Journey towards the Cross

Topic:
God rebuilds what is broken.

Bible portion:
Nehemiah 2:17-18

Focus:
Nehemiah: Rebuilding what is broken.

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A daily devotional for lent season

40-Day Gospel Reading Plan

Bible Readings for Today

Luke 11-12

Have you Read your Bible today?

Memory Verse for the day

"And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God."

Luke 12:08 (ESV)

Quote

"A setback is a setup for comeback."

- T. D. Jakes

Lent is not only a season of fasting and prayer; it is a journey. It begins in Creation, where God made everything good, moves through the brokenness caused by sin, and leads us to the Cross and the empty tomb. Lent reminds us that when humanity fell, God did not abandon His creation. Instead, He began a long and loving work of rebuilding. It is truly a journey of restoration.

In the passage, Nehemiah sees the broken walls of Jerusalem and says, "Come, let us rebuild." The city was in ruins. The walls were burned, the gates destroyed, and the people were discouraged. Yet God placed a burden in Nehemiah's heart. He trusted God's hand upon him and encouraged the people to rise and build.

The broken walls of Jerusalem remind us of our broken world. In Creation, God formed humanity in His image. But sin broke the harmony between God and His people. Relationships were damaged. Trust was lost. Fear and shame entered the human heart. Like Jerusalem's walls, our lives often stand in ruins—broken by guilt, pain, conflict, and disappointment.

Yet the story of the Bible is the story of God rebuilding. Through prophets, covenants, and promises, God prepared the way for ultimate restoration. In Jesus Christ, God Himself entered our brokenness. On the Cross, He carried our sins. What looked like defeat became the foundation for rebuilding. The Resurrection is God's declaration that brokenness does not have the final word. Life, hope, and restoration rise again.

Nehemiah did not rebuild alone. He invited the people: "Let us rise up and build."

Lent invites us into this same work. God rebuilds our hearts when we repent. He restores families when we forgive. He renews churches when we return to prayer and unity. Just as broken walls can be rebuilt stone by stone, God restores our lives step by step.

In daily life, we see brokenness in strained relationships, wounded communities, and personal struggles. But Lent teaches us not to despair. The Cross assures us that God specializes in restoration. The empty tomb assures us that new beginnings are possible.

This year's Lenten season calls us to examine what is broken within us and around us. Are there relationships that need healing? Habits that need to change? Faith that needs renewal? Let us bring these ruins before the Lord. Let us listen to His call: "Come, let us rebuild."

The journey from Creation to Resurrection is a journey of hope. The same God who rebuilt Jerusalem and raised Jesus from the dead is at work among us today.

Prayer: Lord, rebuild the broken walls of our hearts and restore us through the power of Your Cross and Resurrection. Amen.

- **Rev. Sam Johnson**

Prayer Point

Pray for people struggling with mental stress.