

SERIES: RISE UP  
Build!"

SERIES SCRIPTURE: Nehemiah 2:18 "...Let Us Rise Up &

NEHEMIAH Left His COMFORT to provide a COVERING

### WHAT IMPRESSES GOD?

## ***GOD uses ORDINARY PEOPLE to IMPACT ETERNITY!***

**Nehemiah 1:1-4** The words of Nehemiah the son of Hacaliah.

Now it happened in the month of Chisleu, in the twentieth year, as I was in Susa the citadel, **2** that Hanani, one of my brothers, came with certain men from Judah. And I asked them concerning the Jews who escaped, who had survived the exile, and concerning Jerusalem. **3** And they said to me, "The remnant there in the province who had survived the exile is in great trouble and shame. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates are destroyed by fire."

### **Nehemiah's Prayer**

**4** As soon as I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days, and I continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven.

(vs 5) his prayer

## #1 OBEY THE BURDEN

Nehemiah 2:1-4 In the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was before him, I took up the wine and gave it to the king. Now I had not been sad in his presence. **2** And the king said to me, "Why is your face sad, seeing you are not sick? This is nothing but sadness of the heart." Then I was very much afraid. **3** I said to the king, "Let the king live forever! Why should not my face be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' graves, lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?" **4** Then the king said to me, "What are you requesting?" So I prayed to the God of heaven.

## #2 OPEN THE DOOR

**11** So I went to Jerusalem and was there three days...

**15** Then I went up in the night by the valley and inspected the wall, and I turned back and entered by the Valley Gate, and so returned. **16** And the officials did not know where I had gone or what I was doing, and I had not yet told the Jews, the priests, the nobles, the officials, and the rest who were to do the work.

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

**18** And I told them of the hand of my God that had been upon me for good, and also of the words that the king had spoken to me. And they said, **"Let us rise up and build!"**  
So they strengthened their hands for the **good work.**

## #3 RISE UP FOR GOOD!

***WHAT'S YOUR BURDEN TODAY?***