God's Blueprínt For Rebuildíng Hís Church & Your Lífe "Facíng Our Fears" Nehemíah 4:1-23

WHAT is it that you're AFRAID OF?

HOW do we Face our FEAR?

Today, we'll see <u>FIVE PRINCIPLES</u> to <u>LIVE BY</u> that Help us Successfully <u>FACE</u> OUR <u>FEARS</u>.

- 1. REALIZE <u>CONFLICT</u> IS INEVITABLE. (vv.1-3)
- Believers must be Willing to Hear Personal INSULT.
- These Rebuilders were told the Problem was <u>TOO BIG</u>, the Plan just wasn't <u>FEASIBLE</u> & their Efforts were an extraordinary <u>WASTE</u> of Time.
- Believers must know, <u>BELIEF</u> in God will be <u>Ridiculed</u>.

2. REMEMBER, PRAYER IS CRUCIAL. (vv.4-9)

- When Conflict Comes, it's Time to PRAY & let GOD Handle it.
- The Enemy Attacks Hoping WE will GIVE UP.
- Believers must Prepare for BUILDING AND BATTLE. (James 4:7)

3. ADMIT <u>DISCOURAGEMENT</u> IS UNDERSTANDABLE. (vv.10-12)

- Believers can get <u>Burned Out</u> by the <u>SHEER SIZE</u> of the Task.
- What has *Really <u>Seemed</u>* to get to them is the <u>RUBBLE</u>.
- <u>Discouragement</u> can't be <u>Ignored</u>...It's like a Flat <u>Tire</u>; it must be <u>Fixed</u>.

4. KNOW THAT AGREEMENT IS ESSENTIAL. (vv.13-20)

- The Believers REVISE the Plan, MAKE Practical Adjustments & REINFORCE the Weak Spots.
- This was a <u>SPIRITUAL MATTER</u>...NOTHING LESS.
- Believers are <u>Willing</u> to Become <u>PART</u> of the <u>SOLUTION</u>.

5. ACCEPT <u>SACRIFICE</u> IS INESCAPABLE. (vv.21-23)

- Believers must be <u>DETERMINED</u> to Finish the <u>Work</u>.
- The Enemy's Goal is to SCARE you & Make you QUIT!
- These <u>Rebuilders</u> were <u>ALL IN</u>...they were on a <u>MISSION</u> from <u>GOD</u>.
- When <u>GOD</u> is in it, there is <u>NO REASON</u> to <u>FEAR</u>.
- If <u>FEAR</u> sets in...so will <u>PARALYSIS</u>.
- God <u>Calls</u> on US <u>ALL</u> to Make a <u>Difference</u>, so let's NOT <u>Give Up</u>...

• <u>Pray</u> for God's <u>Plan</u> to <u>Prepare</u> for the <u>Future</u> of God's People.