

## Rebuild

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Let's open our Bibles to the Old Testament book of Nehemiah. As you're finding your place in your copy of God's word, I want to say again to those of you that are here maybe for the very first time that we welcome you here. We're excited that you've come to worship at Watkinsville and some of you are able to get in the room before the teenagers dismissed to their new space and that gives you a little bit of an idea about what's going on here in the life of our church. I love to meet you before you get away if we haven't met before. I hang around here at the front just in front of the platform and I'd love for you to stop here and say hello and let me put a name with your face and that'd be a great encouragement to me. Your Sunday paper that you received has a small connect card that's a part of it that's detachable. If you're a guest I'd love for you to complete that. On your way into the commons, there's a Next Steps area and there are some people there that want to say hello to you. If you drop that connect card off there, they have a gift they want to put in your hand and we want you to know a little bit more about what's happening here at Watkinsville.

We are in this study through the book of Nehemiah and it is a study that we're referring to as Re-build. It's the impact of one heart burden for the Lord, one burdened heart for the Lord to rebuild for his glory. Rebuild what? Well that's between you and the Holy spirit. What is it that the spirit of God is wanting to rebuild in your life? Something that you're burdened by, something that you're broken over, something that maybe brings tears to your eyes, a pain in your chest. You look at it and you just say, "God, you know and I know that needs to be rebuilt." For some of you, that may be a relationship with a friend that's gone bad. It may be a marriage, it may be some area of our culture or our society, and you look at it and you say it's broken. And somebody got to take the lead, and maybe you don't feel adequate for it but you know that God's put the burden in your heart to see it rebuilt. It may be your own personal walk with Christ. You know you're saved. You know that Christ is your Lord and Savior, but there's no intimacy there. There's no closeness. You don't feel like you hear from the Lord or the Lord hears from you. And maybe in this study of rebuilding, God would work to show you how that relationship with Christ could be rebuilt. I may not name what it is that the Lord is wanting to do in your life, but as you open your heart up to the spirit of the Lord, you know God wants to rebuild something.

In chapter one of Nehemiah, he heard from some family. Nehemiah was a cup-bearer. He served the King by making sure that the food was not poisoned before it got to him. He was about a two month trip away from the city of Jerusalem. He was living in a city of Susa. His family came through and told him that the walls of Jerusalem were broken down. They were crumbled. The gates were burned and dilapidated. They'd rebuilt the temple in Jerusalem. The exiles had come back to the city, rebuilt the temple, but the walls were not built and that was significant because in their society, in their day, for the walls not to be built around the city left them in a position of vulnerability. It left them in a position where they would be ridiculed, made fun of, mocked, laughed at. There was no personal security for them. They felt wide open for the enemy's attack and really the enemy didn't worry a lot about them because the walls were indicators of whether they were strong or weak. And Nehemiah was burdened for God's

people. He wanted God's name to be great. He saw that the walls being built would be a way for that to happen. We saw in chapter two after he had this burden and he's weeping and praying and fasting, and he goes before the King. He's been waiting patiently for the right opportunity to make a move towards Jerusalem. In his waiting patiently, God was working and he goes to Jerusalem. He rides around by himself, he looks at the walls, he sees what needs to be done and then he calls the people to build the wall. Before he could ever get the rally going here of rebuilding the walls, opposition arises. And we saw last week that when we rise to build, opposition always rises to resist, and the traveling companion of rebuilding will be opposition.

You're trying to rebuild a marriage or you're trying to rebuild something in culture or society, there will be somebody that comes along and says, "It's not worth it. You can't do it. It's too big for you. It'll never happen. Does it really need to happen?" Opposition is just going to be present in whatever we're trying to rebuild. This morning, I want to take it a step further, I want to add to this process. We have to be patient when we're rebuilding. We have to be aware of opposition so we can overcome it and outlast it. There's a third principle here that I want to show you when we're rebuilding. It's gotta be a part of our rebuilding. If you're going to rebuild your life, your future, your career, whatever it is, this is key. This is critical. God works through this truth to do miracles. Now, before I give it to you, I'm about to put you through five and a half minutes of the most miserable time you've ever had. Maybe that's a little dramatic, but the next five and a half minutes are going to be kind of miserable for you. All right? I'm just going to say it up front, and this is what I'm gonna do. I'm gonna read Nehemiah chapter three. All right? Some of you know Nehemiah chapter three, and I'm going to read it, all right? And I'm just telling you up front, it's not entertaining. It's not inspiring. It will be a work of the spirit if you say amen at any time in Nehemiah chapter three, all right? But there's something I want you to feel. There's something I want you to feel as we read through this chapter that drives home the truth of what's necessary for God to rebuild through us in our life. All right, so five and a half minutes, I've got to have glasses for this, and here we go. Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brothers the priests, and they built the Sheep Gate. They consecrated it and set its doors. They consecrated it as far as the Tower of the Hundred, as far as the Tower of Hananel. <sup>2</sup> And next to him the men of Jericho built. And next to them<sup>[a]</sup> Zaccur the son of Imri built.

