

Victory Connect Lesson
Nehemiah Series: We are All in This Together
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Key Passage: Neh. 3:1-32. The phrase “and next unto them” appears in almost every other verse in this chapter. God’s plan to rebuild the wall was to have different families working in unity, side by side. Together they completed the job in record time, just 52 days. God is looking for a united church to get His job done.

What does it look like to be all in this together?

1. Encourage each other. The people needed to be reminded who they were and their reason to rebuild. [Neh 2:18 KJV] 18 Then I told them of the **hand of my God which was good upon me**; as also the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for [this] good [work]. [1Th 5:11 NIV] 11 Therefore **encourage one another** and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

2. Show up for the divine work. [Neh 3:5 NIV] 5 The next section was repaired by the men of Tekoa, but **their nobles would not put their shoulders to the work** under their supervisors. The nobles didn’t show up. “If you are too big to serve, you are too small to lead.”

3. Stay united in love. (We are better together) [Ecc 4:9 NIV] 9 Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: [Mar 3:25 NIV] 25 If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

4. The dogs may bark, but the train rolls on. There will always criticism when you do the work of God. Don’t let the lies of the enemy stop you from moving forward. [Neh 2:19-20 KJV] 19 But...when [they] heard [it], they laughed us to scorn, and despised us, and said, What [is] this thing that ye do? will ye rebel against the king? 20 Then answered I them, and said unto them, The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build: but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem.

Faith Declarations for Encouragement:
1. I am called by God and anointed by the Holy Spirit.
2. I will see the Victory because God is with me.
3. The God of heaven Himself will prosper us!

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