

Recognizing the Danger and Extent of the Broken Walls

Nehemiah 2:11-13

¹¹So I came to Jerusalem and was there three days. ¹²And I arose in the night, I and a few men with me. I did not tell anyone what my God was putting into my mind to do for Jerusalem and there was no animal with me except the animal on which I was riding. ¹³So I went out at night by the Valley Gate in the direction of the Dragon's Well and on to the Refuse Gate, inspecting the walls of Jerusalem which were broken down and its gates which were consumed by fire.

Each of us has broken walls in our lives that need to be repaired. We have lived with some of them so long that we do not even recognize them as having been necessary. Before we can rebuild them, we need a plan. Nehemiah helps us know what we need to do to get started.

1. Catch the dream of God

Nehemiah 2:12, Isaiah 25:1, Psalm 33:11, Proverbs 16:3, 2 Timothy 1:9

2. Inspect the walls.

A. Have a clear picture of what is supposed to be there.

Psalm 26:2, 139:14, 2 Corinthians 5:5, 1 Thessalonians 4:7

B. Inspect with an attitude of hope.

Psalm 31:24, 33:18, Jeremiah 29:11

C. Be honest with the assessment.

1 Thessalonians 4:7-8, Amos 7:8

3. Understand the importance of the walls.

Proverbs 25:28, 2 Chronicles 14:7, Deuteronomy 29:9, Joshua 1:7, John 17:17