

***“Working As One!”***  
***Nehemiah 3:1-32***

**Introduction:**

1. **IE:** In 2002, the New England Patriots had their challenges. They were at the bottom of the heap for expectations — they had a transition in leadership, they had lost productivity through injuries, and they had some staff that thought they were so valuable they could make their own rules. They were the David in a world of Goliaths. -- But, the New England Patriots had it all when it came to the important ingredients for success. They had an owner who believed in his leadership team and delegated them the authority and responsibility. They had inspired leadership that recruited, retained and developed talent; thought strategically, had a contingency plan, created a culture of learning and innovation, motivated the players to have a passion to win, cultivated a culture of excellence that had no room for under performers who did not want to develop themselves to the next level, and zero tolerance for individual players who thought their individual success or needs were more important than the whole. And when it came time to celebrate victory everyone was included. -- The result was the creation of team spirit with little parallel. They developed a sense of pride and cohesion that was greater than the sum of its parts. The team spirit was so tightly woven that they broke all the rules of introduction at the Super Bowl and came out as a team, not individual heroes. They had a winning attitude, and exuded respect and inclusion for everyone on the team. As the game went on, the importance of team victory superseded any individual longings. Every defensive and offensive move was in alignment with that company vision and goal: Bring the Championship home to New England. -- And in February 2004, They did! Super Bowl 38! And then, in February 2005, They did it again! Super Bowl 39!
    - How Did This Happen? They Worked As One!
  2. We Find A Greater Team At Work In Nehemiah 3!
    - They Expressed A Willingness To Work!
      - Now, Would They Actually Work?
    - They Did! The Entire Chapter Of Nehemiah 3 Is A Record Of Who Worked / Where They Worked / How They Worked / Even Why They Worked!
      - And They Provide Some Nuggets Of Gold For Us In Our Own Work For The Lord!
  3. Read The Entire Chapter – Referring To The Map On The Back Of The Message Guide!
    - And Then The Lessons We Can Learn From Them!
    - They Worked As One!
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1. ***They Worked With One Purpose!***
    - 3:1 - “Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brethren the priests, and they builded the sheep gate; they sanctified it!”
    - The High Priest & The Other Religious Leaders Set The Example!
      - They Built The Sheep Gate!
        - It Was A Building Project, But It Wasn’t Just A Building Project!
      - Then, They “Sanctified” It!
    - It Was For A Higher Purpose!
      - This Was God’s Work!
    - It Was For A Holy Purpose!
      - So They Dedicated Every Part Of The Project To The Lord – From The First To The Last – The Final Dedication Of The Wall Later In The Book!
    - They Worked With One Purpose!
  2. ***They Worked As One People!***
    - There Was Great Diversity In Those Who Were Willing To Work Together To Rebuild The Walls Of Jerusalem!
    - Different Leaders!
      - Of Course, Nehemiah Was The Key Leader – All The Way From Susa In Persia!
      - Local Leaders: Jerusalem
        - 3:9 - Rephaiah - The Ruler Of The Half Part Of Jerusalem!
        - 3:12 - Shallum - The Ruller Of The Other Half Part Of Jersualem!

- But They Worked Together As One!
- Different Locations!
  - 8 Other Towns Brought Workers To Jerusalem!
  - 3:2 - From The City Of Jericho!
  - 3:5 - From The City Of Tekoa!
  - 3:7 - From Gibeon & Mizpah! (3:15, 19)
  - 3:13 - From Zanoah!
  - 3:14 - From Beth-Haccerem!
  - 3:16 - From Bethzur!
  - 3:17 - From Keilah!
  - Different Cities! Different Citizens!
  - But They Worked Together As One!
- They Worked As One People!
  - Remember How God Has Planned For His Church To Work! 1 Corinthians 12:4-11! A Unity With Diversity!

