u>PRAYER</u>. (vv. 5-11)

- We must <u>SEE</u> the need & <u>FEEL</u> the need so we can <u>SHARE</u> the Need with God.
- We must **Strive** To Keep God <u>FIRST</u>.
- We must <u>Recognize</u> <u>OUR</u> <u>Weak</u> <u>Spot</u>.
- We are to <u>Rejoice in the PROMISES</u> of God.

3. WE MUST USE OUR <u>POSITION</u> AS GOD'S VESSELS. (v.11)

- Often, We are in a Position to <u>MEET</u> the NEED.
- Nehemiah had <u>ACCESS</u> to the <u>KING</u>. (you too!)
- We must <u>WAIT</u> for the God-given <u>Opportunity</u>.
- Prayer also Quiets our Hearts & Activates our Faith.
- So...Are We Ready to <u>Build</u> For The Future??
- Do we have the Courage to <u>BUILD AGAIN</u>?
- Do we have <u>HOLY AMBITION</u>? (2 Chronicles 19:9)
- God <u>Builds</u> the church on <u>These Kinds</u> of People.