

Sunday, February 5, 2023



What would you do if you knew you would not fail?

Books of Ezra and Nehemiah were originally one book. They document the history of the Jews coming back from the exile over the course of almost 100 years. They trace the work of Zerubbabel who rebuilt the temple, Ezra who rebuilt the spiritual life, Nehemiah who rebuilt the walls. This was a fresh start for God's people

Read *Nehemiah 1*. What motivated Nehemiah to be used by God and how did he prepare himself?

What motivated me to serve? How do I prepare myself?

Am I more likely to act based upon my expectations, or my feelings? How about with God?

Read *1 Corinthians 15:56-58*.

How do I live in the victory of Jesus and not act on that victory?

I must live in my beliefs until my _____ catch up.

Nehemiah planned for _____.

Read *Nehemiah 2:6-8*. What did Nehemiah consider in his planning process to succeed? How does his planning compare to my planning when serving God?

Serving God is an exercise in faith, and in practicality.

Nehemiah faced his _____ with God's power.

Read *Nehemiah 2:18-20*

How do I live in the power that God has granted to me? Where have I seen that power at work?

Read *Acts 1:6-11*. How does this promise of Jesus inspire you to serve? Do I live as if this promise is true?

This week

God used Nehemiah, He can use you. How would you answer the question, "God why not me?"

Next Week: "Looking Inward to Move Outward"