

## NEHEMIAH: "PURPOSE BUILDER"

*So I answered them, and said to them, "The God of heaven Himself will prosper us; therefore we His servants will arise and **build...** (Nehemiah 2:20 NKJV)*

**INTRODUCTION:** Today we will learn about "**Nehemiah**", the leader who built more than walls, he built purposes and destinies in people. He helped people dream once again, the man who built more than a wall, he built a city and built the self-esteem of a town.

**ILLUSTRATION:** *It all started when Nehemiah met with his brother and asked, "How are things going there in Jerusalem?" - his brother responded: "Things aren't going good, the divorce rate is very high, statistics say that out of those who marry, 50% of them in seven years will be separating or divorcing. Young people are leaving High School halfway. Some finish it, but they no longer go to University and the young women are getting pregnant and aren't continuing their studies or achieving their dreams. Things are bad in our city, unemployment is increasing, there is racism, criticism, people don't want to go to church, they hear of wars and rumors of war." So the Bible says that Nehemiah wept when he heard the bad news, and then he prayed to God and fasted.*

We are bringing this into modern time so that we can understand, but what his brother had told Nehemiah is that the gates of his city were burned, that the walls of Jerusalem were destroyed, the walls that protected the city had been destroyed, collapsed. There was desolation, life was over, healthy family life was over, etc. All this is similar to what is currently happening in our city, there is a lot of evil and that can make us want to cry, but in Eagles CFC we are not accommodating ourselves to evil, we are not staying still doing nothing. That is why we have decided

to open hundreds of Houses of peace with this series, and we will be helping families.

Nehemiah was the leader who said: "Enough! Let's put an end to this misfortune in the family, let's put an end to this misfortune in the city; He was a purposeful leader who told students, "Let's end violence in schools!" He said to the youth, "Let's end living a life without purpose!". (**Nehemiah 2:17**)

### WHAT DID THE LEADER NEHEMIAH DO?

1. **Rebuilt walls in Jerusalem** with the help of the town. (**Nehemiah 2:20**)
2. **Restored God's laws.** (The Bible). He reminded the people that the Word of God is our rule of faith and conduct. He was a man who brought the people to God again. When we separate ourselves from God, there is so much evil, and that brings us suffering, disease, and we get into unnecessary trouble.
3. **He gathered the town.** Because everyone was doing different things. Just like this CG, someone decided to open it and brought together 5,6,8 or 10 people to talk about one thing and grow together. We are uniting this city with this "Purpose Builders" series.
4. **He brought vision to the people.** When we don't have vision, we don't see beyond, we only see bushes without life, dryness, drainage, desert, semi-destroyed walls, bad smells, etc. I invite you during this series to recapture the vision and purpose that God has for your life.

- The Senior pastor of ECFC thought he was born by accident, seeing that his parents had marital problems, aggravated by the vices of alcoholism when he was a child, in addition to domestic violence. All this did not let him see that he was going to be a Pastor someday. He had no vision of what he was born for. Thank God that in his adult youth, someone spoke to him of the gospel, spoke to him of what we are talking about in this teaching and brought him to Christ.

Who would have thought that he was going to be a pastor with him being so shy. By nature, he was always introverted and fearful. How could he imagine that God brought him to this country and was going to give him the privilege of being the pastor of a beautiful church with thousands and thousands of people in such an important city in the world, such as Las Vegas, where every year millions of people come to visit. God has purposes!

- I encourage you to recover the vision. During this series ask God: Why did you allow me to be born? No matter how old you are, God has a glorious destiny and a purpose for your life.
5. **Nehemiah helped them dream again.** He not only built a wall, but he built the walls of self-esteem, of faith in God and told people to: "Dream again."*(Jeremiah 29:11)*
  6. **Helped them to believe again.** To believe that they could build the walls, that they could repair the doors, to believe that they could have fruitful lands. Dare to believe that God wants to make you fruitful. That you are not someone that simply cruises through life, he wants you to succeed in your spiritual, family, social, financial, professional, ministerial life, in your studies, etc. Believe in God's Promises again!

7. **Nehemiah helped them to start rebuilding.** Rebuild what was destroyed, what the enemy had stolen and burned down. What is destroyed in your home? What has the enemy stolen from you? What have you lost?

**CONCLUSION:** *Let's rise up and edify like Nehemiah, who was a builder of walls, but even more, he was a purpose builder. Let's be purpose builders in other people. Don't stop dreaming! Fight and start building in your family, your children, etc.*

**SALVATION PRAYER:** *Lord Jesus I recognize that I have sinned and that you died for me. Today I repent and ask for forgiveness. I give you my life and my heart so that you may be my Lord and personal Savior, amen.*

**ACTION STEPS: (Nehemiah 3:18)**

- a) **Let's remember that God has already helped us in the past.** Remember the accidents or dangers which God has delivered you from.
- b) **Get up and edify once again.** What had you stopped doing? Have you stopped serving in your church? Has your passion died out? Had you stopped going to the youth service? Had you stopped going to your CG? Had you stopped inviting people to your CG? Have you stopped studying?
- c) **Make an effort again.** If bad people strive to do something that's wrong, why should we not strive to do good and bring a message of hope to marriages? Let's strive to bring the Good news to people.