**FALL SEMESTER** 

**BUILDING THE WALLS** THAT HOLD A FAMILY TOGETHER





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# KINGDOM BUILDERS

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### INTRODUCTION building the walls of the family

Before God raised up
Nehemiah to rebuild the walls
of Jerusalem, He first laid a
foundation through two other
key leaders: Zerubbabel and
Ezra. Zerubbabel led the
first wave of returnees from
Babylonian exile and was
tasked with rebuilding the
temple, restoring worship at
the center of the nation. Ezra



followed, not with bricks and mortar, but with the Word of God. He reestablished the priesthood, taught the Scriptures, and called the people back to covenant faithfulness.

Nehemiah, on the other hand, wasn't a prophet or a priest. He was a cupbearer to the king. Trusted, positioned, but not a builder by trade. Yet God used him to do something monumental: rebuild the broken walls of Jerusalem. These weren't just physical barriers. They represented protection, strength, and a secure future for God's people.

The walls carried both spiritual and practical significance. As long as they were in ruins, Jerusalem was vulnerable. Without walls, the economy couldn't prosper, families couldn't thrive, and enemies could come and go freely. God's house had been rebuilt and His Word restored, but without walls, His people were still exposed.

Nehemiah understood this. He stepped up, surveyed the damage, faced fierce opposition, and most importantly, he mobilized families to build. Each household was assigned a section of the wall. They worked with one hand and defended with the other.



Nehemiah wasn't simply overseeing construction; he was calling families into their God-given assignments. He showed them how to fight for their homes, their faith, and their future.

This semester, we're going to learn what it means to build the walls of the family. We'll draw from Nehemiah's leadership, the strategies he used, and the spiritual principles behind them. Because today, just like then, God is calling families to stand in the gaps. To build. To guard. To protect His purposes. Strong families create strong churches. Strong churches shape communities. And communities aligned with God attract the blessing of His kingdom.

As we move forward, expect to be challenged, equipped, and called into action. This semester is about discovering your family's place in God's plan to rebuild, restore, and secure what matters most.

## week one THE BURDEN TO BUILD

O Lord, I pray, please let Your ear be attentive to the prayer of Your servant, and to the prayer of Your servants who desire to fear Your name; and let Your servant prosper this day, I pray, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. For I was the king's cupbearer.

**NEHEMIAH 1:1–11** 

Main Idea: Strong families are born out of compassion and intercession.

Summary: Before Nehemiah built the wall, he wept and prayed. He allowed God's burden to become his own, weeping and fasting until vision took root. Strong families are birthed when hearts are moved with compassion and anchored in persistent intercession for those we love.

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**WEEK ONE** 

"When I heard this, I sat down and wept. In fact, for days I mourned, fasted, and prayed to the God of heaven." Nehemiah 1:4 (NLT)
Family Discussion: What makes Nehemiah's response different from just feeling bad about a problem? How can prayer turn a burden into action?
Prayer Focus: To let God's burdens touch our hearts and lead us to pray for our family and community.
"Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2 (NLT)
Family Discussion: How can we help carry the burdens of others in our family school, or church?
Prayer Focus: To be willing to carry the weight of others in prayer and through acts of love.
"The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and
produces wonderful results." James 5:16 (NLT)
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## FAVORED BY THE KING

"The God of heaven Himself will prosper us; therefore we His servants will arise and build, but you have no heritage or right or memorial in Jerusalem." Nehemiah 2:20

### Main Idea: God will give you favor to build your family.

Summary: Nehemiah stepped into the king's presence carrying God's vision and received supernatural favor. That favor opened doors, released resources, and provided protection for the mission. When God calls you to build your family, He will equip you with everything needed to see the vision become reality.

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**WEEK TWO** 

"The king granted these requests, because the gracious hand of God was on me." Nehemiah 2:8 (NLT)
Family Discussion: Why do you think God's hand was on Nehemiah? How can God's favor help us in our lives today?
Prayer Focus: To walk in God's favor and recognize His hand opening doors for us.
"For You bless the righteous, O Lord; You cover him with favor as with a shield." Psalm 5:12 (ESV)
Family Discussion: How is God's favor like a shield? Can you share a time when God protected or blessed you unexpectedly?
Prayer Focus: To trust God's protection and blessing in every step we take.
"And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19 (ESV)
Family Discussion: How can we trust God to provide for our needs as we follow His plan?
Prayer Focus: To rely on God as our ultimate provider for our family's needs.

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## week three BUILDING YOUR WALL

"He built it, covered it, hung its doors with its bolts and bars, and repaired the wall."

