



RE:BUILDING

All Yours

Sunday 18th January 2026

Nehemiah 1:10-11

Living in a world which is obsessed by what feels like it should be mine will eventually leave you washed out, done in, fed up, and weighed down, especially if you share their pursuit. You were never designed to have it all. **The pursuit of everything** has dragged us into the false idea that all I have is mine, and all everyone else has is mine by right. **But it has made us sick**, very sick. Like the people of Israel demanded they have meat in the wilderness just as in Egypt, but it made them sick to death. This sickness does have a cure, and God wants you to see this through the eyes of Nehemiah today that you might be healed and RE:BUILT through God's truth.

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Let us read **Nehemiah 1:10**, and join his prayer again,

They are your servants and your people, whom you have redeemed by your great power and by your strong hand.

Nehemiah has had his heart broken by the brokenness around him. He has been on his knees in prayer for days, recalled the promises of God, confessed his own sins, the sins of his family and his whole nation. In spite of this, he now wants to be sure there is now way that God will not hear or answer from heaven. **By speaking the truth.**

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1. These people are your servants
2. These people belong to you
3. These people have been redeemed by you
4. These people have been saved by your great power
5. These people have benefitted from God's strong hand

And that is just like us. It's a description of you. In Philippians 1:1, Paul refers to himself and Timothy as servants of Christ. And in **1 Peter 2:16** we read,

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Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.

Freedom is found in living out everything God has called you to be and do not by having everything this world has to offer.

5 In **1 Corinthians 6:19-20** we belong to Him – we are His possession,

You are not your own, ²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

6 In **Galatians 3:13**, we are reminded,

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us...

7 In **1 Corinthians 1:18** we learn,

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

8 And in **1 Peter 5:6** we are reminded how we are to be lifted up,

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you,

When you see and say things the way they really are you are free to become whom God has really called you to be.

9 Nehemiah continues in **verse 11**,

O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants who delight to fear your name, and give success to your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man.”

Now I was cupbearer to the king.

We need God to hear our prayers. Yes? Then ask! **Nehemiah knows it is God who must hear his prayer if heaven is to change things on earth.**

10 And how does he speak of himself? ‘Your servant’. Is that who you see yourself? **John 13:16** reminds us of the place we have in Christ,

11 Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.

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Nehemiah also asks God to hear the prayers of others who love and serve God. This is also laying a foundation for his future success, to join with those who are first joined with him in true prayer. Want to know who will stand faithfully alongside you? Listen to their prayers. **Do they pray for what matters to God? Have them join you.** Do they pray with doubt, confusion, as if they do not

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know God and what He desires to do? Do not ask them to join you in Rebuilding.

And Nehemiah's final plea with God is that HE brings success to Nehemiah.

13 **Success looks like God having done what He promised HE would do.**

Nehemiah wasn't full of bright new ideas, just asking God to rebuild what had been broken, according to His design.

Nehemiah closes his prayer with a sprinkling of boldness, to ask God to make an unmerciful king merciful towards him. Nehemiah was asking God, once again, to do what seems impossible. This was a theme that was woven into the future of Nehemiah and his people.

14 That same theme needs weaving into your life. **Not that God would remove the obstacles but make them powerless.**

Nehemiah said, 'Now I was cupbearer to the king.' Where and what you are is where it all starts. Not at a place more suitable or a place more likely to bring success. You do not have to wait for brighter and better days. **You are where God wants to work.**

16 Your life, as a servant of the living God. **Let it be defined that same way.**

1. Remind yourself of all that is God's
2. Join with those who are joined in Christ-centred prayer
3. Speak to God of the obstacles – not to remove but to disempower them
4. Remember where you are. That's where it starts!