



HANOVERDALE CHURCH

Nehemiah

Making Preparations in Times of Uncertainty

DEVOTIONALS FOR THE WEEK OF:

January 25 2026

This week we dig deeper into getting ready to work for the Lord. Are you prepared to serve the Lord when He calls?

Monday: Nehemiah 2:11; Proverbs 21:5; 24:3-4

When Nehemiah left his work as the cupbearer in Susa the capital of Persia, where did he have to go to begin the work that God was calling him to accomplish? What is the distance between Persia and Jerusalem? How long of a trip would that have been on horseback? Did he jump right in and begin rebuilding walls the moment he arrived? Why or why not? How long did he wait? What sort of lesson might you glean about making decisions when you are tired? What needs to happen to be successful in any endeavor? Today, consider the cost of your labor for the Lord. If you are tired today, take time to rest physically or emotionally before jumping into important decision making.

Tuesday: Nehemiah 2:10-15; Hebrews 12:1

When did Nehemiah go out to inspect the conditions in Jerusalem? Why might he have gone out at night? Were there any naysayers in Jerusalem who might have tried to confuse or reject Nehemiah? Why might he have not wanted any distractions with people during his inspection? What did he find in his inspection? Was he able to move about freely? What are some spiritual applications to a life that is caught in the brokenness of life? Is there any rubble in your past that clutters your walk and is preventing the Lord from using you? Any sin that is entangling you from serving God. Give your past to the Lord. Ask Him to clear away the rubble so you can build your life for Him.

Wednesday: Nehemiah 2:10; Genesis 12:1-3; Genesis 16; Genesis 25:18

Were Sanballat and Tobiah Jewish? Why might they have been so against the welfare of the Jews and the Jewish nation? Grieving exceedingly is a very strong word, bordering on hatred. How far back did the hatred start between the children of

Abraham? Who is Ishmael? Why did Abraham take matters into his own hands and sleep with Hagar? Was that sin? Who was the mother to the rightful heir? Why was Ishmael not chosen by God to be Abraham's chosen heir of Israel? Who are the descendents of Ishmael? Sanballat and Tobiah are examples of descendents. What is the attitude of the Arab nations toward Israel today? Are they a peaceful and God fearing people today? What did God say about those who hate the people of Israel. Today, pray for peace in the Middle East.

Thursday: Nehemiah 2:17

What did Nehemiah say when he gathered the Jewish people together the next day? Why was the condition of the walls a problem after approximately 100 years of disuse and abandon? How did Nehemiah relate to everyone in the situation? What was the derision by the Arabs living in the area? Look around our church. Are there any areas in disrepair that the community could look at and think poorly of the Lord? What can you do about 'rebuilding those walls that are in disrepair? How about in your own personal life? Are there any broken down walls in your life that you realize need to be tended to? Today, commit to building up the walls.

Friday: Nehemiah 2:18

What was Nehemiah doing when he spoke about God's hand of blessing getting him this far in his journey. Nehemiah was not stuck in the past. He witnessed about the strong arm of God at work. What did that testimony do for the people looking at the daunting task before them? Did they agree begrudgingly? Did they wait? Think about God at work in our church. Has He been faithful? You can trust Him to stay faithful in whatever God calls you to get involved. God is sufficient.

Saturday: Nehemiah 2:19-20

What was different about the number of enemies from what was recorded earlier in vs. 10? What was the reaction of God's enemies? What did they accuse Nehemiah of? Was Nehemiah in fact rebelling by building the wall? What does that tell you about Satan's tactics when you are serving the Lord? What was Nehemiah's reaction to these enemies? What should your reaction toward God's enemies be when they attack your character or God's vision? Keep your eyes on the Lord.