



REBUILDING WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART

ALL IN

SERIES GUIDEBOOK

ALL IN: Rebuilding with Your Whole Heart

A 6-Week Journey Through Nehemiah

Hey Eastside,

I am absolutely thrilled to invite you into what I believe will be one of the most transformative journeys our church has taken together. Over the next six weeks, we're diving deep into Nehemiah's story—a man who heard God's call to rebuild and responded with everything he had. "All In" isn't just a catchy phrase; it's the way of life that Nehemiah embodied and that God is calling each of us to embrace. In a world that often feels broken, Nehemiah's story reminds us that God is still in the business of rebuilding people, families, and communities.

This isn't just about weekend messages. I'm passionate about our Small Groups, Public Reading of Scripture opportunities, and our 21 Days of Prayer podcast because that's where transformation happens. When you join a Small Group, you're living Nehemiah's story—working side by side on the walls God has given us to construct. Our Scripture reading groups create space for God's voice to break through the noise of our busy lives. And our daily prayer podcast will guide you into deeper conversation with God throughout this journey. Here's what I know from decades of ministry: when you immerse yourself in God's Word consistently, it changes everything.

My challenge is simple: go all in. Join a Small Group. Participate in Scripture reading. Listen to the 21 Days of Prayer podcast. Do the daily readings. Show up for the Night of Worship on November 19th. And as God leads, consider how He might want you to respond through the "All In Offering" to help rebuild broken churches and support vulnerable children. I believe you'll discover what Nehemiah discovered: when we give God our whole hearts, He does things through us we never thought possible. God is ready to rebuild—are you ready to go all in with Him?

Let's build together,



Gene Appel
Senior Pastor

How to Use This Guide

As we journey through Nehemiah's story together, we're inviting everyone who calls Eastside home to go ALL IN in three specific ways:


SEEK GOD'S HEART | Engage deeply with God in prayer and scripture, asking Him to break our hearts for what breaks His.


BE BROKEN TOGETHER | As a church, let's unite in compassion for the lost, action for vulnerable children, and generosity for at-risk churches.


ACT BOLDLY | Take courageous next steps and give sacrificially by responding with our whole heart to God's call.


Guide Features


This guide is designed to be your companion throughout the entire ALL IN series. Here's how to make the most of it:


 **Daily Scripture Readings:** Each week includes 5 days of readings (Monday-Friday) that prepare your heart for the weekend message and deepen your understanding of Nehemiah's story.

 **Weekend Message Notes:** Space to capture key insights from each weekend message, with the primary scripture passage included.

 **Small Group Study:** Discussion guides will help your group dive deeper into each week's themes.

 **Family Discussion Questions:** Age-appropriate questions to help you discuss each week's themes with your family.


 **Personal Reflection:** Space for journaling and processing what God is teaching you throughout the series.

 **21 Days of Prayer Podcast:** Daily guided prayer experiences to deepen your connection with God (launches Week 3).

 **Public Reading of Scripture Groups:** Join a weekly Zoom group to read Scripture together and reflect on God's Word.


All In Resources


This series isn't just about weekends, it's an opportunity to step in, connect, and experience faith in deeper ways together. You can choose how you'd like to participate on this 6-week journey.


 **Weekend Messages:** Join us on any Eastside campus starting October 18/19 for the 6-week ALL IN series. Visit eastside.com/locations for campus times. You can join online or watch on-demand at eastside.com/all-in

 **Join an ALL IN Small Group:** eastside.com/groups

 **Public Reading of Scripture Groups:** eastside.com/public-reading-of-scripture/

 **21 Days of Prayer:** Participate with daily guided prayer by Pastor Gene Appel via the [Eastside App](#) starting November 1.

 **Holiday Wish Lists:** Inspire hope in your community by fulfilling a wish list for someone in need. Stop by a Compassion tree on any Eastside campus starting November 8/9. Not near a campus? Visit eastside.com/local

 **ALL IN Worship Night:** Join us on any Eastside campus for this special ALL IN Worship Night on Wednesday, November 19 eastside.com/all-in

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WEEK 1: "All In Starts with a Heartbreak"

Nehemiah 1:1-11 - Nehemiah's Prayer

1 The words of Nehemiah son of Hakaliah:

In the month of Kislev in the twentieth year, while I was in the citadel of Susa, **2** Hanani, one of my brothers, came from Judah with some other men, and I questioned them about the Jewish remnant that had survived the exile, and also about Jerusalem.

