

# ARISE AND BUILD

Neh. 2:20

Neh. 2:20 Then answered I them, and said unto them, The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore **we his servants will arise and build:** but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem.



Our theme this year is *“Arise and Build.”* We have been considering the Book of Nehemiah which is a perfect example in implementing our theme.

I. THE INQUIRY OF THE SITUATION, 1:1-3

II. THE INTERCESSION OF THE SERVANT, 1:4-11

III. THE INVOLVEMENTS OF THE SOVEREIGNS, 2:1-20

IV. THE INDIVIDUAL SPECIFICATIONS, 3:1-31

V. THE INTRICATE STRUGGLES, 4:1-6:19

VI. THE INCLUSION FOR SPIRITUALITY, 7:1-10:39

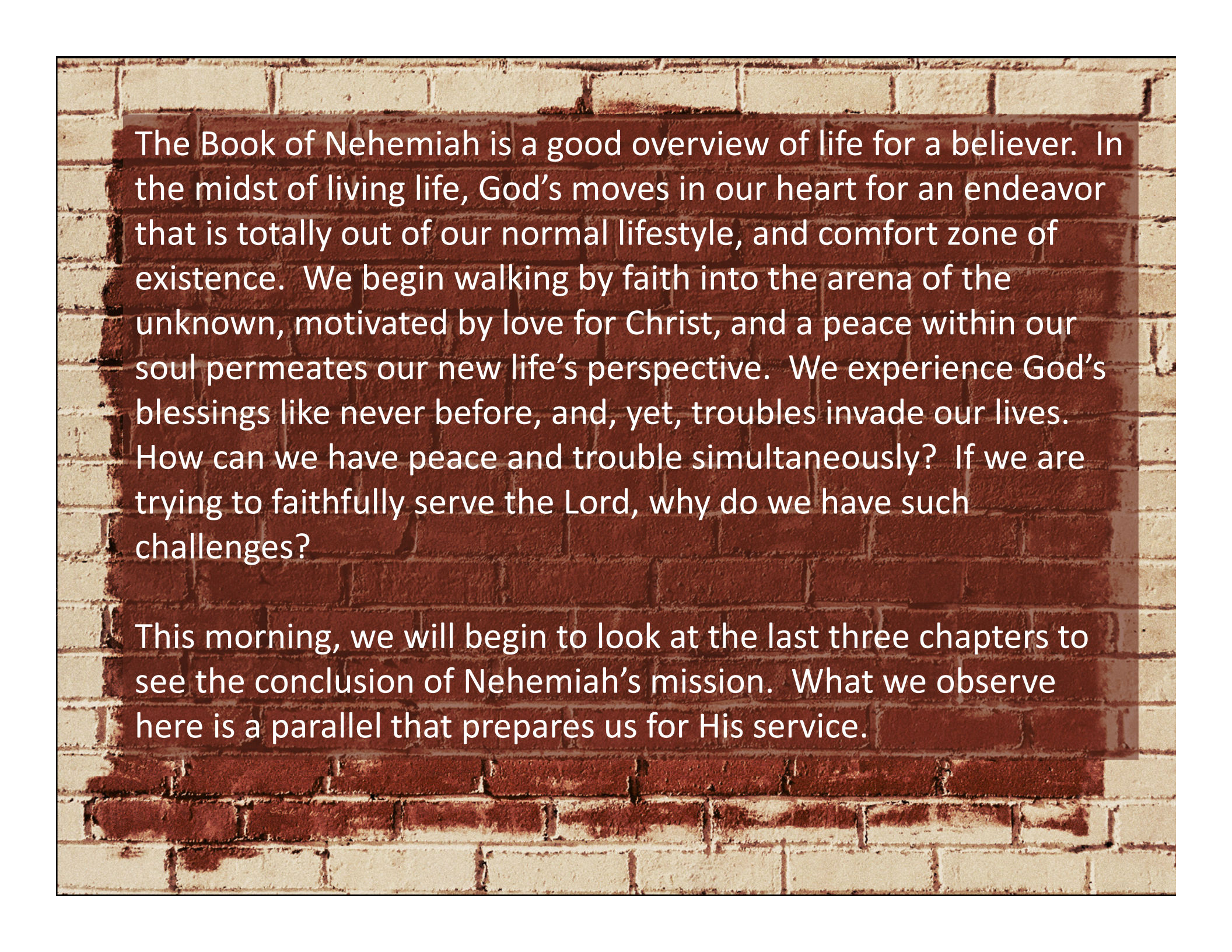
A. The Beloved Congregation, 7:1-73

B. The Bible Conference, 8:1-18

C. The Bitter Confession, 9:1-10:39

- Conviction of sin (ch. 8) led to
- Confession of sin (ch. 9) and resulted in a
- Covenant with God (ch. 10).