<sup>3</sup> The sons of Hassenaah built the Fish Gate. They laid its beams and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars. <sup>4</sup> And next to them Meremoth the son of Uriah, son of Hakkoz repaired. And next to them Meshullam the son of Berechiah, son of Meshezabel repaired. And next to them Zadok the son of Baana repaired. <sup>5</sup> And next to them the Tekoites repaired, but their nobles would not stoop to serve their Lord.<sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>6</sup> Joiada the son of Paseah and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah repaired the Gate of Yeshanah.<sup>[c]</sup> They laid its beams and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars. <sup>7</sup> And next to them repaired Melatiah the Gibeonite and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon and of Mizpah, the seat of the governor of the province Beyond the River. <sup>8</sup> Next to them Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, goldsmiths, repaired. Next to him Hananiah, one of the perfumers, repaired, and they restored Jerusalem as far as the Broad Wall. <sup>9</sup> Next to them Rephaiah the son of Hur, ruler of half the district of<sup>[d]</sup> Jerusalem, repaired. <sup>10</sup> Next to them Jedaiah the son of Harumaph repaired opposite his house. And next to him Hattush the son of Hashabneiah repaired. <sup>11</sup> Malchijah the son of Harim and Hasshub the son of Pahath-moab repaired another section and the Tower of

the Ovens. <sup>12</sup> Next to him Shallum the son of Hallohesh, ruler of half the district of Jerusalem, repaired, he and his daughters.

<sup>13</sup> Hanun and the inhabitants of Zanoah repaired the Valley Gate. They rebuilt it and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars, and repaired a thousand cubits<sup>[e]</sup> of the wall, as far as the Dung Gate.

<sup>14</sup> Malchijah the son of Rechab, ruler of the district of Beth-haccherem, repaired the Dung Gate. He rebuilt it and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars.

<sup>15</sup> And Shallum the son of Col-hozeh, ruler of the district of Mizpah, repaired the Fountain Gate. He rebuilt it and covered it and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars. And he built the wall of the Pool of Shelah of the king's garden, as far as the stairs that go down from the city of David. <sup>16</sup> After him Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, ruler of half the district of Beth-zur, repaired to a point opposite the tombs of David, as far as the artificial pool, and as far as the house of the mighty men. <sup>17</sup> After him the Levites repaired: Rehum the son of Bani. Next to him Hashabiah, ruler of half the district of Keilah, repaired for his district. <sup>18</sup> After him their brothers repaired: Bavvai the son of Henadad, ruler of half the district of Keilah. <sup>19</sup> Next to him Ezer the son of Jeshua, ruler of Mizpah, repaired another section opposite the ascent to the armory at the buttress.<sup>[f]</sup> <sup>20</sup> After him Baruch the son of Zabbai repaired<sup>[g]</sup> another section from the buttress to the door of the house of Eliashib the high priest. <sup>21</sup> After him Meremoth the son of Uriah, son of Hakkoz repaired another section from the door of the house of Eliashib to the end of the house of Eliashib. <sup>22</sup> After him the priests, the men of the surrounding area, repaired. <sup>23</sup> After them Benjamin and Hasshub repaired opposite their house. After them Azariah the son of Maaseiah, son of Ananiah repaired beside his own house. <sup>24</sup> After him Binnui the son of Henadad repaired another section, from the house of Azariah to the buttress and to the corner. <sup>25</sup> Palal the son of Uzai repaired opposite the buttress and the tower projecting from the upper house of the king at the court of the guard. After him Pedaiah the son of Parosh <sup>26</sup> and the temple servants living on Ophel repaired to a point opposite the Water Gate on the east and the projecting tower. <sup>27</sup> After him the Tekoites repaired another section opposite the great projecting tower as far as the wall of Ophel.