3 They said to me, "Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire."

4 When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven. **5** Then I said:

"Lord, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, **6** let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel. I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father's family, have committed against you. **7** We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses.

8 "Remember the instruction you gave your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations, **9** but if you return to me and obey my commands, then even if your exiled people are at the farthest horizon, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place I have chosen as a dwelling for my Name.'

10 "They are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great strength and your mighty hand. **11** Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man."

I was cupbearer to the king.

Daily Scripture Readings - Week 1

Day 1 (Monday): Nehemiah 1:1-4 - The Heartbreak

Day 2 (Tuesday): Nehemiah 1:5-11 - The Prayer

Day 3 (Wednesday): Psalm 137:1-9 - Remembering What's Broken

Day 4 (Thursday): Jeremiah 29:10-14 - God's Plans to Rebuild

Day 5 (Friday): 2 Corinthians 7:8-11 - Godly Grief That Leads to Life

Join us for Public Reading of Scripture this week! We offer weekly Zoom sessions where we read Scripture together and reflect on God's Word. Check your church communications for times and links.

Weekend Message Notes

Key Points:

Application:

Prayer Requests:

Discussion Questions for Small Groups

1. Can you share a time when you took action toward a calling you felt God put on your heart? What happened?
2. How can you tell the difference between something that just bothers you versus something that might be aligning with God's heart?
3. Nehemiah had a comfortable life but was willing to give it up for something that mattered more. What might comfort or security be keeping you from pursuing?
4. What's one small step you could take this week toward addressing something that breaks your heart? What questions could you ask of a person in your life, or even on google that would give you the kind of information that might convert

your heart's burden into action?

5. How can our group support each other in moving from heartbreak to action? Is there an issue that breaks the heart of everyone in your group? How might God want to use that?

Family Discussion Questions - Week 1

For Families with Elementary-Age Children:

- What makes you sad when you see something broken?
- How do you think Nehemiah felt when he heard about the broken wall?
- What can our family do when we see something that needs to be fixed or helped?

For Families with Teens:

- What issues in our community or world break your heart?
 - How can we tell the difference between just feeling sad and being moved to action like Nehemiah?
 - What role does prayer play when we see problems that seem too big for us to solve?
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WEEK 2: "All In Requires Bold Moves"

Nehemiah 2:1-20 - Artaxerxes Sends Nehemiah to Jerusalem

1 In the month of Nisan in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was brought for him, I took the wine and gave it to the king. I had not been sad in his presence before, **2** so the king asked me, "Why does your face look so sad when you are not ill? This can be nothing but sadness of heart."

I was very much afraid, **3** but I said to the king, "May the king live forever! Why should my face not look sad when the city where my ancestors are buried lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?"

4 The king said to me, "What is it you want?"

Then I prayed to the God of heaven, **5** and I answered the king, "If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor in his sight, let him send me to the city in Judah where my ancestors are buried so that I can rebuild it."

6 Then the king, with the queen sitting beside him, asked me, "How long will your journey take, and when will you get back?" It pleased the king to send me; so I set a time.

7 I also said to him, "If it pleases the king, may I have letters to the governors of Trans-Euphrates, so that they will provide me safe-conduct until I arrive in Judah? **8** And may I have a letter to Asaph, keeper of the royal park, so he will give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel by the temple and for the city wall and for the residence I will occupy?" And because the gracious hand of my God was on me, the king granted my requests. **9** So I went to the governors of Trans-Euphrates and gave them the king's letters. The king had also sent army officers and cavalry with me.

10 When Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official heard about this, they were very much disturbed that someone had come to promote the welfare of the Israelites.

Nehemiah Inspects Jerusalem's Walls

11 I went to Jerusalem, and after staying there three days **12** I set out during the night with a few others. I had not told anyone what my God had put in my heart to do for Jerusalem. There were no mounts with me except the one I was riding on.

13 By night I went out through the Valley Gate toward the Jackal Well and the Dung Gate, examining the walls of Jerusalem, which had been broken down, and its gates,

which had been destroyed by fire. **14** Then I moved on toward the Fountain Gate and the King's Pool, but there was not enough room for my mount to get through; **15** so I went up the valley by night, examining the wall. Finally, I turned back and reentered through the Valley Gate. **16** The officials did not know where I had gone or what I was doing, because as yet I had said nothing to the Jews or the priests or nobles or officials or any others who would be doing the work.

