

Building Our TEAM

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THREE KINDS OF PEOPLE

- › People who make things happen.
- › People who watch what's happening
- › People who wonder what happened

- › “I have a problem. Will you help?”
- › “T E A M – Together Everyone Achieves More.”
- › “None of us is as strong as all of us.”
- › “A star can win any game but a team can win every game.”

Nehemiah 2:11-20

11 I went to Jerusalem, and after staying there three days 12 I set out during the night with a few others. I had not told anyone what my God had put in my heart to do for Jerusalem. There were no mounts with me except the one I was riding on.

13 By night I went out through the Valley Gate toward the Jackal[a] Well and the Dung Gate, examining the walls of Jerusalem, which had been broken down, and its gates, which had been destroyed by fire.

**14 Then I moved on
toward the Fountain
Gate and the King's
Pool, but there was
not enough room
for my mount to get
through**

**15 So I went up
the valley by
night, examining
the wall. Finally, I
turned back and
reentered through
the Valley Gate.**

16 The officials did not know where I had gone or what I was doing, because as yet I had said nothing to the Jews or the priests or nobles or officials or any others who would be doing the work.

**17 Then I said to them,
“You see the trouble we
are in: Jerusalem lies in
ruins, and its gates have
been burned with fire.
Come, let us rebuild the
wall of Jerusalem, and
we will no longer be in
disgrace.”**

18 I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the king had said to me. They replied, “Let us start rebuilding.” So they began this good work.

19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official and Geshem the Arab heard about it, they mocked and ridiculed us. “What is this you are doing?” they asked. “Are you rebelling against the king?”

20 I answered them by saying, “The God of heaven will give us success. We his servants will start rebuilding, but as for you, you have no share in Jerusalem or any claim or historic right to it.”

REST & REFOCUS

9 Then I came to the governors of the provinces beyond the River and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent with me officers of the army and horsemen.

**10 When Sanballat the
Haronite and Tobiah
the Ammonite official
heard about it, it was
very displeasing to
them that someone
had come to seek the
welfare of the sons of
Israel.**

“I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom and that of those about me seemed insufficient...”

Abraham Lincoln



2. Investigate Before You Initiate

› SPEND SOME
TIME IN SOLITUDE

› SPEND SOME
TIME IN SILENCE

**Leaders are often
awake when
others are asleep,
and working
when others are
resting.**

**3. Motivate
people to
cooperate.**

- › **The problem must be plainly defined.**
- › **The solution must be simply stated.**
- › **The work must be evenly shared.**

**Someone said that
in doing God's
work God's way,
organizing and
agonizing must go
together.**

**4. The Lord
must be
clearly
seen.**

**“I have nothing to offer but
blood, toil, tears and
sweat...What is our aim? I
can answer in one word:
Victory—victory at all
costs, victory in spite of all
terror, victory however
long and hard the road
may be...” Winston
Churchill**

“We shall defend our island, whatever the cost may be; we shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing-grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender...”

**5. Learn how
to discourage
the
discouragers.**

3 things to say to stay motivated:

- › We can count on God!**
- › God will give us success.**
- › God can count on us!**

**WHAT WILL YOU
DO, TO HELP
REBUILD THE
WALL IN THIS
CHURCH AND IN
YOUR LIFE?**