

Rebuilding *for* God's People

*A Study of Nehemiah
and 2 Corinthians*



Lesson 9



This day is sacred to our Lord.

Do not grieve,

for the joy of the Lord is your strength.

Nehemiah 8:10b



Jerusalem

A City Repopulated (Neh 11)

A Wall Dedicated (Neh 12)

A People Disciplined (Neh 13)



A City Repopulated



Why people didn't want to move:

People lived in their native towns
Jerusalem was still in ruins
The city was a target for enemies

A City Repopulated

The Leaders
The “Draft”
The Volunteers



“The people commended all the men who volunteered to live in Jerusalem.” Neh 11:2

Casting Lots



Casting Lots

- To determine the will of God (Josh 18:10, Lev 16:8, Lk 23:34)
- Not superstitious
- Belief that God exercises sovereign control over all things



“The lot is cast into the lap,
but its every decision is from the Lord.”

Proverbs 16:33

A Wall Dedicated



Joy

Lasts forever

Always there

Comes from within

Happiness

Fades quickly

Depends on circumstances

Comes from the outside

“...rejoicing because God had given them great joy.” (Neh 12:43)

“We ought to be like tea kettles. Even when they are up to their necks in hot water, they are still singing!” ~Ray Stedman

A People Disciplined

What happened to Nehemiah?

Prayer

Planning

Perseverance

“I...
threw out,
gave orders,
rebuked,
called them together,
beat some,
pulled out their hair,
made them take an oath,
drove him away...”

A People Disciplined

Nehemiah

Hated anything that obscured God's glory
Exercised bold leadership
Had righteous anger (John 2:13-16)

“Drastic problems require drastic measures.”

*“Nehemiah knew that his call
was not to success but to faithfulness.”
~J.I. Packer*

A People Disciplined

What happened in Jerusalem?

Mountaintop moments are fleeting

Backsliding

Human restlessness

The enemy never quits

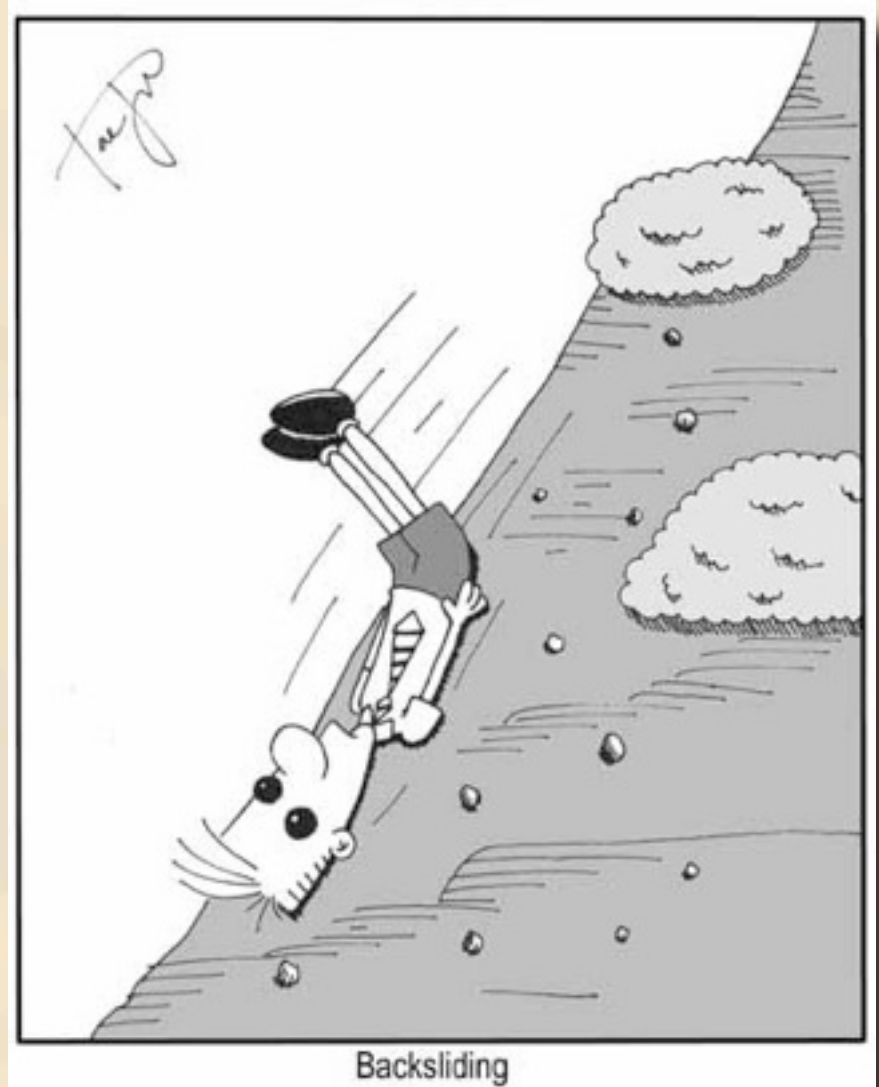
Mountaintop Moments are fleeting



- 📌 It's hard to recapture them
- 📌 Growth happens in the valleys
- 📌 The contrast helps us appreciate both

Backsliding

“We are on a slippery slope greased with excuses.”



