Let Us Rise Up and Build

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INTRODUCTION

- There's just this kind of need for talk about the unity of God's people and the work that is to be done.
- Come, let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer suffer derision.
- This morning I want us to think about the idea of working together, what this looks like to work together as God's people and what can be accomplished when we work together.

1 Understanding What We're Building

Ephesians 4:11–16; Ephesians 1:1–2

- Their purpose was to rebuild the altar, the temple, worship, and the wall.
- What is the purpose of the church? What is it that we are supposed to be doing? What is our calling?
- To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,.
- We are concerned as God's people today with building up his people. The edifice that is being built is our faith, and our faith being built together.
- The end goal is action. The end goal is work, it's service.
- We need to see the common goal of what we are trying to accomplish.

2 Everyone Works

Ezra 2; Nehemiah 3:2; Nehemiah 3:5

- If we're going to build together, or if we're going to be united in our work, that means everyone works.
- In Nehemiah 3, there's at least a minimum of 40 families mentioned in this building process.
- Their nobles would not stoop to serve the Lord. They were too good for work.
- But the bigger story is that really everyone was lending a hand. Everyone was a part of this process.

3 Build Where You Are

Ephesians 4:14

- When we're building together or we're united in our building, this is going to involve personal interest. And really it should.
- Appoint guards from among the inhabitants of Jerusalem, some at their guardposts, and some in front of their own homes.
- So I want to encourage us to build with personal investment.

- Open your apartment or your home. Have people over for meals, have Bible studies, do singings. This is the way that people become connected.
- The way that we build cohesion and we build together is not by waiting around for somebody else to do it.
- You have kids or you have grandkids, invest in their spiritual learning.

4 Build Where There Is Need for Building

Nehemiah 3:8; Nehemiah 3:30

- We need to build where there is need for building.
- Maybe it's about a widow or a retired person or whatever it might be. But sometimes there's just a need that needs to be filled.
- Some of them they built next to their house, but then they also saw a need somewhere else. And they rose up and they took care of it.

5 Building Takes Long-Term Dedicated Commitment

- Enthusiasm at first is great. but actually, when it comes to building, it really takes long-term dedicated commitment.
- If I'm not willing to build my section of the wall, one of two things happens. either it doesn't get done and there's something missing, or someone else has to step up and do more.
- When we have lots of people helping, the work becomes lighter.
- What if everyone made commitments the way I do? What if everyone else did what I did?

THE CHALLENGE

Who will rise up and build? Who's ready to strengthen their hands for the good work?

MY NOTES