### 3. ***They Worked With One Profession!***

- Different Backgrounds & Jobs!
- Politicians!
  - Rulers Of Jerusalem & All Of The Other Cities That Came To Help!
- Craftsmen!
  - 3:8 - Goldsmiths! (3:32)
  - 3:8 - Apothecaries - Perfumers!
- Merchants!
  - 3:32!
- Religious Servants!
  - 3:1 - The High Priest!
  - 3:17 - The Levites!
  - 3:22 - The Other Priests!
  - 3:26 - The Nethinims – Temple Servants!
- They Came Together & Worked As One!
  - With One Profession – Builders For The Lord!
  - Ephesians 4:1-3 - “I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, / With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; / Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace!”

### 4. ***They Worked With One Passion!***

- With Great Energy!
  - 3:20 - Baruch - Singled Out - “Earnestly!”
  - With Heat / Energy!
  - He “Gave Of His Best To The Master!”
  - A Passion For The Lord’s Work!
- With Great Effort!
  - A Long Portion Of The Wall!
    - 3:13 - “A Thousand Cubits!”
  - Multiple Portions Of The Wall!
    - Some, When The Finished One Section, Went To Work On Another Section! Their Job Wasn’t Done Until The Entire Work Was Done!
    - 3:11 - Malchijah & Hashub - “Another Piece”
    - Meremoth! 3:4 / 3:21
    - Bavai / Binnui! 3:18 / 3:24
    - The Tekoites! 3:5 / 3:27
    - Hananiah / Hanun / Meshullam!
  - Why? Extra Effort! Second Mile! A Passion For The Lord’s Work!

- With Great Excellence!
  - The Gates Were A Very Important Part – Needed To Be Done Right!
  - 3:1 - Sheep Gate!
  - 3:3 - Fish Gate!
  - 3:6 - Old Gate!
  - 3:13 - Valley Gate!
  - 3:14 - Dung Gate! (Pleasant!)
  - 3:15 - Fountain Gate!
  - 3:26 - Water Gate!
  - 3:28 - Horse Gate!
  - How Did They Repair These Gates? Completely! 3:3 - “Laid The Beams Thereof & Set The Doors Thereof & The Locks Thereof & The Bars Thereof!”
    - **IE:** To “Lay The Beams” - Means To “Put On The Finishing Touches” - The Top / Final Part Of A House!
  - Why Did They Give Their Best?
- They Worked With One Passion!
  - This Is How We Should Work! 1 Corinthians 9:24 - “Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain!”

**5. *They Worked For One Place!***

- They Each Had A Personal Responsibility / Projects, But The Completion Of The Work – The Restoration Of Jerusalem – Was The Most Important Project!
- They Involved Themselves!
  - 3:23 - Benjamin & Hashub - “Over Against Their House!”
  - 3:23 - Azariah - “By His House!”
  - 3:28 - The Priests - “Over Against His House”
  - They Build Where God Had Placed Them!
- They Involved Their Family!
  - 3:12 - Shallum - “He & His Daughters!”
- They Involved Each Other! 42 Recorded Projects! Probably More!
  - The Walls Would Eventually Join Together! Brick Upon Brick! Stone Upon Stone!
- They Worked As One Because They Worked For One Place!
  - “The Ruin Lying Nearest Our Feet, The Weak Place Nearest Our Own Home, Is Our Task Work!” (PHC)

