A Study of Nehemiah
Part 3

How to Make a Tremendous Difference in the Body of Christ!

1. We must know God’s purpose for us individually.

Nehemiah 2:17 (ESV) Then I said to them, “You see the trouble we are in, how Jerusalem lies in ruins with its gates burned. Come, let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer suffer derision.”

Psalm 87:2 (ESV) the LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling places of Jacob.

Here is an important principle:
when the pain of continuing as we are is greater than the pain of change, we change.

Matthew 28:19 (ESV) “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,”

John 15:8 (ESV) By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

2. We must serve God faithfully.

Hebrews 3:13 (ESV) But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

Nehemiah 3:1 (ESV) Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brothers the priests, and they built the Sheep Gate. They consecrated it and set its doors. They consecrated it as far as the Tower of the Hundred, as far as the Tower of Hananel.

Nehemiah 3:8 (ESV) Next to them Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, goldsmiths, repaired. Next to him Hananiah, one of the perfumers, repaired, and they restored Jerusalem as far as the Broad Wall.

Nehemiah 3:9 (ESV) Next to them Rephaiah the son of Hur, ruler of half the district of Jerusalem, repaired.

Nehemiah 3:14 (ESV) Malchijah the son of Rechab, ruler of the district of Beth-haccherem, repaired the Dung Gate. He rebuilt it and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars.
Nehemiah 3:31 (ESV) After him Malchijah, one of the goldsmiths, repaired as far as the house of the temple servants and of the merchants, opposite the Muster Gate, and to the upper chamber of the corner.

We all have something to contribute to building up the body of Christ.

Ephesians 4:12 (ESV) to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

Nehemiah 3:5 (ESV) And next to them the Tekoites repaired, but their nobles would not stoop to serve their Lord.

Hebrews 6:10 (ESV) For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do.

3. We must encourage others often.

Nehemiah 3:13 (ESV) Hanun and the inhabitants of Zanoah repaired the Valley Gate. They rebuilt it and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars, and repaired a thousand cubits of the wall, as far as the Dung Gate.

Hebrews 10:25 (ESV) not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Proverbs 12:25 (ESV) Anxiety in a man’s heart weighs him down, but a good word makes him glad.