The Book of Nehemiah is a good overview of life for a believer. In the midst of living life, God's moves in our heart for an endeavor that is totally out of our normal lifestyle, and comfort zone of existence. We begin walking by faith into the arena of the unknown, motivated by love for Christ, and a peace within our soul permeates our new life's perspective. We experience God's blessings like never before, and, yet, troubles invade our lives. How can we have peace and trouble simultaneously? If we are trying to faithfully serve the Lord, why do we have such challenges?

This morning, we will begin to look at the last three chapters to see the conclusion of Nehemiah's mission. What we observe here is a parallel that prepares us for His service.



## VII. THE INTERMEDDLING OF SITUATIONS, 11:1-13:31

### A. How It Was Commenced, 11:1-12:26

#### 1. Responsiveness, 11:1-36

Neh 11:1 And the rulers of the people dwelt at Jerusalem: the rest of the people also cast lots, to bring one of ten to dwell in Jerusalem the holy city, and nine parts *to dwell in other* cities.

2 And the people blessed all the men, **that willingly offered themselves to dwell at Jerusalem.**

6 All the sons of Perez that dwelt at Jerusalem *were* four hundred threescore and eight **valiant men.**

14 And their brethren, **mighty men of valour**, an hundred twenty and eight: and their overseer was Zabdiel, **the son of one of the great men.**



❖ A need was presented, v. 1 – “...to bring one of ten to dwell in Jerusalem the holy city, and nine parts *to dwell in other cities.*”

- God’s will, working within the free will of man, includes the location where we live.

- God’s children are wise to seek His will regarding the right location for our lives.

❖ The character was prominent, v. 2 – “...**that willingly offered themselves to dwell at Jerusalem.**”



Ex. 35:5 Take ye from among you an offering unto the LORD: **whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the LORD**; gold, and silver, and brass,

1 Chron. 29:9 Then the people rejoiced, for that **they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the LORD**: and David the king also rejoiced with great joy. ...

14 But who *am* I, and what *is* my people, that we should be **able to offer so willingly** after this sort? **for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.**

Ezra 7:16 And all the silver and gold that thou canst find in all the province of Babylon, with the freewill offering of the people, and of the priests, **offering willingly for the house of their God which is in Jerusalem:**

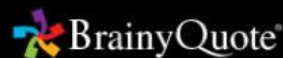


- ❖ The courage was predominant, vs. 6 and 14 –  
“...**valiant men... mighty men of valour..., the son of *one of the great men.***”



