

When You See What Others Don't See Nehemiah 1:1-4

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13 years of waiting between Ezra and Nehemiah – how did the people use that time?

Sometimes things are broken even when part of life looks good.

The temple had been rebuilt, but the walls of Jerusalem were still down.

- Is there an area of my life that needs attention even though everything may look fine from the outside?

“Nehemiah saw what others had learned to live with.”

- What is something I may have become so accustomed to that I no longer really see it?
- Who around me might need someone to notice what others have stopped noticing?

Nehemiah had “holy discontent.” There is a difference between complaining about what is wrong and asking God what we can do about it.

- Where is your holy discontent? Have you shared that with anyone else?

Nehemiah didn't just see a broken wall. He could begin to imagine what God might do. “We need eyes that can see beyond what is.”

- Where do I need to see possibility instead of a problem?
- Who or what might God be asking me to see the way He sees them?

“Nehemiah's story begins with a pair of eyes—and a heart willing to see what others don't see.”

Closing Questions:

- Where have you become comfortable with brokenness?
- What will we do with what God is showing us?