<sup>28</sup> Above the Horse Gate the priests repaired, each one opposite his own house. <sup>29</sup> After them Zadok the son of Immer repaired opposite his own house. After him Shemaiah the son of Shecaniah, the keeper of the East Gate, repaired. <sup>30</sup> After him Hananiah the son of Shelemiah and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph repaired another section. After him Meshullam the son of Berechiah repaired opposite his chamber. <sup>31</sup> After him Malchijah, one of the goldsmiths, repaired as far as the house of the temple servants and of the merchants, opposite the Muster Gate,<sup>[h]</sup> and to the upper chamber of the corner. <sup>32</sup> And between the upper chamber of the corner and the Sheep Gate the goldsmiths and the merchants repaired.

Amen and amen. Now listen, I thought I would look up and you'd all be gone. Why would I read that? Why would I put you through it and put myself through it the last two hours? And if you thought I mispronounced any one of those words, just see me here next week and I'll let you read it aloud and correct it. I read it for one reason because at sometime in our life, every single one of us needs to hear the names of these workers out loud.

It's been preserved there. They were a part of the team that rebuilt. But what did you feel when we were reading through that? To hear all the names here, all the groups of people. Did you hear words like, beside them and next to them and beside them and next to them? Did

you hear things like Goldsmiths and perfumers and their daughters and their sixth son. Did you hear those words like, in front of their house and in front of their house and beside their house. Here's the truth that I want to drive home this morning and it's what we need to take away when it comes to rebuilding. Rebuilding is a group project. Rebuilding is a group project. Now for many of you in this room, hearing the phrase group project brings great horror to your mind. You've been there, you've done that. And some of you are that guy, right? You know the guy who celebrates the A but doesn't show up for work, and God forgive you for being that guy. But rebuilding is a group project. I want you to see this morning that Nehemiah shifts from chapter one of him saying, I was burdened. I fasted, I prayed, I mourned, I wept. I went before the King. I asked the King, I traveled to Jerusalem, I surveyed the walls. I, I, I. And then we get to verse 17 of Nehemiah chapter two and he says, "Then I said to them, you see the trouble." He changes the pronoun. "You see the trouble," What is it, "We are in."

"How Jerusalem lies in ruins with its Gates burned. Come let us build the wall of Jerusalem that we may no longer suffer derision. And I told him that the hand of my God that had been upon me for good and also the words that the King had spoken to me and they said, let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for the good work."

Rebuilding is a group project. And as we talk in these days about a burden that we have, we talk in our lives about being patient, waiting, watching, worshiping, being willing to move when God says go. We talk about opposition that arises against our rebuilding. A major piece to us being successful in rebuilding is that we don't do this alone. You don't try to do it all by yourself. It's not, "I'm trying to rebuild my marriage." "I'm trying to rebuild my future." "I'm trying to rebuild my walk with Christ." "I'm trying to change this in culture." "I'm doing this." Listen, you aren't going to rebuild for the glory of God if you don't have others going along with you. These walls we celebrate were rebuilt in 52 days. Two and a half miles of walls, 34 lookout towers and seven gates rebuilt in 52 days. And chapter three, that miserable reading of all of those names we jokingly say there, is the background and backdrop to us being able to see the success. God does miracles, but he does miracles through people.

I want you to see the math of rebuilding. This group project, the math of rebuilding. Why do we need a group around us to rebuild? Number one, it divides the load. It divides the load. You don't have to carry it all by yourself. Two and a half miles of walls, 34 towers, seven gates. What did it take? Chapter three shows us 40 different groups of people. And God's word saw the value of that enough that he has preserved it for eternity. 40 groups. 28 times in Nehemiah three it says, "next to them", "beside them", "next to them", "beside them." To rebuild with others divides the load.

To rebuild with others, number two, multiplies the effort. You get more done in a quicker amount of time, greater potential for success. It multiplies the effort. You come out of chapter three with all of those groups working together with children and men and women with different skills and abilities. You get to chapter four and they face opposition and in the face of opposition with all of those groups working, verse six of Nehemiah four says, "So we built the wall." Multiplies efforts. The name Nehemiah is used once in chapter three but it was not the Nehemiah that was the governor of Jerusalem. It is signified by saying Nehemiah, the son of Azbuk. It's significant that when it lists out the names of people that were working on different sections of the walls, that Nehemiah is never listed as one of those that had a section of the wall. He had his role, he had his place. The people had their section of the wall to take care of, they were able to multiply their effort.

