

**All Citizens Christian Church Calgary**

**Bible Study:** Tuesday, October 8th, 2024. **Topic: THE NEHEMIAH CHRISTIAN Part 5**

**MOVING BEYOND THE WALL.**

**Text: Nehemiah 7**

In leadership, the completion of a project is the beginning of another. This means leadership is a continuous thing. It is easy for us to focus on our achievement and holding it as a trophy without realising that whatsoever we have achieved was for a purpose and until it survives beyond us, we have not succeeded. Some leaders may have completed the wall and headed back to Babylon. But in leadership when do you consider the work done? When will parents consider themselves successful in the raising of their children? Is it after birth, after education, after marriage or after when? When does a leader consider himself or herself a success. Is it after achieving his set objective or when he is able to handle over to another leader to continue his work. A project that does not live beyond the person who started it may be judged a failed project. Such a project is not worth starting. Better still, the project should move on to a higher scale when the originator is no longer on the scene.

These are some of the issues we will be looking as we consider the leadership qualities of Nehemiah in Chapter 7.

**Discussion:**

The wall was built and the door hung. What next?

1. **What was the first thing Nehemiah did after completing the wall and erecting the gate?** He prepared for the spiritual by appointing worship leaders. II Chron 20: 21-22, Acts 16:25-26.
2. **Why was the wall built in the first place.** The wall was not built just for the sake of building a wall. The wall was built so that a secured place of worship will exist for the children of Israel. Everything done during the building of the wall appeared physical but the wall was done so the spiritual could be achieved.

**Are your properties available for worship?** Your house, your time, your intelligence, your car and indeed all your resources.

1. **Leadership continues: What was the next thing Nehemiah did?** Vs 2. What was the significance of this? You never leave a place with a leadership void. It also shows he was not a greedy leader who like to give all the glory to himself.
2. **What do you consider good qualities of leaders?** A wrong choice of leaders could collapse the work that Nehemiah did in fifty two days: **Exodus 18:21, Acts 6: 3, I Tim 3:1-13**.
3. **Why did Nehemiah hand things over to Hanani his brother and Hananiah**? His brother showed at the very beginning that he was concerned and the qualities of Hanani are stated in the passage. (He saw the qualities in these people which were faithfulness and the fear of God). In addition, he knew the Sanballat and Tobiah were not gone and new enemies will be created.
4. **What instruction did Nehemiah give?** V3. The walls may have been built but if they neglect it, the enemy could still come in because the walls cannot protect themselves. Sometimes we win victories and celebrate only to lose later because there are no guards.
5. **What was the last thing Nehemiah did in chapter 7 and why?** He took census and during the census he was able to find some irregularities amongst the priests. Vs 63-65.

The wall was built thus revealing its vulnerability in terms of big spaces that were not occupied. Nehemiah needed to know who were within these walls and so he started a census. A leader is a person with foresight who is constantly thinking beyond today. A leader who is stagnant in thought