

Rise Up & Build

(Nehemiah 2:11-20)

- Introduction:
1. We are at the point of beginning a work that will outlive us and which will require unity and sacrifice.
 2. Metaphorically speaking, each generation must rise up and build for the next generation.
 3. In our case, that is not only metaphorical, but literal.
 4. This morning's lesson is intended to encourage you as we are about to engage in this good work.
 5. And we want to do that by asking how Nehemiah was so successful when rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem.

I. He Had A Pure Motive

- A. (Nehemiah 1:4,11).
- B. Unlike the motives of the builders of Babel (11:4).
- C. God was at the heart of his desire to build.

II. He Engaged In Quiet Preparation

- A. (Nehemiah 2:11-16).
- B. He examined the situation in advance; made plans before the people knew it.
- C. That's what leadership looks like.

III. He Saw Opportunity In Adversity

- A. (Nehemiah 2:17).
- B. God does some of his greatest work when we are most vulnerable.

IV. "Let Us" - All Were Involved

- A. (Nehemiah 2:17-18).
- B. It wasn't a command, but an invitation.
- C. The people accepted and embraced the challenge.

V. They Faced Opposition

- A. (Nehemiah 2:19).
- B. Their opposition came from without and within (Nehemiah 5:1-13).

VI. They Had A Mind To Work

- A. (Nehemiah 2:20).
- B. (Nehemiah 4:6).
- C. (Nehemiah 6:15).

- Conclusion:
1. We can accomplish much more than we could ever imagine with good leadership, committed workers, and a God who smiles on our attempts to glorify him.
 2. Let us rise up and build!