Number three, you divide the load, you multiply the effort and you subtract the discouragement. When you're working with a group, it's rare that the whole group's going to be all down at the same time. And isn't that so important in a marriage? When one is down, the other one is able to say, come on, we can do this. And vice versa. When you're in a group of friends and there's five of you or seven of you or three of you or two of you that run together, and one really hits a cloudy day or a cloudy season, you're able to say, "No, we can make it, we can make it through." And the picture here of Nehemiah, Judah goes south on him. He gets discouraged and it says in Nehemiah four verse 10, "The strength of those who bear the burdens is failing." There's too much rubble, by ourselves we'll never be able to rebuild the wall. Nehemiah comes along in verse 14, "I looked and arose and said to the nobles and to the officials and to the rest of the people, do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord who's great and awesome and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, your homes." And you see the people working with each other to keep them encouraged, to keep the discouragement taken out of the scene. So working together as a group divides the load, multiplies the effort, it subtracts the discouragement. And number four it adds the missing pieces.

No one of us knows exactly what to do in every situation. But when you bring others along beside you, you get their experiences, you get their enthusiasm, you get their expertise, and it comes by working together and working with others. In Nehemiah chapter four again, the backdrop of all of those names in chapter three, look at verse 21, opposition has arisen and Nehemiah four verse 21 says, "So we labored at the work and half of them held the spears from the break of dawn until the stars came out." You see that it had divided the load and you had some who are doing the trowel work on the walls and you had some caring the spears. You had them working together, they were able to add the defenses to be able to defend the city against the opposition that wanted to come and take them out. Think about this, what are you trying to rebuild today? What do you know God's burdened your heart about rebuilding. He's doing some work. It's broken down. He wants to put it back together.

You got anybody traveling with you? You got anybody praying with you? You got anybody speaking into your life? Is there a mentor? Is there a coach? Is there a pastor? Is there a friend? Is there a brother, a sister in Christ? The most effective of leaders, the greatest skilled leaders cannot rebuild alone. We need the dividing, multiplying, subtracting, and adding of working with others. Think about just in the life of this church and seeing the kingdom of God advance and grow and the kingdom build. Think about what we just saw here across this room just a minute ago. Think about 250 plus middle schoolers and high schoolers, apart of 2,500 teenagers that get together this weekend for the Mix. You don't just announce that do you? Those 250 plus teenagers. You know what that meant? 23 host homes. That meant 78 leaders. That meant 25 people here serving food and signing people in. It meant dozens upon dozens of people praying for this weekend.

When we do the work of the Lord, when we're building for his kingdom, when we're making wholehearted followers of Christ, it's not a one man show. It's not a one person show. It takes every one of us. Did you catch the verse when you were reading through chapter three about the Nobles of Tekoites

It's right in here. All of a sudden it just drops in in the middle of these 40 groups. Verse five, Nehemiah three, "And next to them the Tekoites repaired, but their nobles would not stoop to serve their Lord." How does that sound to you? Their Nobles would not stoop.

Literal translation is they would not put their neck, they would not put their shoulder to the work. And then it just goes right on. It's this kind of that piece that just kind of stands out there that shows us hundreds of years ago, there was still that guy that. There was still that guy that was just not going to work. It ought to kind of do something in us to just say, you know what? I'm not going to be that guy. The church is growing and the church is building, and I'm not talking about facility. I'm talking about just the kingdom of God being built, doing the work of ministry, that it takes all of us.

And in your life, what you're trying to rebuild, you need that other person, those other people to come alongside you to help rebuild. When I look at what's happened here today, I get so excited about the facilities that we're using today, about the new space that the teenagers are being introduced to today. Somebody asked me a couple of weeks ago, I was traveling and they said, Hey, what do you think about the new space? Are you enjoying it? And I'm just like, I just put my hand in the air and said, I'm having the time of my life. I love preaching here. I love preaching in this room. I love running up those steps and getting to this spot and asking you to open your Bibles. I love Friday night being out here in this commons area and seeing 350 people just fill that commons area with food lines, getting their food and going into the gym and eating. It's just beautiful.