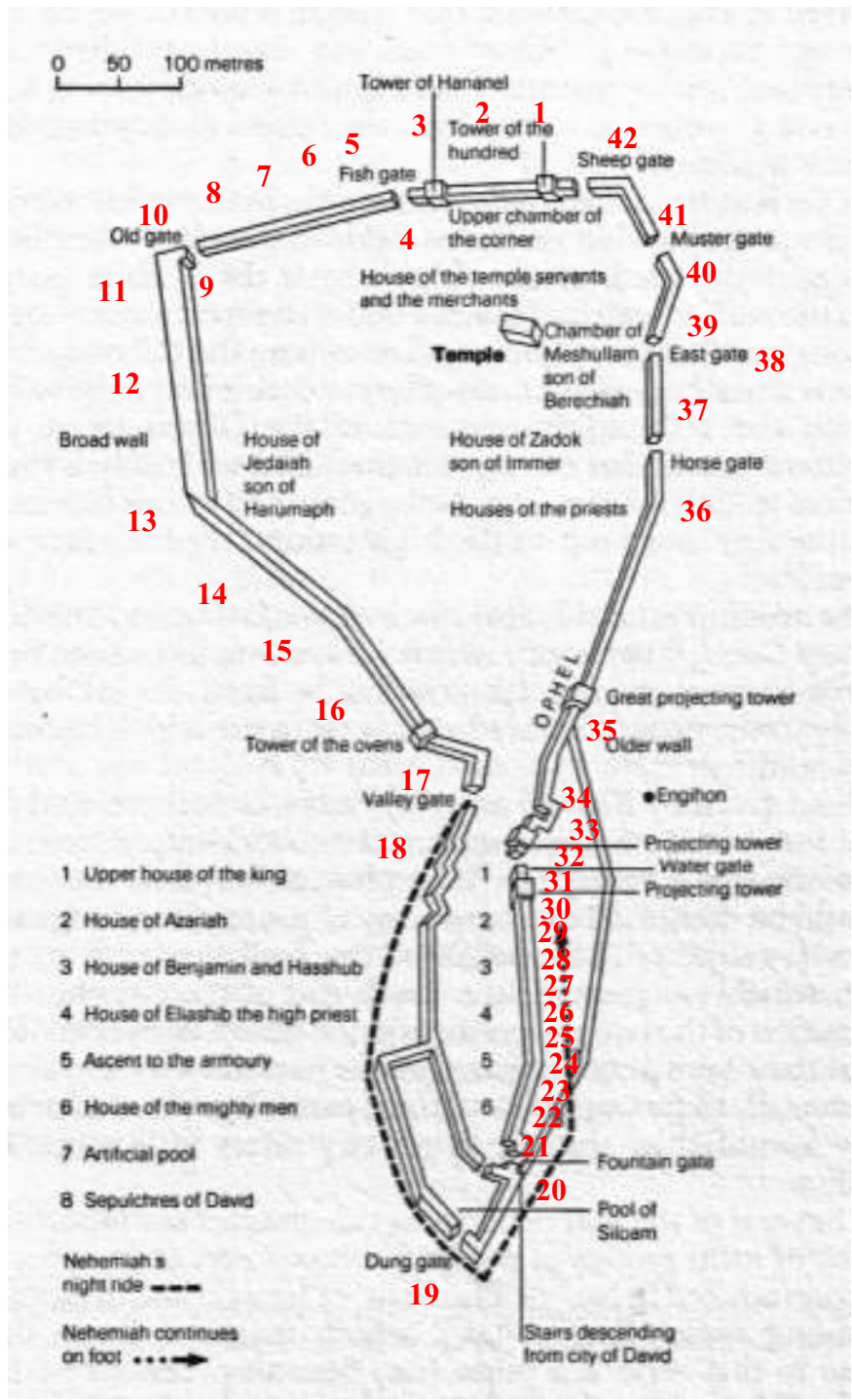
**5. *They Worked With One Problem!***

- Not Everyone Was Willing! Saddest Verse In The Chapter!
- 3:5 - Not The Nobles Of Tekoa - They “Put Not Their Necks To The Work Of The Lord!”
- This Should Not Be The “Norm” In The Work Of The Lord!

**Conclusion:**

1. We Need To Be Willing To Work & Then Work As One!
  - Why? Ephesians 4:4-6 - “There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; / One Lord, one faith, one baptism, / One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all!”
2. Let’s Work As One!