Take a hand

We are not meant to go it alone.

God's hand

*"I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous
right hand." Is 41:10*

Fellow Believer's hand (1Thess 5:11)

One hand up, one hand down



Human restlessness



- We get tired of being good
- It takes too long
- Surely we deserve a treat



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“Be self-controlled and alert.
Your enemy the devil
Prowls around like a roaring lion
looking for someone to devour.
1 Peter 5:8

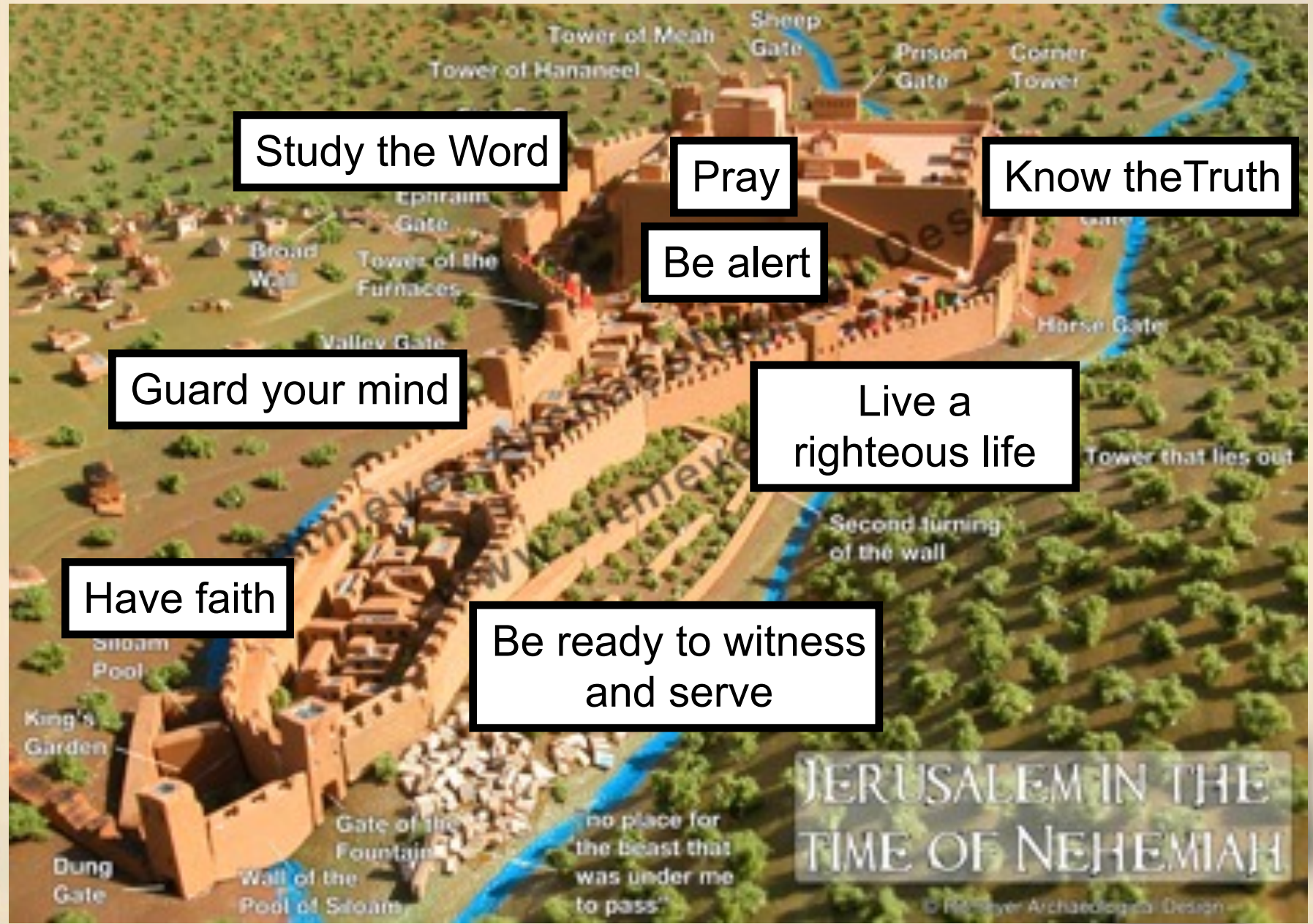


Disobedience to God's Word
Desecration to the Temple
Disrespect for the Sabbath
Disregard for the oath they had taken

Satan uses trials to weaken your faith.
God uses trials to build up your faith.



The Armor of God (Eph 6:10-18)



Applying the Lesson in Your Life

Climb on your horse and examine your wall.

Do you see weak areas?

Pray to God for help and be alert!



Know the Truth
Live a righteous life
Be ready to witness and serve
Have faith
Guard your mind
Study the Word