**NEHEMIAH 3:15** 

### Main Idea: Build with one hand, battle with the other.

Summary: When the enemy attacked, Nehemiah's people learned to build with one hand while holding a weapon in the other. Families thrive when they pray effectively, resist the enemy's schemes, and stay committed to God's vision—fighting for what matters while never stopping the work He's called them to do.

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**WEEK THREE** 

"Next to them, repairs were made by and each one repaired the section in front of his own house." Nehemiah 3:10 (NLT)
Family Discussion: Why do you think people started by repairing the section in front of their own home?
Prayer Focus: To take responsibility for building and protecting our own home and family first.
"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" Psalm 133:1 (NLT)
Family Discussion: What does unity look like in our family? How can we work together better?
Prayer Focus: For unity in our home, church, and community.
"Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed." Ecclesiastes 4:9 (NLT)
Family Discussion: Why is working together better than working alone? Can you think of a time you needed help?
Prayer Focus: To value and support each other in the work God has called us to do.
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## FIGHTING FOR YOUR FAMILY

"Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, great and awesome, and fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your houses." Nehemiah 4:14 Main Idea: The mindset for winning.

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**WEEK FOUR** 

"Don't be afraid of the enemy! Remember the Lord, who is great and glorious, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes!" Nehemiah 4:14 (NLT)
Family Discussion: What does it mean to "fight" for your family spiritually?
Prayer Focus: For courage to protect and pray for our family against any spiritual attack.
"Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil." Ephesians 6:11 (NLT)
Family Discussion: What pieces of God's armor can help us protect our home?
Prayer Focus: To put on God's armor daily and stand strong in faith.
"Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation." Matthew 26:41 (NLT)
Family Discussion: Why is it important to stay alert and pray regularly?
Prayer Focus: To be watchful and prayerful in guarding our family's hearts.

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### week five GUARDING THE GATES

"Every one of the builders had his sword girded at his side as he built."

**NEHEMIAH 4:13-23** 

### MAIN IDEA: Be watchful over what enters your home.

SUMMARY: The gates of a city determined what was allowed in or kept out, shaping the life within the walls. In the same way, families must set godly boundaries and exercise spiritual discernment to protect their hearts, homes, and faith from influences that could weaken what God is building.

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**WEEK FIVE** 

"Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life." Proverbs 4:23 (NLT)

Family Discussion: What kinds of things do we need to guard our hearts against?

Prayer Focus: To keep our hearts pure and protect our home from harmful influences.

"Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil." 1 Peter 5:8 (NLT)

Family Discussion: How can we stay alert to what is trying to come into our hearts and home?

Prayer Focus: For spiritual awareness and discernment in daily life.

"The eye is the lamp of the body." Matthew 6:22 (NLT)
Family Discussion: How do the things we watch, listen to, and read affect our lives?
Prayer Focus: To fill our eyes, ears, and hearts with things that honor God.

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## BUILDING FROM WITHIN

"Restore now to them, even this day, their lands, their vineyards, their olive groves, and their houses."

Nehemiah 5:11

# Main Idea: Dealing with brokenness within the family.

Sumary: Before the wall could be finished, Nehemiah addressed injustice and division among the people. Lasting strength comes when families deal honestly with internal conflicts, heal relational wounds, and choose unity over offense. Building from within ensures the structure stands firm against pressure from the outside.

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## 3-DAY WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL **WEEK SIX**

"Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace." Ephesians 4:3 (NLT) Family Discussion: Why is peace in the family important for building something strong? Prayer Focus: For peace and unity within our home, even when problems arise. "If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you." Matthew 6:14 (NLT) Family Discussion: Why is forgiveness necessary for a healthy family? Prayer Focus: For the strength to forgive and heal broken relationships. "Let all that you do be done with love." 1 Corinthians 16:14 (NKJV) Family Discussion: How can we show love to each other in our daily routines? Prayer Focus: To make love the foundation of all our words and actions.

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# week seven OURAUTHORITY TO BUILD

"Remember me, my God, for good, according to all that I have done for this people."

**NEHEMIAH 5:19** 

# Main Idea: Know your authority to build.

Summary: Nehemiah led with integrity, rejecting personal gain and modeling servant leadership. He knew God had placed him in authority for a purpose. Families flourish when leaders embrace their God-given authority, rule with wisdom, and set an example of faith, courage, and sacrifice for future generations to follow.

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### 3-DAY WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

**WEEK SEVEN** 

"Look, I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy." Luke 10:19 (NLT)

Family Discussion: How does knowing we have God-given authority change the way we live?

Prayer Focus: To walk confidently in the authority God has given us.

—— "Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9 (NLT)

Family Discussion: How can courage help us lead our family well?

Prayer Focus: For boldness to lead with faith and integrity.

\_\_\_\_ "And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus." Colossians 3:17 (NLT)

Family Discussion: What does it mean to represent Jesus in our words and actions?

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