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Nehemiah

Prayerful leadership and shared renewal

AUTHORSHIP · Traditionally associated with Nehemiah; includes memoir material

DATE & CONTEXT · Persian period, fifth century BC

The big picture

Nehemiah hears of Jerusalem's broken walls, prays, and acts. The rebuilding effort involves ordinary families, determined leadership, and resistance from opponents. Yet repaired walls are not enough: Scripture is read, injustice is addressed, and the people renew their commitment to God. The closing failures remind readers that structural change must be joined to continuing inward renewal.

Words to carry

“For the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

Nehemiah 8:10 · KJV · excerpt

Live it

01 Pray specifically about a need before planning your response.

02 Share a practical burden instead of leaving it to one leader.

03 Address unfairness inside your own community.

Pause & reflect

Am I repairing appearances while neglecting what is happening within?

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