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**Verse Section Builders**

1	1	Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brethren the priests, and they builded the sheep gate; they sanctified it, and set up the doors of it; even unto the tower of Meah they sanctified it, unto the tower of Hananeel.
2	2	And next unto him builded the men of Jericho.
	3	And next to them builded Zaccur the son of Imri.
3	4	But the fish gate did the sons of Hassenaah build, who also laid the beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.
4	5	And next unto them repaired Meremoth the son of Urijah, the son of Koz.
	6	And next unto them repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah, the son of Meshezabeel.
	7	And next unto them repaired Zadok the son of Baana.
5	8	And next unto them the Tekoites repaired; but their nobles put not their necks to the work of their Lord.
6	9	Moreover the old gate repaired Jehoiada the son of Paseah, and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah; they laid the beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof, and the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.
7	10	And next unto them repaired Melatiah the Gibeonite, and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon, and of Mizpah, unto the throne of the governor on this side the river.
8	11	Next unto him repaired Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, of the goldsmiths.
	12	Next unto him also repaired Hananiah the son of one of the apothecaries, and they fortified Jerusalem unto the broad wall.
9	13	And next unto them repaired Rephaiah the son of Hur, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem.
10	14	And next unto them repaired Jedaiah the son of Harumaph, even over against his house.
	15	And next unto him repaired Hattush the son of Hashabniah.
11	16	Malchijah the son of Harim, and Hashub the son of Pahathmoab, repaired the other piece, and the tower of the furnaces.
12	17	And next unto him repaired Shallum the son of Halohesh, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem, he and his daughters.
13	18	The valley gate repaired Hanun, and the inhabitants of Zanoah; they built it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof, and a thousand cubits on the wall unto the dung gate.
14	19	But the dung gate repaired Malchiah the son of Rechab, the ruler of part of Bethhaccerem; he built it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.

15 20 But the gate of the fountain repaired Shallun the son of Colhozeh, the ruler of part of Mizpah; he built it, and covered it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof, and the wall of the pool of Siloah by the king's garden, and unto the stairs that go down from the city of David.

16 21 After him repaired Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, the ruler of the half part of Bethzur, unto the place over against the sepulchres of David, and to the pool that was made, and unto the house of the mighty.

17 22 After him repaired the Levites, Rehum the son of Bani.

23 Next unto him repaired Hashabiah, the ruler of the half part of Keilah, in his part.

18 24 After him repaired their brethren, Bavai the son of Henadad, the ruler of the half part of Keilah.

19 25 And next to him repaired Ezer the son of Jeshua, the ruler of Mizpah, another piece over against the going up to the armoury at the turning of the wall.

20 26 After him Baruch the son of Zabbai earnestly repaired the other piece, from the turning of the wall unto the door of the house of Eliashib the high priest.

21 27 After him repaired Meremoth the son of Urijah the son of Koz another piece, from the door of the house of Eliashib even to the end of the house of Eliashib.

22 28 And after him repaired the priests, the men of the plain.

23 29 After him repaired Benjamin and Hashub over against their house.

30 After him repaired Azariah the son of Maaseiah the son of Ananiah by his house.

24 31 After him repaired Binnui the son of Henadad another piece, from the house of Azariah unto the turning of the wall, even unto the corner.

25 32 Palal the son of Uzai, over against the turning of the wall, and the tower which lieth out from the king's high house, that was by the court of the prison.

33 After him Pedaiah the son of Parosh.

26 34 Moreover the Nethinims dwelt in Ophel, unto the place over against the water gate toward the east, and the tower that lieth out.

27 35 After them the Tekoites repaired another piece, over against the great tower that lieth out, even unto the wall of Ophel.

28 36 From above the horse gate repaired the priests, every one over against his house.

29 37 After them repaired Zadok the son of Immer over against his house.

38 After him repaired also Shemaiah the son of Shechaniah, the keeper of the east gate.

30 39 After him repaired Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph, another piece.

40 After him repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah over against his chamber.

- 31 41 After him repaired Malchiah the goldsmith's son unto the place of the Nethinims, and of the merchants, over against the gate Miphkad, and to the going up of the corner.
- 32 42 And between the going up of the corner unto the sheep gate repaired the goldsmiths and the merchants.