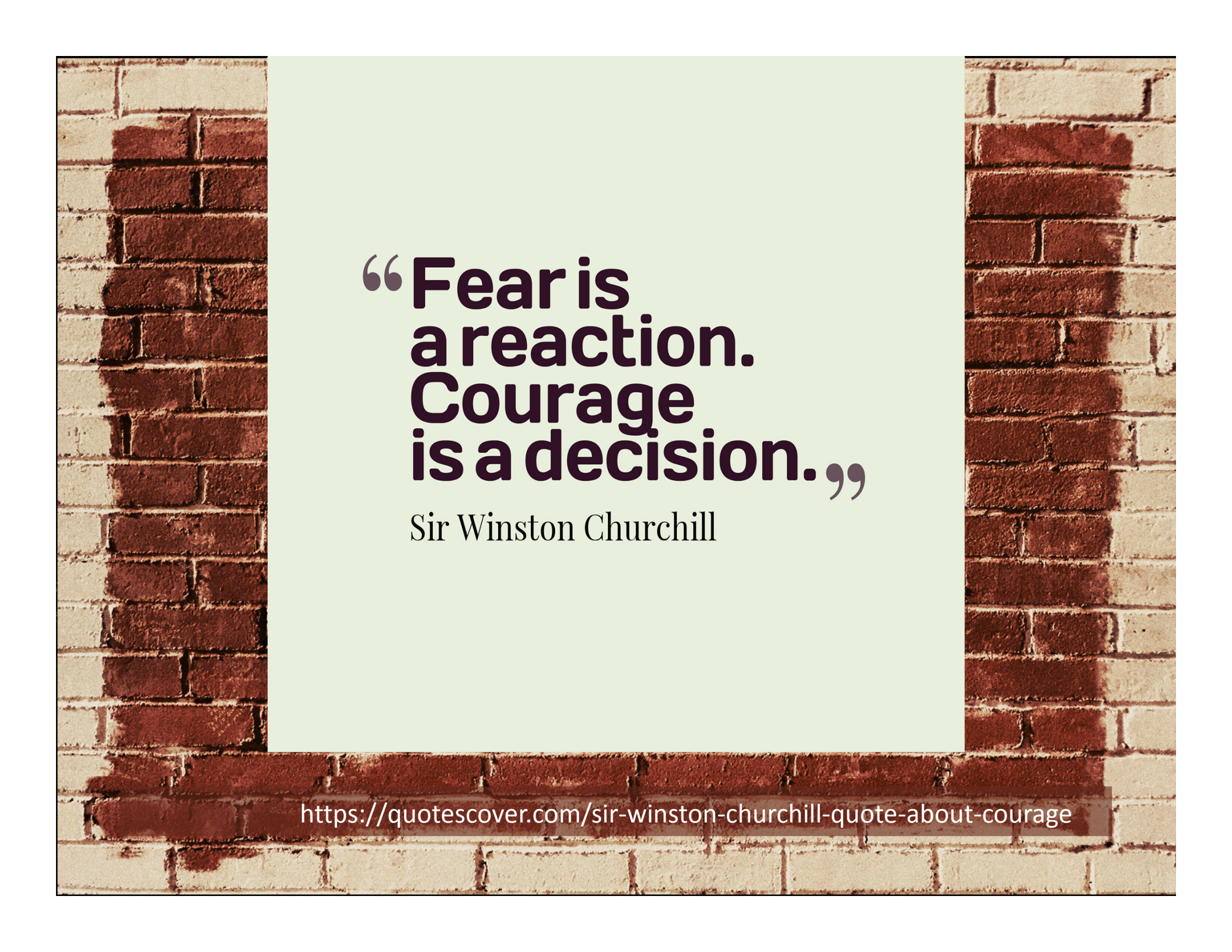
Success is not final, failure is not  
fatal: it is the courage to continue  
that counts.

Winston Churchill



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**“Fear is  
a reaction.  
Courage  
is a decision.”**

Sir Winston Churchill

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## 2. Responsibility, 12:1-26

- ❖ The completion of the mission was the result of faithful leadership and faithful service, vs. 1-25 gives the list of those who fulfilled their responsibilities.

1 Cor. 4:2 Moreover **it is required** in stewards, that **a man be found faithful.**

Neh. 12:26 These *were* in the days of Joiakim the son of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and in the days of **Nehemiah the governor, and of Ezra the priest, the scribe.**



