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Let's start with a quick review.

God will guide us...

- By Giving Us a Divine _____ (note <u>Nehemiah 1:1-3</u>)
- By Sincere _____ (Nehemiah 1:5-11)
- By Taking Us in a New ______ (Nehemiah 1:11b)
- By Starting _____ (<u>Nehemiah 2:17-18</u>)
- By Giving Us _____ to Start (note <u>Nehemiah 2:19-20a</u>)
 - Just don't let the start stop you. You never finish something you don't start.

• Some of us need to start at the start.

So... _____?

- Maybe you've been doing some or all those things, but still feel
- You may be tempted to say something like, "I ______ all of that, and it hasn't ______."
- God will certainly speak into our "Now What?" moments, but each of us has our _____ to play.

Find Your Reason to _____

- Leading by _____ (Nehemiah 3:1-2)
- Taking care of your _____ (Nehemiah 3:10)
- Preserving everyone's ______ journey (Nehemiah 3:20)
- Protecting your ______ (Nehemiah 3:28-30)

Celebrate (even a) (Nehemiah 4:6)
• Perhaps you're not at "" - b	out are you no longer at ""?
• How long have you been in a cy	/cle of?

_____ Right Your Wrongs (Nehemiah 5:1-13)

- In what ways are you inclined to skip the step of
- We must be willing to worry less about our ______ if it means______ can happen.

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So now what?

- If you want to experience a ______ like you've never experienced, you have to begin ______ in a way you've never lived (or that others aren't).
- Discovering God's will/direction/guidance isn't a one-way street, but a two-way _____!

Tell someone about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey! Let us know, too, and fill out our connect card (digital* or hard copy).*MY**RC.**LINK**/CONNECT** or text **riverside** to **94000**



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DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

What number are you in your family's birth order and how many siblings do you have?

(Icebreaker courtesy of Sauk Rapids' Nash Small Group)

- Pastors Tony and Aaron reviewed the messages from the last two weeks and asked if we have been doing these things, "but still feel unsettled," or have "tried all that, and it hasn't worked." So how is it going?
- 2. When faced with a huge challenge (such as rebuilding the walls around Jerusalem), it helps to "find your reason to endure." Read <u>Nehemiah 3:1-2</u>, 10, 20 and 28-30. Which of the four reasons resonates with you with what you are facing or have faced in the past leading by example, taking care of your community, preserving everyone's spiritual journey or protecting your household?
- **3.** Read <u>Nehemiah 4:6</u>. What progress do you need to celebrate, or do you need to get out of a cycle of repeating?
- **4.** Pastors Aaron and Tony read through <u>Nehemiah 5:1-13</u>. Take time to re-read this passage and answer these questions: What does it look like for you to fully engage with restitution in your life, and how can you prioritize restoration over reputation?
- **5.** To experience a breakthrough like never before, you must "begin living in a way you've never lived (or that others aren't)." How does that look for you and how will you keep it "a two-way relationship" with God?

Day line: John 5; <u>Psalm 73</u> Day Two: <u>Exodus 23; Proverbs 11</u> Day Three: <u>Hebrews 8; 1 Samuel 24</u>

Day Four: <u>2 Thessalonians 3</u>; <u>Jeremiah 7</u> Day Five: <u>Job 11</u>; <u>Acts 17</u>

PERSONAL GUIDE

This Personal Guide has been adapted from Professor Grant Horner's Bible Reading System.



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- By Giving Us a Divine <u>Burden</u> (note <u>Nehemiah 1:1-3</u>)
- By Sincere Prayer (Nehemiah 1:5-11)
- By Taking Us in a New <u>Direction</u> (Nehemiah 1:11b)
- By Starting Small (Nehemiah 2:17-18)
- By Giving Us Faith to Start (note Nehemiah 2:19-20a)
 - $\circ\;$ Just don't let the start stop you. You never finish something you don't start.
 - Some of us need to start at the start.

So... <u>now what</u>?

- Maybe you've been doing some or all those things, but still feel <u>unsettled</u>.
- You may be tempted to say something like, "I <u>tried</u> all of that, and it hasn't <u>worked</u>."
- God will certainly speak into our "Now What?" moments, but each of us has our <u>own part</u> to play.

Find Your Reason to Endure

- Leading by example (Nehemiah 3:1-2)
- Taking care of your <u>community</u> (Nehemiah 3:10)
- Preserving everyone's <u>spiritual</u> journey (Nehemiah 3:20)
- Protecting your <u>household</u> (<u>Nehemiah 3:28-30</u>)



Celebrate (even a half-victory) (Nehemiah 4:6)

- Perhaps you're not at "<u>Z</u>" but are you no longer at "<u>A</u>"?
- How long have you been in a cycle of <u>repeating</u>?

<u>Completely</u> Right Your Wrongs (Nehemiah 5:1-13)

- In what ways are you inclined to skip the step of <u>restitution</u>?
- We must be willing to worry less about our <u>reputation</u> if it means <u>restoration</u> can happen.

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