

Don't Hesitate--Investigate

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Nehemiah.

B. God offers repair for the ruined breaches in our lives.

II. The trek of Nehemiah to Judah.

A. If you pray for help then expect God to do something.

1. We are hasty people.

2. God often delays in His answers.

B. Nehemiah was afraid because he was the cupbearer.

C. Nehemiah was sent as the governor of Judah and would have had some diplomatic status—Nehemiah got what he asked for to rebuild the walls. We need to know the prerequisites in order to rebuild our lives.

D. Nehemiah came with the whole authority of the throne of Persia.

1. We have the whole authority of the throne of God backing us.

2. A Christian is completely fearless, always cheerful, and constantly in trouble—like Nehemiah, he has the provision he needs.

E. Nehemiah honestly faces the reality of his problem. We must face reality in the recovery of our own ruined areas.

F. Nehemiah involved others in the rebuilding of the walls. We must involve others in our recovery.

G. Nehemiah faced resistance when he began his recovery and so will we with Satan.

1. Resistance has no right in our life.

2. We are called to be free.

3. We do not need to be bound by habits from the past.

H. The steps of recovery: a deep concern that leads to repentance, a response that leads to change and an honest facing of the facts.

Application questions:

1. What important principle does Nehemiah teach us about prayer?

2. Why is it important to be aware of our resources as Christians? For what do we need outside resources?

3. Recount the steps of Nehemiah's "recovery." How can you apply these steps to a personal sin with which you have been struggling? Explain.