And as I stand here. I'll walk away and I just think, where am I? Where am I? But when I think about how he got to this spot, I think about the group effort. This summer, actually, when you think about the last year of building, I'm not an exhausted person because of the building. Praise the Lord. I didn't go to a lot of the middle meetings in there that was going on. There were volunteers from our church. And builders and architects were doing those meetings, but Sean and Jason and Duke and seven or eight other people would be in those meetings and they meet every Wednesday. One time this summer I said to Sean, Hey, y'all meeting Wednesday? He said, yeah. I said, I want to be at the meeting. He said, sure, come on. I said, I want to hear y'all talk, I want to hear the tone, I want to hear what you're discussing here. What's going on with the project. Get caught up, be in the loop. And so I went to that meeting, got in there at 10 on a Wednesday morning, walked in about 10 people in the room, architects, builders, superintendents, volunteers, all around the table. We all landed in our seats and I spoke. And they kind of looked at me, surprised I was there and I just smiled. And one of the guys, automatically, he just goes to one of the volunteers and says, we've got to decide today, do you want metal thresholds or rubber thresholds? And one of the guy said metal. He said, do you want black thresholds or bronze thresholds? He said bronze. He said, do you want dark bronze or do you want light bronze? He said, dark bronze. And when he said that, I said, I'm out. I'm done. I just wanted to be here for the threshold discussions. It's really important to me on what we do at every door. It just kinda spoke to me of like, you know what, there's a thousand different decisions about every hinge, door knob and screw and this whole place. But when it all comes together, you look around and you're able to see 250 plus teenagers get packed into the front of a room.

And here's what I'm saying, it doesn't happen without a group of people working together. If you're going to rebuild, you need a group of people with you. Who do you need? What kind of people? Well, when you look in chapter three of Nehemiah, you see there were insiders and outsiders. There were those that live within the walls and those that lived outside the walls and with different perspectives and different places in life. Those insiders and outsiders come together. You see families working together. You see some man who had never been married. You did you catch the verse that said, "And their daughters." You see that? The

family whose daughters were working, you have some perfumers and metal workers and the Levites who were worship leaders. You see different skills come together. Did you notice the piece when you're reading through there of how many different people that were building sections of the wall that was right beside their homes?

It says next to them and next to them and right in front of their house they would build the wall. And right in front of their house, they would build the wall. Why would that be so significant? I think it's just wisdom on Nehemiah's part to assign them there because they knew first thing when they woke up and they walked out, they'd see that portion of the wall they were responsible for. And if you know that that's your defense system for being protected and you live right beside that piece of the wall, you're going to show up for work every day till it's rebuilt. And so there were people involved. They're engaged, they had some skin in the game. There were people there that knew that their lives would be affected there. Maybe they had seen enemies come close to their house in the past. And when you're thinking about people to come alongside you to help you rebuild, maybe you need some people not only with skills or abilities, not only maybe family, but you need some people who've been there before, felt some things before. They have some skin in the game. They're passionate about it. They know what you're feeling because they felt it too.

We journeyed here in the life of our church. I think about the people that have come alongside me to be a part of what God has done in the days of Watkinville. I think about those first weeks when we first arrived. CJ Amason found a house for us to rent. We came and we looked all day long for a house to live in somewhere in the area in the fall of 2000, and we couldn't find anything. We started back to Tennessee and CJ called and said, "I found a house." "We'll take it." "Well, do you want to know what it's like?" "Is it available? We'll take it." We just need a place. So we found a house and we showed up here in August and moved into that house and that day when we pulled in with our stuff, the red truck brigade showed up. It was our first time to live in Athens and this is the way it is. Everybody drives red trucks in Athens, I reckon. And three red trucks pulled in the driveway with us, Bob Bishop and Bob Fullmer and Bill Ropp, all three driving their red trucks with their wives. They were there to help us unload and help us unpack and get settled in. It just started off from day one with a group of people taking this journey.

I think of those men in the early days that served as deacons here, like Ira Dickerson and Bob Richard senior and Neil Carlisle and Buzz Amason and Bill Hagar and Bob Bishop, Greg Doloria, Buddy Cain and those guys who early on in those meetings, we just long long long meetings and just journeying together to where we are today. We need a group of people around us. Don't forget why we are rebuilding. Why would you rebuild that walk with Christ? Why would you rebuild your career? Why would you rebuild your marriage? Why would you go after that relationship and rebuild it? Because it's for the glory of God. Not for your happiness, not for the benefits, not for something that it's going to do in your pocket, or not for your name. It's for God's name. We would be able to get out there and say, look what God has done. Look how God has showed up. Rebuilding is a group project.

Do you have somebody traveling with you? In our days of seeing our family grow and be built, Carla and I were just journeying through as parents. We're not who we are, our family's not who it is without the group of people that have journeyed with us. I don't have parenting sermons, have you noticed? Have you noticed that there's never been a time in 20 years that I've ever said, for the next six weeks we're going to talk about parenting. You know why?

