

## ReBuild Part 4 by Ps Mandy Elliott Burnt Stones

### SETTING THE SCENE

- Nehemiah asks about Jerusalem

**Nehemiah 1:1-2 NKJV** The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. It came to pass in the month of Chislew, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the citadel, [2] that Hanani one of my brethren came with men from Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews who had escaped, who had survived the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem.

### JERUSALEM IN DISREPAIR

- Very much like here and now... who has survived, our gates and walls are burned down.

### STATING THE CASE

- Distress and reproach, the gates and walls are burned down with fire

**Nehemiah 1:3 NKJV** And they said to me, "The survivors who are left from the captivity in the province are there in great distress and reproach. The wall of Jerusalem is also broken down, and its gates are burned with fire."

Vs 3: they said to me, —"The survivors who are left from the captivity in the province are there in great distress and reproach. The wall of Jerusalem is also broken down, and its gates are burned with fire.

### HEAVENS MOVE TO MOTION

- fasting and praying

**Nehemiah 1:4 NKJV** So it was, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned for many days; I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven.

 Praying is communication

### AN ADDRESS TO THE HEAVENLY COURT

- Remember when we are presenting God with a matter of the High court which needs His sovereign attention, we are to approach Him with the Honour of Who He is and Hallow His name in a worthy manner regarding His sovereignty.

Nehemiah was not just praying for a simple matter, he needed to go beyond his normal area of influence and prayed that the King's heart would be kind to him, so he could go rebuild Jerusalem's walls

- Not just for himself but also for God's own servants
- Praying day and night for Israel - His church, the people, seeking God's wisdom, assessing the damage in order to rebuild
- Repenting for himself and on their behalf (heartbroken for them and the city)
- Pleading to restore the people and rebuild the burnt walls of their lives and their city
- Presenting his case before the Lord (He knew what needed to be done)
- Requesting what was needed to work and favour whilst setting out to do it. Not an easy

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task.

## HIS APPROACH TO THE HEAVENLY COURT

**Nehemiah 1:5-6 NKJV** And I said: "I pray, LORD God of heaven, O great and awesome God, You who keep Your covenant and mercy with those who love You and observe Your commandments, [6] please let Your ear be attentive and Your eyes open, that You may hear the prayer of Your servant which I pray before You now, day and night, for the children of Israel Your servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel which we have sinned against You. Both my father's house and I have sinned.



A recall to God's character and what He has promised



An appealing to God's mercy

## REPENTANT HEART

- Unforgiveness is the PIN number to access



A legal matter that you can present to the courts of Heaven which has been decreed before, reminding the Court in regard to the matter with full disclosure in humility. i.e. Lord, I am guilty but Your blood covered my mistakes and my sins...

Note after making your plea:

## THE JUDGES RESPONSE TO THE NAGGING WIDOW

**Luke 18:7-8 NLT** Even he rendered a just decision in the end. So don't you think God will surely give justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? [8] I tell you, he will grant justice to them quickly! But when the Son of Man returns, how many will he find on the earth who have faith?"

## PRESENTING YOUR CASE

- Reminding Him of His own words for us as a church

## MOVE TO MOTION

- Now is the time to start (Isaiah 45:19)

## NEHEMIAH'S PRAYER

**Nehemiah 1:8-11 NKJV** Remember, I pray, the word that You commanded Your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations; [9] but if you return to Me, and keep My commandments and do them, though some of you were cast out to the farthest part of the heavens, yet I will gather them from there, and bring them to the place which I have chosen as a dwelling for My name.' [10] Now these are Your servants and Your people, whom You have redeemed by Your great power, and by Your strong hand. [11] O Lord, I pray, please let Your ear be attentive to the prayer of Your servant, and to the prayer of Your servants who desire to fear Your name; and let Your servant prosper this day, I pray, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man." For I was the king's cupbearer.

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## APPEALING TO MOVE GOD

### REMINDE THE COURT

**Psalm 89:14-15 NKJV** Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face. [15] Blessed are the people who know the joyful sound! They walk, O LORD, in the light of Your countenance.

Jesus is our righteousness. When we know we are in right standing with Him. We know we can approach His throne with confidence because we know what His word says about us, about our situation, our circumstances and health.

### GOD RULES WITH JUSTICE

- Our lives have been preordained

**Psalm 9:1-5 NKJV** I will praise You, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works. [2] I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High. [3] When my enemies turn back, They shall fall and perish at Your presence. [4] For You have maintained my right and my cause; You sat on the throne judging in righteousness. [5] You have rebuked the nations, You have destroyed the wicked; You have blotted out their name forever and ever.

