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Home prayers

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Nehemiah 6:1-16

Nehemiah - Overcoming Adversity



Opening Prayer

Don't hold back, bring all of yourself. For God loves us just as we are.

Thankyou God that all of us are welcome in your presence— with our scars and fears, depression and doubt, hope and joy, light and laughter.

Thankyou God that you are with us in this worship space.

Confession

God of healing,
God of wholeness,
We offer to you this day, our sins, our failings, our brokenness.

Let us take a moment of silence to be mindful.

Absolution

The God of love brings us back to himself,
Forgives us our sins,
And assures us of his eternal love
In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song

Be still and know that I am God, be still and know that I am God
Be still and know that I am God.

I am the God who healeth thee, I am the God who healeth thee,
I am the God who healeth thee

In thee O Lord do I put my trust, in thee O Lord do I put my trust,
I thee O Lord do I put my trust.

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CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Reflection: From Learne

Sometimes people's response to good news is hard to understand. In today's reading Nehemiah and his team have almost finished building the wall around Jerusalem and this is cause for great celebration. Nehemiah should be able to just get the doors put in and wow it will be done. However what comes his way are distractions and downright lies. His enemies try to call him away from the work and they accuse him of wanting to be king over the Jewish people who, they say are planning a revolt. Then his enemies pay someone to intimidate him and put him in a place of disrepute. Wow! All of that after a long hard road of re-building the wall. Often in our lives there are seasons of a long hard slog. Maybe we have been persevering to see answered prayer. Perhaps we have been promised something a long time ago and our faith starts to waiver that it will ever happen because distractions and even lies are coming our way. It is worth noting Nehemiah's response in prayer. His prayer was not directed towards God defeating his enemies. His prayer was focussed completely on God strengthening his own hands. Let's not waste energy focussing on our enemies but rather ask God to strengthen us to keep going when life, or the enemy or even our own interior voices threaten to pull us down.

Questions

1. Consider what human emotions Nehemiah's enemies try to exploit.
2. Name any areas in your life where you are worn down after a long struggle.
3. How does this passage in Nehemiah assist you to stand strong in your circumstances.

Intercessions

In our prayers today, we put all our thoughts and worries and hopes into the hands of God. You may like to hold your own hands in front of you as you pray. Create your own prayers for each of the headings below:



The World



The Church



Communities



Sickness

Closing Prayer

May God our Creator, our Redeemer and Sustainer be the truth on which our life and death are built. May the trinity of love be our hope that cannot be destroyed, our freedom from which love and justice flow, and the joy that has eternity within it. Amen