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Rebuild

[Nehemiah 7:1-2](#)

EXPLORING THE SERMON

- * What did you hear?
- * What did you think or feel about what you heard?
- * What is one thing you can take away from the sermon this week?

KEY VERSES

Now when the wall had been built and I had set up the doors, and the gatekeepers, the singers, and the Levites had been appointed, I gave my brother Hanani charge over Jerusalem, along with Hananiah the commander of the citadel—for he was a faithful man and feared God more than many.

REFLECTION

As we wrap up this sermon series, we can review it in three parts. Consider what you've learned in each part:

- 1) **Discernment** – What has helped you hear the call of God? How has community helped you discern the unique thing God may be placing on you?
- 2) **Implementation** - How have you been able to act on what God might be doing? How are you able to commit yourself to the common good through inviting others to come alongside you?
- 3) **Release from burdens** - How might you be being called away from a burden? We are called away from burdens as often as we are called toward them.

Throughout scripture, people not only respond to calls, but are equally released from calls. Today's passage finds Nehemiah confidently turning over the reins to his brother, Hanani, along with establishing Jerusalem's new leadership structure. Like Nehemiah, when we develop a burden, it will always almost be something finite in length. Having a burden requires focus and the ability to say no to things. ***As we're re-emerging, what things can you be released from? How might your focus be shifted to a different place?***

Nehemiah gives us a clear picture of the steps along the path to following a call. Because burdens are finite, we can have an impact if we can focus and learn to say no. ***In what small ways can you focus on God's call to say no, trusting him in what tomorrow will look like? How does this encourage you and give you clarity?***

Heavenly Father, thank you for the clarity and faithfulness of your servant Nehemiah. Help us discern what seasons you are calling us both into and out of. Help us to focus on what your call is to each of us today, and support one another along the way. Amen