Because Monday's coming and that's why. We've got five kids and one still at home. Maybe 10 years from now I'll do a 10 minute talk on families or something, but right now we're just in the game. We're just in it. And so I don't have a lot of parenting sermons, but I know this, I know this. Every victory that we have seen in the heart of our children has come through the specific prayers of people that we can name that are journeying with us.

Rebuilding is a group project. Where do you start? Let me show you something and we'll be done. Verse one of chapter three,

"Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brothers the priests, and they built the Sheep Gate." They started at the first gate. If you were looking at the city, right at the top, North West corner, the sheep gate, and they went counterclockwise around the city walls until they got right back around, verse one, they started with the sheep gate. Look at verse 32 of chapter three,

"And between the upper chamber of the corner and the Sheep Gate the goldsmiths and the merchants repaired." They started with the sheep gate. They ended with the sheep gate. What's the sheep gate? That was the gate where the sacrificial lambs were brought in to go to the altar to be sacrificed there for the sins of the people. And it's symbolic of starting with Jesus Christ. And if you're thinking today about where am I going to start and rebuild in my life, my marriage, my home, my relationships, my career, our culture or our society.

You got to start right at the sheep gate. You got to start with Jesus Christ. There's a pastor in Tennessee that we've known for years that's a great preacher, but he was a great counselor. And all day long on Wednesday, he would just see people and counsel with them. A friend of mine went to see him one time, and he didn't know Jesus. Later I was talking to him again about some things. I said, why don't you go back and see, call this pastor's name, this counselor's name, and he said, he won't help me. I said, what do you mean he won't help you? He said, when you go in and talk to him, every single time, the first thing he wants to know is about my relationship with Jesus Christ and I don't have one, and he said that he can't help me if we can't start with Jesus. You know what that is? That's a good counselor. And whatever you're seeking to rebuild today, you need to start by looking at your personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Have you trusted him? Are you trusting him? Are you going after him first? And then ask the Lord to put some names on your heart.

We did this in the first hour. I want to ask you to do this with me. And it's kind of vulnerable, but I want to ask you today, is there something on your heart that you know God has burdened you to rebuild? I want to ask our band to go ahead and come and we're going to sing. Is there something, as the band is coming, that you know God needs to do a miracle? And here's what I want to ask you to do. I want to ask you to stand. We're not going to call you out. I'm not going to take names, you can trust that I'm not going to embarrass you, but I want you to stand.

Would you right now in this room, you know, God has burdened your heart. There's something. Just stand in this room right now. Trust me. Okay? You know, God is calling you. There's something burdening your heart that you need to rebuild.

About two times this many people at nine o'clock this morning stood, okay. And those of you that are seated, you may be thinking through these whole weeks of Nehemiah, I don't have anything to rebuild right now. I see some things, but I'm just not burdened about it, not



convicted. Guess what? Now is your time. You look around you, your church family needs some group work. They need some people.

I wonder if you could look around and, this isn't going to be an exact science, somebody's going to get missed, I know. But those that are standing, I wonder if there's some way that the others of you could get a hand on their shoulder. Just a hand on the shoulder. Just move right now. Get to somebody that's standing and put hand on their shoulder. I know, I'm sorry if you get missed in this, I want to pray with you, but as much as we can get to people that are standing, some right over here to my right, just reach around, put a hand on somebody's shoulder. It might be, coming out of this, it would spark a conversation with somebody that you know already that could be a part of your team, of praying with you, helping you, getting on the wall with you.

Father, I pray for those that are standing and those that have hands on their shoulders right now and those maybe Lord, for some reason or another that nobody got to them right now. Father, I pray that he would build a group of people around those that are trying to rebuild. I pray, Father, that you would do your mighty work through those that would come along. I pray you put names on people's hearts. I pray we'd make the effort, Lord, to go after these things with others tracking with us, building with us, on the wall with us. Father, we ask you to do miracles, go beyond our skills, go beyond our organizational skills, go beyond our abilities, go beyond our wisdom, and would you put these things back together by the power of your name and for the glory of your name. Please, Lord. Let's all stand in the room together right now. Let's let's sing this song of testimony. You're welcome to come pray this morning. I'll be here at the front. If you want to pray with someone, you want to start with Jesus. You want to be saved today? Come find me here at the front. Tim, you'll lead us. Let's sing, let's worship.