

Rebuilding *for* God's People

*A Study of Nehemiah
and 2 Corinthians*



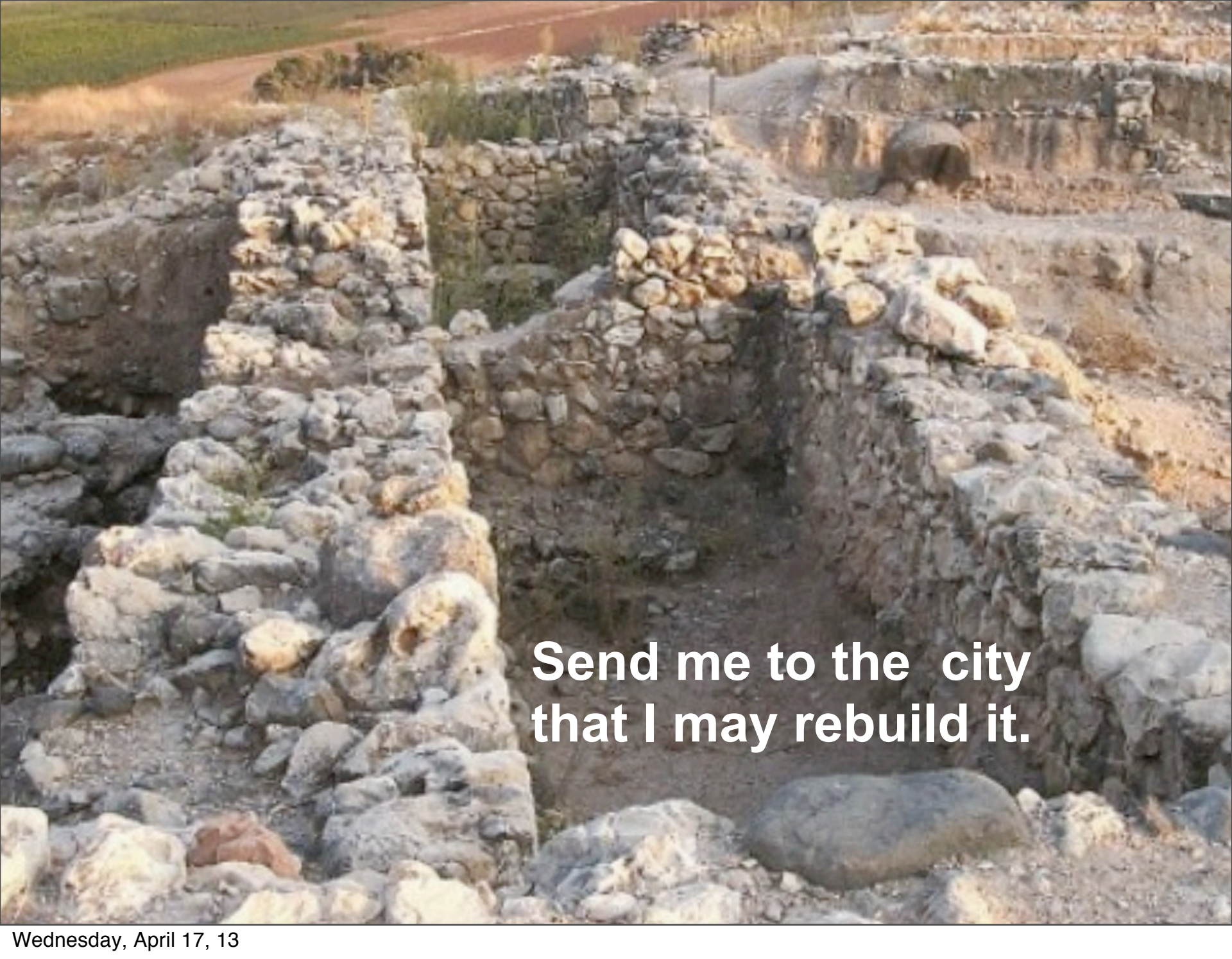
Lesson 25



Rebuilding God's People In Jerusalem and Corinth

Looking Back at Nehemiah and 2 Corinthians



A photograph of ancient stone ruins, likely a city wall or foundation, with a dirt road and greenery in the background. The ruins are constructed from large, irregular stones, some of which are light-colored and others darker. The structure appears to be a wall or a series of connected walls, with some sections showing more significant damage or decay. The background features a dirt road and some green vegetation, suggesting a rural or archaeological setting.

