

Vision: Helping People Win In Life (on the foundation of a Personal & Growing Relationship with Jesus Christ)



Mission: Helping People Win In Life through environments designed to help them take their next steps in Christian Maturity.

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Sermon Notes

It's Time to Be Revived, Restored & To Rebuild

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Icebreaker: What was your favorite game to play as a child?

Scripture Reading: Nehemiah 1:3

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."

3 Ways Insecurity Slips In:

1. When I Consume Myself with Guilt and Shame from My Past

2 Corinthians 7:9-10---- ⁹ yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance. For you became sorrowful as God intended and so were not harmed in any way by us. ¹⁰ Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.

1 John 1:9 - "If you confess your sins, God is faithful to forgive you and just to purify you from all unrighteousness."

John 8:36 - So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Philippians 1:6 - "being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

Philippians 3:13 – "Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,."

2. When I Compare Myself To Others

Matthew 25:15 – "To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag,^[a] each according to his ability."

Matthew 25:24-30 – ²⁴ "Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.' ²⁶ "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷ Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. ²⁸ "'So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. ²⁹ For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever

does not have, even what they have will be taken from them.³⁰ And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

3. **When I Conceal My Pain**

2 Corinthians 12:9 - *But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.*

Read the story of Nehemiah. Let’s look at what we can learn from Nehemiah and how he overcame

What To Do When You Need to Be Revived, Renewed and Start Rebuilding:

1. **Seek Wise Counsel**

Nehemiah 1:5-6 *“Lord, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, 6 let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel.*

2. **Do A Check-Up From The Neck Up**

Nehemiah 1:7 - *“We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses.”*

3. **Commit To Do My Best**

Nehemiah 1:8 - ⁸ *“Remember the instruction you gave your servant Moses, saying, ‘If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations,⁹ but if you return to me and obey my commands, then even if your exiled people are at the farthest horizon, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place I have chosen as a dwelling for my Name.’*

4. **Focus on God’s Call**

(Nehemiah did what he believed God would want him to do)

Nehemiah 1:11 – *“Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man.”*

Notes:

Outline for Small Group (1 ½ hour)

- I. **Welcome:** Ice Breaker, Light Refreshments (20 min)
- II. **Worship:** Sing 2 Songs, Pray (7 min)
- III. **Word:** Discussion /Overview from preached message & Discussion Questions (43 min)
- IV. **Works & Witness:** What will you do to **serve** others and/or **share** Christ with others? How can you **partner** with your Small Group and/or entire Church? (10 min)
- V. **Win (Testimony):** What next step have you taken or are taking toward spiritual maturity in Christ Jesus? *Connecting, Growing, Serving, Sharing, Worshipping* (5 min)
- VI. **Will (Vision & Prayer):** Share the Vision and Mission of CCMS & Pray (ACTS) – Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving & Supplication (5 min)