## B. How It Was Completed, 12:27-13:31

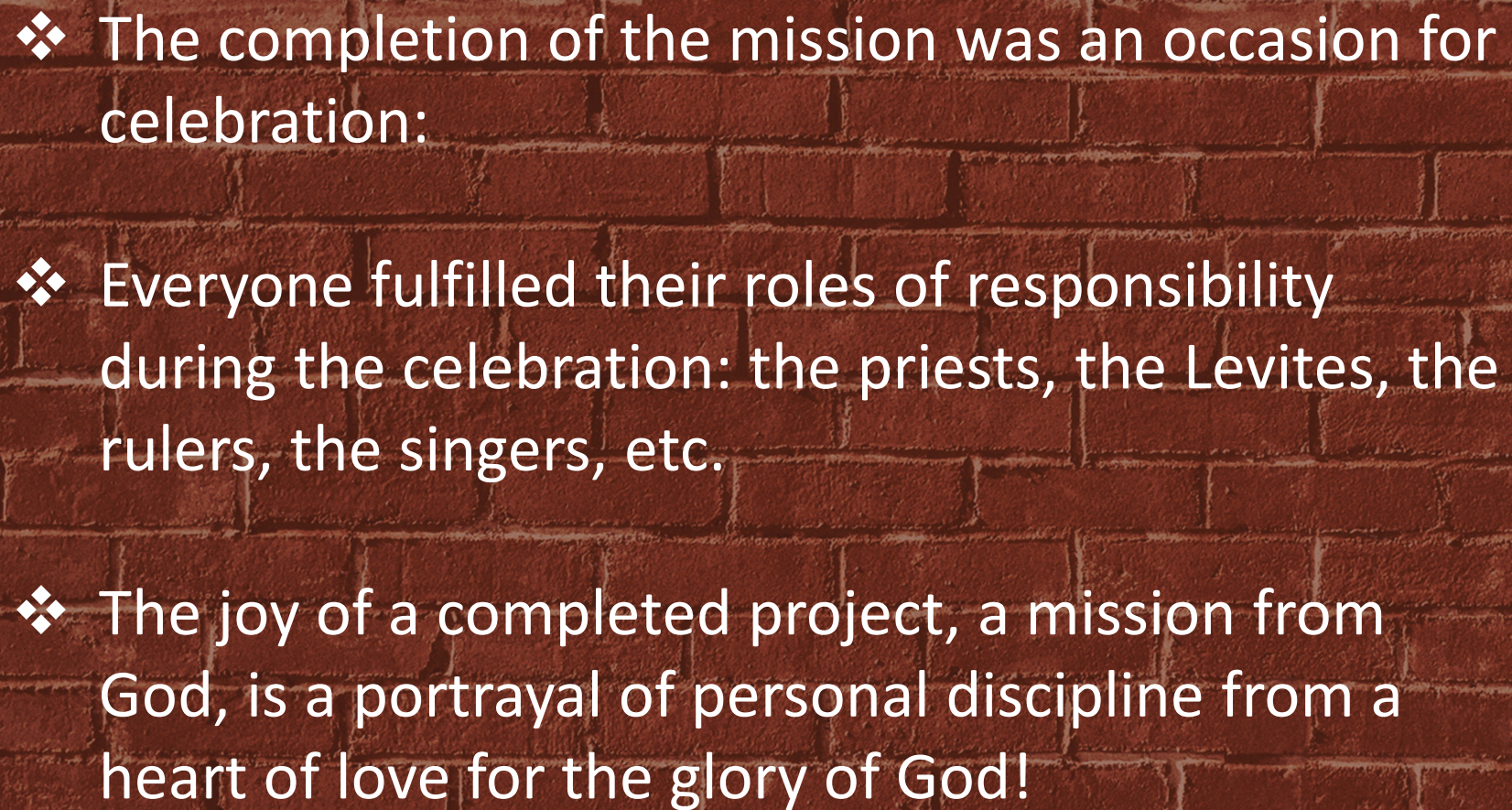
### 1. Dedicating the Site, 12:27-47

Neh. 12:27 And at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought the Levites out of all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem, **to keep the dedication with gladness, both with thanksgivings, and with singing, with cymbals, psalteries, and with harps.**

40 So stood the two *companies of them that* ***gave thanks in the house of God***, and I, and the half of the rulers with me:

43 Also that day **they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced:** for God had made them rejoice with great joy: the wives also and the children rejoiced: so that **the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off.**



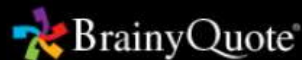
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- ❖ The completion of the mission was an occasion for celebration:
  - ❖ Everyone fulfilled their roles of responsibility during the celebration: the priests, the Levites, the rulers, the singers, etc.
  - ❖ The joy of a completed project, a mission from God, is a portrayal of personal discipline from a heart of love for the glory of God!





**Discipline is the bridge  
between goals and  
accomplishment.**

Jim Rohn



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1 Cor. 16:13 Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, **quit you like men**, be strong.

