

## rebuilding together

[Nehemiah 3]

### rebuilding begins

Nehemiah 2.17-18

and next to them . . .

### experiencing grace together

grace-

power  
activity  
ability

be  
do  
live

the Israelites-

be-  
-Genesis 12.1-3

-Exodus 19.4-6

do-  
-Deuteronomy 6.4-9

-Deuteronomy 10.12-13, 17-20

live-  
-Deuteronomy 30.19-20

-Leviticus 26

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What happened?

-Leviticus 26.31

us as the church-

be-

-1 Peter 2.9-10

-2 Corinthians 5.20

-Matthew 5.13-16

do-

-Mark 12.30-31

-Matthew 28.18-20

-2 Corinthians 5.17-21

live-

-1 Peter 2.11-12

Philippians 2.12-13

**[big questions]**

What is my orientation toward grace?

What keeps me from experiencing God's grace?

How am I learning to experience God's grace together with others?

**Memorize this-**

4 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.

-Romans 12.4-6a (NIV)

**[repair and restore.04]**

**rebuilding together** : Nehemiah 3  
[going deeper]

What thought, idea or observation from this teaching did you find to be the most useful, encouraging, eye-opening or even troubling? Explain.

Define grace. What are some things that catch your attention about grace?

How much grace do you experience in your life? Do you find that grace is more difficult to receive or to give?

**Read Nehemiah 2.17-18**

Why do you think the people were encouraged by Nehemiah's story of God's grace? What made them want to be a part of that story?

Scan through chapter 3. What are some of the things that you observe about the people who are working on the wall? How is grace experienced by the fact that they are all working together?

*Grace is God's power, ability and activity at work in, around and through us, empowering us to be who He created and intends for us to be, to do what He created and intends for us to do and to live the lives He created and intends for us to live—even though we don't deserve it.*

Taking this definition of grace, how does it apply to what is happening at this point in Nehemiah's story?

Read these verses and explain how they describe God's intentions for the nation of Israel:

Genesis 12.1-3—

Exodus 19.4-6—

Deuteronomy 6.4-6—

Deuteronomy 10.12-13, 17-22—

Deuteronomy 30.19-20—

Leviticus 26—(How does this also explain how the nation of Israel got to the point that it is in this story?)

Now let's think about how this applies to us. Read these verses and explain how they describe God's intentions for us:

1 Peter 2.9-10—

Matthew 5.13-16—

2 Corinthians 5.20—

Mark 12.30-31—

Matthew 28.18-20—

2 Corinthians 5.17-21

1 Peter 2.11-12—

How does our experience mirror the experience of the Israelites?

How would these things be connected with our experience of grace? Perhaps the best way to experience this grace is to help rebuild each other's lives toward God's intentions together. How can we do that? How will we do that?