

Nehemiah 6: Vision Outworked



Overview of the message:

Jerusalem's walls had lain in ruins for over 150 years. They were rebuilt in 52 days. Nehemiah didn't think away the problem, but responded to God's vision with prayer and action. He carried himself with integrity and was rewarded with the king's favour. He maintained his integrity in the building of the walls and in face of opposition.

Key Points

1. The Jews had lived with broken walls for over 150 years without taking action. Nehemiah responded to God's vision and saw them rebuilt in 52 days.
2. Nehemiah prayed into it for four months and continued his work with integrity so when the moment came, his integrity earned him the king's ear.
3. Nehemiah told nobody his purpose until he'd inspected the problem for himself.
4. In chapter 6 Nehemiah maintained his integrity despite his enemies' attempts to discredit him and lure him to forfeiting his integrity.

Questions

1. Are there areas in our lives or as a church or society where we have just settled with "rubble"? What would rebuilding the walls look like?
2. Are there any situations or areas of life or the world where you feel stirred up, angry or passionate? How can we follow Nehemiah's model of prayer and action?
3. Read 2 Tim 2:20 – 26. How do we carry out the visions God has given us while avoiding the "youthful passions" mentioned in v 22?
4. What does "having integrity" look like in our current situations? How can we maintain that integrity?