

**GEARING UP**  
Going Beyond the Motions – Part 2  
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**Nehemiah 1-6**

“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.” Nehemiah 1:2 (NIV)

“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.’” Nehemiah 1:3 (NIV)

**We need to...**

**1. Imagine** \_\_\_\_\_.

“When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven.” Nehemiah 1:4 (NIV)

- **Make sure** \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. Take the** \_\_\_\_\_.

Nehemiah 2:1-9

“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.” Nehemiah 2:13 (NIV)

“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.’” 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.”

Nehemiah 2:17,18 (NIV)

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**3. Expect** \_\_\_\_\_.

“When Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, he became angry and was greatly incensed. He ridiculed the Jews,<sup>2</sup> 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?’” Nehemiah 4:1-2 (NIV)

“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!’” Nehemiah 4:3 (NIV)

“They all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and stir up trouble against it.<sup>9</sup> But we prayed to our God and posted a guard day and night to meet this threat.” Nehemiah 4:8-9 (NIV)

**4. Stay** \_\_\_\_\_.

“So we rebuilt the wall till all of it reached half its height, for the people worked with all their heart.” Nehemiah 4:6 (NIV)

“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.’” Nehemiah 4:10 (NIV)

“Sanballat and Geshem sent me this message: ‘Come, let us meet together in one of the villages on the plain of Ono.’ But they were scheming to harm me; <sup>3</sup>so I sent messengers to them with this reply: ‘I am carrying on a great project and cannot go down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and go down to you?’” Nehemiah 6:2-3 (NIV)

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