

THE GATE

Nehemiah 2:18 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.**

God’s COVERING will often CHALLENGE our COMFORT

#1 EXAMINE BEFORE I ACT

PRAY PREPARE PLAN PRODUCE

2 Cor 13:5 **ESV** Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!

#2 EXPECT OPPOSITION

Nehemiah 2:19 **ESV** But when Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite servant and Geshem the Arab heard of it, they jeered at us and despised us and said, “What is this thing that you are doing? Are you rebelling against the king?”
horonite- samaritan
 from bethhoron-jew+assyrian

Sanballat-, 'sin gave life,' – the Compromise

Tobiah- god 'yah' is good--- the Counterfeit

Geshem- 'rain storm'- the CHAOS

Nehemiah 2:20 **ESV** Then I replied to them, “The God of heaven will make us prosper; and **WE** his servants will arise and build, but you have no portion or right or claim in Jerusalem.”

When I KNEEL before the KING of Heaven, I can STAND to any King on EARTH

#3 RENOVATE THE GATE

TOGETHER,

ONE @ a Time,

PRIORITIZING the most Important!

John 10:1-3, 6-10 **NLT 1** “I tell you the truth, anyone who sneaks over the wall of a sheepfold, rather than going through the gate, must surely be a thief and a robber! **2** But the one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. **3** The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

6 Those who heard Jesus use this illustration didn’t understand what he meant, **7** so he explained it to them: “I tell you the truth, **I AM the Gate** for the sheep. **8** All who came

before me were thieves and robbers. But the true sheep did not listen to them. [9](#)Yes, **I AM the Gate**. Those who come in through me will be saved. [b](#) They will come and go freely and will find good pastures. [10](#)The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.