17 Then I said to them, "You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace." **18** I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the king had said to me.

They replied, "Let us start rebuilding." So they began this good work.

19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official and Geshem the Arab heard about it, they mocked and ridiculed us. "What is this you are doing?" they asked. "Are you rebelling against the king?"

20 I answered them by saying, "The God of heaven will give us success. We his servants will start rebuilding, but as for you, you have no share in Jerusalem or any claim or historic right to it."

Daily Scripture Readings - Week 2

Day 1 (Monday): Nehemiah 2:1-8 - Bold Request

Day 2 (Tuesday): Nehemiah 2:9-16 - Wise Preparation

Day 3 (Wednesday): Nehemiah 2:17-20 - Casting Vision

Day 4 (Thursday): Psalm 27:1-14 - Confident in God's Strength

Day 5 (Friday): Joshua 1:6-9 - Be Strong and Courageous

Don't miss Public Reading of Scripture! Join a weekly Zoom group to read and reflect on God's Word together. Details in your church communications.

Weekend Message Notes

Key Points:

Application:

Prayer Requests:

Discussion Questions for Small Groups

1. What "comfortable position" might God be calling you to leave behind? Is it in your family, your friendships, your career, your retirement, your finances?
 2. How do you distinguish between being bold and being reckless? What things did Nehemiah do that might provide a roadmap for how to be bold while avoiding recklessness?
 3. What opposition do you expect to face if you take this bold step? Have you faced this kind of opposition before?
 4. How has God shown His faithfulness to you in the past that can give you confidence for the future? Be specific and list any takeaways that would apply to you making a bold move for God in this season of your life.
 5. Have you ever benefited greatly from playing it safe? How so? Have you ever lost big from taking a bold step? What are the lessons you've learned from all this that apply to you now?
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Family Discussion Questions - Week 2

For Families with Elementary-Age Children:

- When is it good to be brave even when we're scared?
- How did Nehemiah get ready before he talked to the king?
- What's something brave you could do this week to help someone?

For Families with Teens:

- What's the difference between being bold and being reckless?
- How can we prepare well while still trusting God with the outcome?
- What bold step might God be asking our family to take together?

WEEK 3: "All In Means Everyone In"

Nehemiah 3:1-32 - Builders of the Wall

1 Eliashib the high priest and his fellow priests went to work and rebuilt the Sheep Gate. They dedicated it and set its doors in place, building as far as the Tower of the Hundred, which they dedicated, and as far as the Tower of Hananel. **2** The men of Jericho built the adjoining section, and Zakkur son of Imri built next to them.

3 The Fish Gate was rebuilt by the sons of Hassenaah. They laid its beams and put its doors and bolts and bars in place. **4** Meremoth son of Uriah, the son of Hakkoz, repaired the next section. Next to him Meshullam son of Berekiah, the son of Meshezabel, made repairs, and next to him Zadok son of Baana also made repairs. **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.

6 The Jeshanah Gate was repaired by Joiada son of Paseah and Meshullam son of Besodeiah. They laid its beams and put its doors with their bolts and bars in place. **7** Next to them, repairs were made by men from Gibeon and Mizpah—Melatiah of Gibeon and Jadon of Meronoth—places under the authority of the governor of Trans-Euphrates. **8** Uzziel son of Harhaiah, one of the goldsmiths, repaired the next section; and Hananiah, one of the perfume-makers, made repairs next to that. They restored Jerusalem as far as the Broad Wall. **9** Rephaiah son of Hur, ruler of a half-district of Jerusalem, repaired the next section. **10** Adjoining this, Jedaiah son of Harumaph made repairs opposite his house, and Hattush son of Hashabneiah made repairs next to him. **11** Malkijah son of Harim and Hasshub son of Pahath-Moab repaired another section and the Tower of the Ovens. **12** Shallum son of Hallohesh, ruler of a half-district of Jerusalem, repaired the next section with the help of his daughters.

13 The Valley Gate was repaired by Hanun and the residents of Zanoah. They rebuilt it and put its doors with their bolts and bars in place. They also repaired a thousand cubits of the wall as far as the Dung Gate.