### BLOTTED OUT FOREVER- REDACTED FROM THE COURTS

**Psalm 9:7-8 NKJV** But the LORD shall endure forever; He has prepared His throne for judgment. [8] He shall judge the world in righteousness, and He shall administer judgment for the peoples in uprightness.

So many times we as believers come to the Father and beg, plead and cry for Him to help us and never experience the breakthrough we are looking for.

Too many times as believers we dress up for war and head off to the battlefield, which at the right time is appropriate, but should only be done once we have God's ruling. We should obtain His court's counsel before we go to fight, then with the strategy of His counsel can we engage in the battle if need be. Perhaps we just need to pull out our decree. When the courts rule a decree is made and pulled up as an action of the court.

Often we just go in to fight because we are strong, fit and eager but we land up as casualties of the faith because we crawl off the field beaten and defeated when we could have subpoenaed the enemy, had a restraining order placed on him and prohibited him from touching you or your family with God's protection order.

We spend too much time fighting, cursing, binding and loosing the enemy, when the battle has already been won. And some won't even enter into prayer because they are afraid of the fight. It's much easier to get a court order than fight a battle. There will be times God says it's time to fight, but the battle is His not yours, but God's.

**2 Chronicles 20:15 NLT** He said, "Listen, all you people of Judah and Jerusalem! Listen, King Jehoshaphat! This is what the LORD says: Do not be afraid! Don't be discouraged by this mighty army, for the battle is not yours, but God's.

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 The armour of God comes into play daily when we pray the word which renews our minds, tightens His truth regarding our lives by standing on His promises, and keeping feet planted in the firm foundations of His peace while situations face us.

When we stand praying, presenting our case to God our Heavenly Father who is the righteous ruler of justice who holds the scepter of justice in His right hand.

**Revelation 15:3-4 NKJV** They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! [4] Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested."

The Ruler and King on the throne has made His judgments regarding our lives manifested.

#### INTIMIDATION YOUR HONOUR

- Prosecutor, 'denied', strike to remove
- So when the accuser comes to condemn you or bully you, the defense calls it

**Nehemiah 4:2 NLT** saying in front of his friends and the Samaritan army officers, "What does this bunch of poor, feeble Jews think they're doing? Do they think they can build the wall in a single day by just offering a few sacrifices? Do they actually think they can make something of stones from a rubbish heap—and charred ones at that?"

 EXHIBIT A  
STONES TO BUILD  
Cut to size for specific position  
Lifted and placed

 EXHIBIT B  
BURNT STONES  
Limestone - crumble when burnt  
Easily moved levered out of position

Once you have been burned or charred from life's events, you withdraw and pull out from your part in God's kingdom, leaving a gap in the wall - landing up as a heap of rubble to never be used again.

Who is to say you can't be used again, Sanballat and Tobias (a haughty spirit and the spirit of intimidation) are the intimidators who call out 'burnt stones and rubbish'

But God says you are My precious stones, and let the stones cry out to the Lord.

Jesus, who is the Chief Cornerstone, came to bring life and life more abundantly, He will breathe life back into the burnt stones and restore what others call rubble

Who are we to judge why, how or when people land up in the places of disrepair that they do, who have broken walls.

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Things that burn us:

Offence / Divorce / Loss and death / Sickness

**Isaiah 51:1 NLT** Listen to me, all who hope for deliverance— all who seek the LORD! Consider the rock from which you were cut, the quarry from which you were mined.

So when you need the King's heart to rule in your favour regarding any burned down gate and wall in your life and you feel like it's over for you, it's not over until you get God's ruling on the matter.

1. Make your case
2. Allow the Holy Spirit to be your wise counsel
3. You don't need to take the stand or crucify yourself - Jesus already did and He is talking to God regarding this matter for you. This is a simple matter for the Lord. Your sins have been redacted, your mistakes blotted out.
4. Take the divine verdict and decree and declare it out loud
5. Make your press-release regarding the verdict
6. Declare the spoken word of God
7. The case is now settled once and for all. The court has ruled in your favor
8. When the enemy files a case again you just remind him of your last victory and that God's word doesn't change.
  - It doesn't change on healing, provision, relationships, forgiveness, protection
  - God is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow

What will change is when you have an understanding of who He is, and that because He loves you He willingly took the stand for you, wiped out the error of a life without Him, made a new covenant for you whereby everything ruled in your favour.

Then you can realize your healing your provision, your forgiveness and even your protection

Salvation:

Simply by praying and crying out to Jesus who mediates on our behalf to the Father.

When we cry out to Him and ask Him to forgive, and help us rebuild the walls of our burned and broken walls of our hearts and lives, and accept Him as our God and King, He is faithful and just to forgive us.

This is where we activate a covenant with Him that He will never break.

**1 John 1:9 NKJV** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Romans 10:10 NKJV** For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.



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