

Rebuilding the Walls

(The people) are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem has been torn down, and the gates have been burned.

Nehemiah 1:3 NLT

6 Steps to Rebuilding:

1. Take Time to Grieve.

When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed.

Nehemiah 1:4 NIV

2. Do an Honest Assessment.

As I went, I inspected the broken walls of the city and the gates that had been destroyed by fire.

Nehemiah 2:13 TEV

3. Dream a New Dream.

Then I said: "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..."

Nehemiah 1:5 NIV

...we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Romans 5:3-4 NIV

God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, His Spirit deeply and gently within us.

Ephesians 3:20 MSG

4. Begin Anew with Conviction.

I was badly frightened, but I replied, "...send me to Judah to rebuild the city where my ancestors are buried."

Nehemiah 2:2,5 NLT

I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, "Move from here to there" and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.

Matthew 17:20 NIV

The God of heaven will give us success. We His servants will start rebuilding...

Nehemiah 2:20 NIV

5. Ignore the Haters and Doubters.

...so I replied by sending this message to them: "I am engaged in a great work, so I can't come. Why should I stop working to come and meet with you?"

Nehemiah 6:3 NLT

6. Trust God to Bless.

Then I added this to my request... And the king granted these requests, for God was being gracious to me.

Nehemiah 2:7-8 TLB

For God has said, "I will never, never fail you nor forsake you." That is why we can say without any doubt or fear, "The Lord is my Helper, and I am not afraid of anything that mere man can do to me."

Hebrews 13:5-6 TLB

When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun!

2 Corinthians 5:17 TLB