14 The Dung Gate was repaired by Malkijah son of Rekab, ruler of the district of Beth Hakkerem. He rebuilt it and put its doors with their bolts and bars in place.

15 The Fountain Gate was repaired by Shallun son of Kol-Hozeh, ruler of the district of Mizpah. He rebuilt it, roofing it over and putting its doors and bolts and bars in place. He also repaired the wall of the Pool of Siloam, by the King's Garden, as far as the steps going down from the City of David. **16** Beyond him, Nehemiah son of Azbuk, ruler of a half-district of Beth Zur, made repairs up to a point opposite the tombs of David, as far as the artificial pool and the House of the Heroes.

17 Next to him, the repairs were made by the Levites under Rehum son of Bani. Beside him, Hashabiah, ruler of half the district of Keilah, carried out repairs for his district. **18** Next to him, the repairs were made by their fellow Levites under Binnui son of Henadad, ruler of the other half-district of Keilah. **19** Next to him, Ezer son of Jeshua, ruler of Mizpah, repaired another section, from a point facing the ascent to the armory as far as the angle of the wall. **20** Next to him, Baruch son of Zabbai zealously repaired another section, from the angle to the entrance of the house of Eliashib the high priest. **21** Next to him, Meremoth son of Uriah, the son of Hakkoz, repaired another section, from the entrance of Eliashib's house to the end of it.

22 The repairs next to him were made by the priests from the surrounding region. **23** Beyond them, Benjamin and Hasshub made repairs in front of their house; and next to them, Azariah son of Maaseiah, the son of Ananiah, made repairs beside his house. **24** Next to him, Binnui son of Henadad repaired another section, from Azariah's house to the angle and the corner, **25** and Palal son of Uzai worked opposite the angle and the tower projecting from the upper palace near the court of the guard. Next to him, Pedaiiah son of Parosh **26** and the temple servants living on the hill of Ophel made repairs up to a point opposite the Water Gate toward the east and the projecting tower. **27** Next to them, the men of Tekoa repaired another section, from the great projecting tower to the wall of Ophel.

28 Above the Horse Gate, the priests made repairs, each in front of his own house. **29** Next to them, Zadok son of Immer made repairs opposite his house. Next to him, Shemaiah son of Shekemiah, the guard at the East Gate, made repairs. **30** Next to him, Hananiah son of Shelemiah, and Hanun, the sixth son of Zalaph, repaired another section. Next to them, Meshullam son of Berekiah made repairs opposite his living quarters. **31** Next to him, Malkijah, one of the goldsmiths, made repairs as far as the house of the temple servants and the merchants, opposite the Inspection Gate, and as far as the room above the corner; **32** and between the room above the corner and the Sheep Gate the goldsmiths and merchants made repairs.

Daily Scripture Readings - Week 3


Day 1 (Monday): Nehemiah 3:1-16 - Priests and Leaders Working


Day 2 (Tuesday): Nehemiah 3:17-32 - Ordinary People, Extraordinary Work

Day 3 (Wednesday): Psalm 133:1-3 - Unity in Purpose

Day 4 (Thursday): 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 - Many Parts, One Body

Day 5 (Friday): Ephesians 4:11-16 - Building Up the Body

 **21 Days of Prayer Launches This Weekend!** Beginning this Sunday, join us daily for guided prayer through our podcast. Let's spend 21 days seeking God's heart together.

 **Continue with Public Reading of Scripture!** Weekly Zoom groups help us engage deeply with God's Word. Join us this week!

Weekend Message Notes

Key Points:

Application:

Prayer Requests:

Discussion Questions for Small Groups

1. What "section of the wall" has God placed in front of you right now?
 2. Which group of people who were fixing a section of the wall do you identify the most with? Why?
 3. What reasons have you been giving for not fully engaging with your part?
 4. How can you move from just showing up to showing up with excellence like Baruch?
 5. What would change in your family, the community, our church if everyone took responsibility for their section?
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Family Discussion Questions - Week 3

For Families with Elementary-Age Children:

- Why was it important that everyone helped build the wall?
- What special talents does each person in our family have?
- How can we use our talents to help others?