**Send me to the city
that I may rebuild it.**

The 10,000 Foot View

- The Leaders
- The People
- The Mission
- The Method
- The Result
- The Message



THE LEADERS: THE SAME

**Responded to God's Call
Focused on the Task
Outsiders
Strong and Decisive
Selfless
Faced Success and Disaster
Persistent
Single**

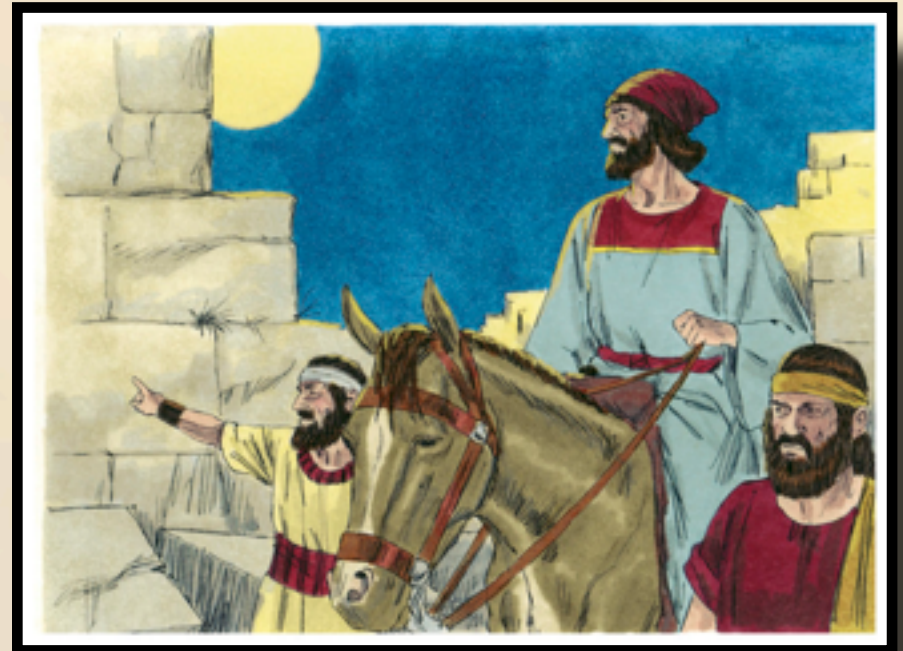


BUT DIFFERENT

Authority

Respect

Support



THE PEOPLE: THE SAME

Ruled by Foreign Empire

Surrounded by Pagan Worship

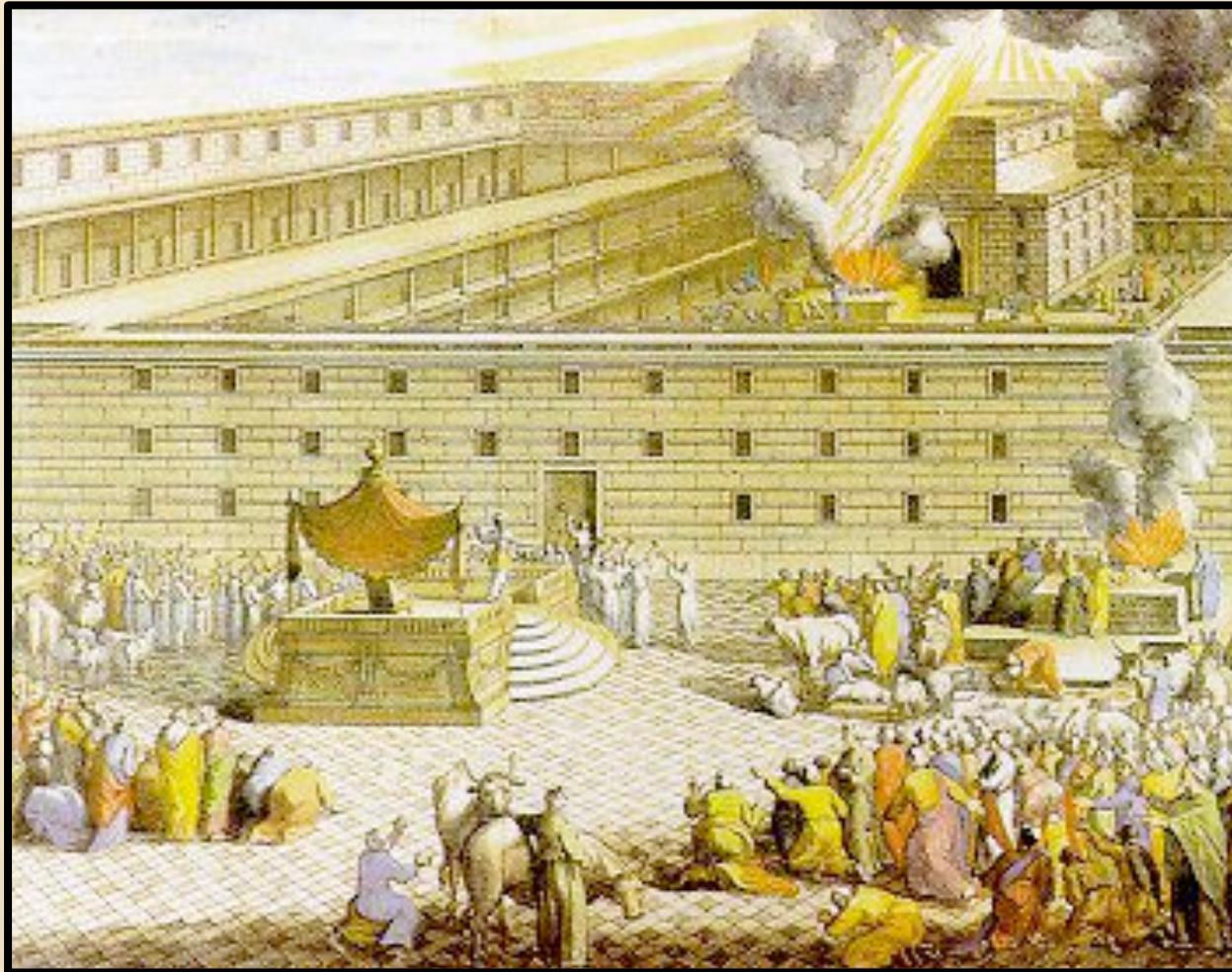
Neglecting the Word of God

Backsliding In Absence of Leader



BUT DIFFERENT

Worship in the Temple



WORSHIP IN HOUSE CHURCHES



Nehemiah

- **Salvation by works of the law**
- **Anticipating the Messiah**

Paul

- **Salvation by Grace**
- **Following Christ**



RESTORING RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

NEHEMIAH

- Rebuilds the temple
- Renews the covenant with God
- Restores worship in the temple according to the Law of Moses

PAUL

- Expands the people of God to include the Gentiles
- Proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ and salvation by grace
- Exposes false teaching and false teachers

THE MISSION



PRAYER



Servant Leadership

THE METHOD



NEHEMIAH

- **Covenant Renewed**
- **Relationship Restored**
- **Temple Worship Re-established**

PAUL

- **Grace Extended**
- **Relationship Reconciled**
- **Disciples Increased**

THE RESULT



The counterpart of Nehemiah in the New Testament is the Apostle Paul, another human ball of fire with a passion for faithfulness in building up God's church, a passion rooted like Nehemiah's in a life of faith, hope and joy...

