



## Note from Wrangler Matt



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Dear Friends,

Have you ever looked at a messy situation and thought, “Somebody should do something!” Nehemiah did. While in exile in Persia (about 445 B.C.), he learned that the walls of Jerusalem lay in rubble, leaving the people still living there vulnerable to attack.

Nehemiah was a cupbearer to the King, a “white collar” job. He wasn’t a tradesman or an engineer. But Nehemiah’s heart was broken. The city which had once been the place where the presence of God dwelt was in ruins. Despite his own limitations, Nehemiah acted.

He persuaded the King to let him return to Jerusalem, and to give him the lumber needed to rebuild the walls. Nehemiah convinced the residents of the city to donate their time, talent and treasure to the project. Even in the face of opposition, 52 days after he arrived in Jerusalem the walls were rebuilt!

Has God ever shown you a need...a situation that breaks your heart...because you know it breaks His? It doesn’t have to be on the grand scale of rebuilding a city. For example, in Mark 2 we read about four men who carried their paralyzed friend to a house where Jesus was staying, hoping Jesus would heal him. But there were already so many people there, they could not get in the door, so they cut a hole in the roof, lowered him down and Jesus healed their friend. Has God ever put someone in your life who needed to meet Jesus?

The need God puts in front of you may be as simple as taking a friend to a doctor’s appointment or stopping to help a stranger on the side of the road trying to change a flat tire.

The Lord has been placing on my heart a simple truth: people have needs and He wants to use us, me and you, to meet them. I’m trying to do a better job of keeping my eyes open so I will see those needs, keeping my heart open so I will take action to meet those needs and trusting Him to provide the skill and resources necessary to get the job done.

In His Service,

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