For Families with Teens:

- How do you see your gifts being used in our church or community?
 - Why do you think God gives different people different abilities?
 - What would happen if everyone tried to do the same job?
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WEEK 4: "All In Faces the Fight"

Nehemiah 4:1-23 - Opposition to the Rebuilding

1 When Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, he became angry and was greatly incensed. He ridiculed the Jews, **2** and in the presence of his associates and the army of Samaria, he said, "What are those feeble Jews doing? Will they restore their wall? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they finish in a day? Can they bring the stones back to life from those heaps of rubble—burned as they are?"

3 Tobiah the Ammonite, who was at his side, said, "What they are building—even a fox climbing up on it would break down their wall of stones!"

4 Hear us, our God, for we are despised. Turn their insults back on their own heads. Give them over as plunder in a land of captivity. **5** Do not cover up their guilt or blot out their sins from your sight, for they have thrown insults in the face of the builders.

6 So we rebuilt the wall till all of it reached half its height, for the people worked with all their heart.

7 But when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites and the people of Ashdod heard that the repairs to Jerusalem's walls had gone ahead and that the gaps were being closed, they were very angry. **8** They all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and stir up trouble against it. **9** But we prayed to our God and posted a guard day and night to meet this threat.

10 Meanwhile, the people in Judah said, "The strength of the laborers is giving out, and there is so much rubble that we cannot rebuild the wall."

11 Also our enemies said, "Before they know it or see us, we will be right there among them and will kill them and put an end to the work."

12 Then the Jews who lived near them came and told us ten times over, "Wherever you turn, they will attack us."

13 Therefore I stationed some of the people behind the lowest points of the wall at the exposed places, posting them by families, with their swords, spears and bows. **14** After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, "Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes."

15 When our enemies heard that we were aware of their plot and that God had frustrated it, we all returned to the wall, each to our own work.

16 From that day on, half of my men did the work, while the other half were equipped with spears, shields, bows and armor. The officers posted themselves behind all the people of Judah **17** who were building the wall. Those who carried materials did their work with one hand and held a weapon in the other, **18** and each of the builders wore his sword at his side as he worked. But the man who sounded the trumpet stayed with me.

19 Then I said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, "The work is extensive and spread out, and we are widely separated from each other along the wall. **20** Wherever you hear the sound of the trumpet, join us there. Our God will fight for us!"

21 So we continued the work with half the men holding spears, from the first light of dawn till the stars came out. **22** At that time I also said to the people, "Have every man and his helper stay inside Jerusalem at night, so they can serve us as guards by night and as workers by day." **23** Neither I nor my brothers nor my men nor the guards with me took off our clothes; each had his weapon, even when he went for water.

Daily Scripture Readings - Week 4


Day 1 (Monday): Nehemiah 4:1-6 - Facing Mockery


Day 2 (Tuesday): Nehemiah 4:7-14 - Dealing with Fear

Day 3 (Wednesday): Nehemiah 4:15-23 - Pray and Post a Guard

Day 4 (Thursday): Psalm 46:1-11 - God Our Refuge

Day 5 (Friday): Ephesians 6:10-18 - Spiritual Armor

 **Keep Going with 21 Days of Prayer!** You're building a powerful habit of daily connection with God. Don't miss today's prayer podcast.

 **Public Reading of Scripture Groups Continue!** Join us on Zoom this week as we read and reflect together.

Weekend Message Notes

Key Points:

Application:

Prayer Requests:

Discussion Questions for Small Groups

1. What opposition are you currently facing in something you're building for God? Consider things like building character, a family, resources, and ministry.
 2. How do you typically respond to criticism or discouragement - fight, flight, or keep building? Why do you think that is?
 3. What does it look like for you to "work with a sword" - staying alert while staying productive?
 4. Who are the specific people you can "rally to" when opposition intensifies? What has it been like when you have rallied before?
 5. Can you think of a time when you saw God fight for you? What was it like?
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Family Discussion Questions - Week 4

For Families with Elementary-Age Children:

- What should we do when people make fun of us for doing the right thing?
- How did Nehemiah's workers stay safe while building?
- Who helps you be brave when things are hard?

For Families with Teens:

- How do you handle criticism when you're trying to live out your faith?
 - What's the difference between being wise about danger and being afraid?
 - How can our family support each other when we face opposition?
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WEEK 5: "All In Requires Inner Change"

Nehemiah 5:1-19 - Nehemiah Helps the Poor

1 Now the men and their wives raised a great outcry against their fellow Jews. **2** Some were saying, "We and our sons and daughters are numerous; in order for us to eat and stay alive, we must get grain."