But my present point is that, however much success they actually had, their calling was not to success, but to faithfulness--and so is ours, whatever our role in the body of Christ.

J.I. Packer
A Passion for Faithfulness

THE MESSAGE: Faithfulness



Final words from Paul



2 Corinthians 13:11

“Finally brothers, rejoice!
Aim for perfection,
encourage one another,
be of one mind,
live in peace.”



2 Corinthians 13:11

Paul's RPU's

Rejoice

Perfection

Unity

Requirements

Paul

Understood



Rejoice

Rejoice in the
Lord always;
again I will say,
Rejoice.

- Philippians 4:4 ESV



Perfection

Is perfection...

Attainable?

A stumbling block?

A goal?



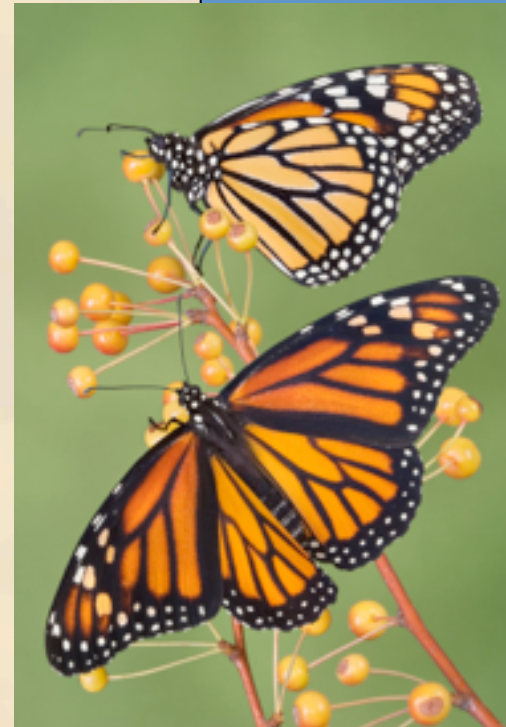
Unity



Encourage one another

Be like-minded

Live in peace



Unity

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Romans 12:18



2 Corinthians 13:11

“Finally brothers, rejoice!

Aim for perfection,

encourage one another,

be of one mind,

live in peace.

And the God of love and peace will be with you.”



Applying the Lesson in Your Life

This summer, test your faithfulness.

Do an RPU check!

Rejoice

Perfection

Unity



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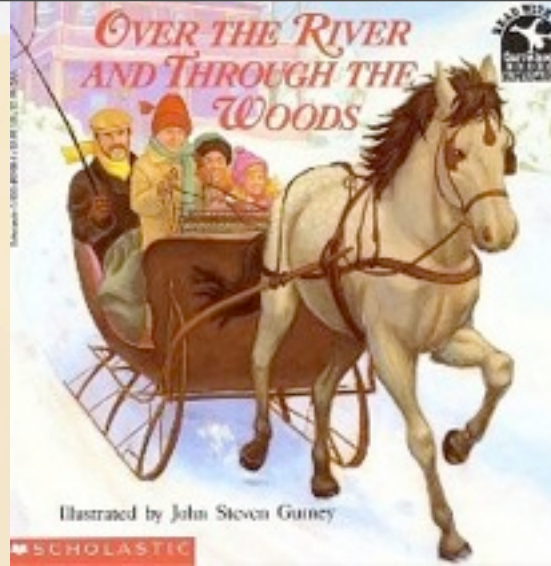
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Memory verses extraordinaire!



Receiving **God's** Abundant **Gifts**



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May the **grace** of the Lord Jesus Christ
and the **love** of God
and the **fellowship** of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:14

G Grace
L Love
F Fellowship