3 Others were saying, "We are mortgaging our fields, our vineyards and our homes to get grain during the famine."

4 Still others were saying, "We have had to borrow money to pay the king's tax on our fields and vineyards. **5** Although we are of the same flesh and blood as our fellow Jews and though our children are as good as theirs, yet we have to subject our sons and daughters to slavery. Some of our daughters have already been enslaved, but we are powerless, because our fields and our vineyards belong to others."

6 When I heard their outcry and these charges, I was very angry. **7** I pondered them in my mind and then accused the nobles and officials. I told them, "You are charging your own people interest!" So I called together a large meeting to deal with them **8** and said: "As far as possible, we have bought back our fellow Jews who were sold to the Gentiles. Now you are selling your own people, only for them to be sold back to us!" They kept quiet, because they could find nothing to say.

9 So I continued, "What you are doing is not right. Shouldn't you walk in the fear of our God to avoid the reproach of our Gentile enemies? **10** I and my brothers and my men are also lending the people money and grain. But let us stop charging interest! **11** Give back to them immediately their fields, vineyards, olive groves and houses, and also the interest you are charging them—one percent of the money, grain, new wine and olive oil."

12 "We will give it back," they said. "And we will not demand anything more from them. We will do as you say."

Then I summoned the priests and made the nobles and officials take an oath to do what they had promised. **13** I also shook out the folds of my robe and said, "In this way may God shake out of their house and possessions anyone who does not keep this promise. So may such a person be shaken out and emptied!"

At this the whole assembly said, "Amen," and praised the Lord. And the people did as they had promised.

14 Moreover, from the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, until his thirty-second year—twelve years—neither I nor my brothers ate the food allotted to the governor. **15** But the earlier governors—those preceding me—placed a heavy burden on the people and took forty shekels of silver from them in addition to food and wine. Their assistants also lorded it over the people. But out of reverence for God I did not act like that. **16** Instead, I devoted myself to the work on this wall. All my men were assembled there for the work; we did not acquire any land.

17 Furthermore, a hundred and fifty Jews and officials ate at my table, as well as those who came to us from the surrounding nations. **18** Each day one ox, six choice sheep and some poultry were prepared for me, and every ten days an abundant supply of wine of all kinds. In spite of all this, I never demanded the food allotted to the governor, because the demands were heavy on these people.

19 Remember me with favor, my God, for all I have done for these people.

Daily Scripture Readings - Week 5


Day 1 (Monday): Nehemiah 5:1-13 - Dealing with Internal Problems


Day 2 (Tuesday): Nehemiah 5:14-19 - Leading by Example


Day 3 (Wednesday): Nehemiah 6:1-16 - Completing the Wall

Day 4 (Thursday): Psalm 126:1-6 - Tears of Joy

Day 5 (Friday): 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 - Made New

 **21 Days of Prayer is Almost Complete!** You're in the final stretch. Keep pressing into God's presence through the daily prayer podcast.

 **One More Week of Public Reading of Scripture!** Join us this week as we prepare for the Night of Worship.

 **Night of Worship This Wednesday!** Join us November 19 for a special evening of celebration, worship, and commitment on all campuses.

Weekend Message Notes

Key Points:

Application:

Prayer Requests:

Discussion Questions for Small Groups

1. What internal issue do you need to address before you can move forward effectively?
 2. How do you typically handle conflict or problems within your community or relationships?
 3. What would "making restitution" look like in a situation where you've wronged someone? What is a powerful example of restitution that you have witnessed?
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Family Discussion Questions - Week 5

For Families with Elementary-Age Children:

- What makes you really happy about God?
- How can our family celebrate what God has done for us?
- What promises can we make to God together?

For Families with Teens:

- What has God been teaching you during this series?
 - What commitments do you want to make for your future with God?
 - How can we help each other stay committed to following God?
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WEEK 6: "All In Ends with Surrender"

Nehemiah 8-10 (Selected Passages) - Ezra Reads the Law

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 9-12

1 When the seventh month came and the Israelites had settled in their towns, all the people came together as one in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the teacher of the Law to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded for Israel.

2 So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand.

3 He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

5 Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up. **6** Ezra praised the Lord, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, "Amen! Amen!" Then they bowed down and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

9 Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, "This day is holy to the Lord your God. Do not mourn or weep." For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.

10 Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

11 The Levites calmed all the people, saying, "Be still, for this is a holy day. Do not grieve."

12 Then all the people went away to eat and drink, to send portions of food and to celebrate with great joy, because they now understood the words that had been made known to them.

Daily Scripture Readings - Week 6

Day 1 (Monday): Nehemiah 8:1-8 - Hunger for God's Word

Day 2 (Tuesday): Nehemiah 8:9-18 - Joy is Our Strength

Day 3 (Wednesday): Nehemiah 9:1-21 - Remembering God's Faithfulness

Day 4 (Thursday): Nehemiah 9:22-38 - Our Need for Grace

Day 5 (Friday): Nehemiah 10:28-39 - Wholehearted Commitment

Weekend Message Notes

Key Points:

Application:

Prayer Requests:

Family Discussion Questions - Week 6

For Families with Elementary-Age Children:

- What is your favorite thing you learned about Nehemiah?
- How can we keep reading the Bible together as a family?
- What do you want to thank God for after these six weeks?

For Families with Teens:

- How has this series changed the way you think about following God?
 - What does it mean to you that "the joy of the Lord is your strength"?
 - What's one commitment from this series you want to carry into the future?
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Congratulations! You Did It!

You've completed the ALL IN journey through Nehemiah! Over these six weeks, you've seen how God called Nehemiah to rebuild broken walls and how that same call echoes in our lives today. You've learned that going ALL IN starts with heartbreak, requires bold moves, means everyone has a part to play, involves facing opposition, demands inner change, and ultimately ends with surrender and worship.

But this isn't really the end—it's just the beginning. The question now is: **What's your next step?**

Next Steps

As we move into the holiday season, God may be calling you to continue living ALL IN in specific ways:

BE BAPTIZED AT CHRISTMAS

If you've never publicly declared your faith in Jesus, Christmas at Eastside is offering an unprecedented opportunity for baptism. There's no better way to celebrate Jesus' birth than by celebrating your new life in Him.

INVITE YOUR ONE

Throughout this series, we've been praying for "THE ONE" person in our lives who needs Jesus. Christmas at Eastside is the perfect opportunity to invite them to experience the hope and joy of the gospel. Make the invitation and Trust God with the results.

PARTICIPATE IN HOLIDAY WISH LISTS

Remember how Nehemiah's heart broke for those in need? You can make a tangible difference in the life of a vulnerable child or family right here in our community by fulfilling a holiday wish list. It's a simple way to show God's love in action.

eastside.com/local

GIVE GENEROUSLY

As we approach the end of the year, consider how God might be calling you to respond through the ALL IN Offering. Your generosity will help complete urgent projects at our Redlands and Bellflower campuses and position us to rebuild other declining, dying, or dead churches—extending the kingdom work God has begun in you. eastside.com/all-in

CELEBRATE 5,000+ CHILDREN SPONSORED GLOBALLY

Through our partnership with Compassion International, we've reached an incredible milestone of sponsoring over 5,000 children worldwide. This is what it looks like when

everyone brings their part to the wall. Consider if God is calling you to be part of this ongoing impact. <https://eastside.com/outreach/global/child-sponsorship/>

Keep Building

Nehemiah's wall was completed in just 52 days because the people worked with all their heart. But the real miracle wasn't the speed—it was the transformation that happened in the hearts of God's people as they built together.

You've spent six weeks building something too. You've built habits of prayer, scripture reading, and community. You've built awareness of what breaks God's heart. You've built courage to take bold steps. You've built connections with others who are also going ALL IN.

Don't let these six weeks be just a moment in time. Let them be the foundation for a lifetime of going ALL IN with God.

The wall is complete. The work continues. The joy of the Lord is your strength.

Personal Reflection

Take a few moments to reflect on your journey:

What is the most significant thing God has taught you during this series?

What specific commitment are you making as you move forward?

How will you continue to seek God's heart, be broken together with others, and act boldly in the months ahead?

Who can you share your experience with this week?

Thank you for going ALL IN with us. We can't wait to see what God continues to build in you and through you. Let's keep building together!