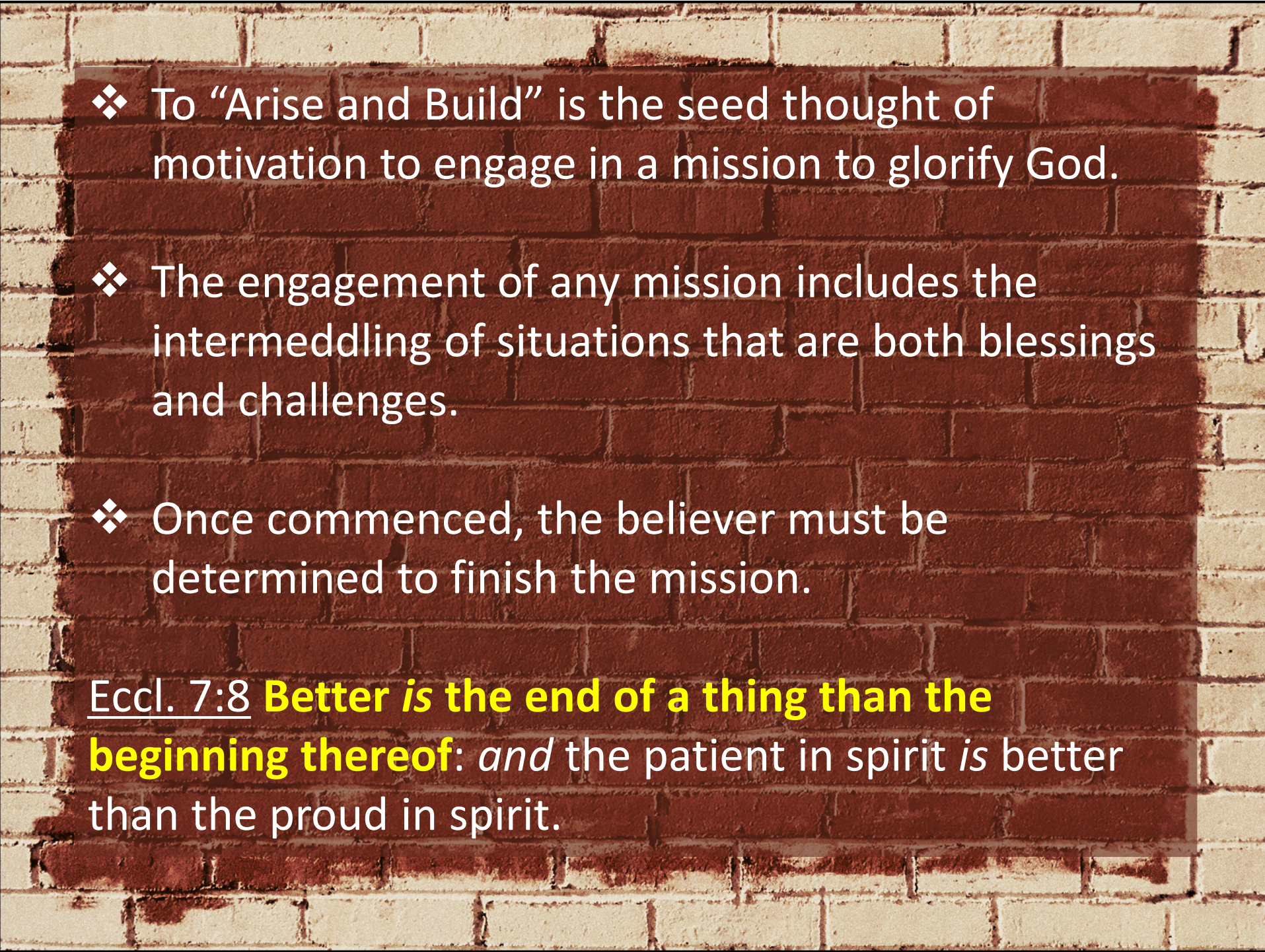
### QUIT

3. To carry through; **to do or perform something to the end, so that nothing remains**; to discharge or perform completely.

4. To *quit* one's self, reciprocally, **to clear one's self of incumbent duties by full performance.**

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- ❖ To “Arise and Build” is the seed thought of motivation to engage in a mission to glorify God.
  - ❖ The engagement of any mission includes the intermeddling of situations that are both blessings and challenges.
  - ❖ Once commenced, the believer must be determined to finish the mission.

Eccl. 7:8 **Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof:** *and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.*



Phil. 3:14 **I press toward the mark** for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Heb. 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and **let us run with patience the race that is set before us,**

2 **Looking unto Jesus** the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

3 For **consider him** that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, **lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.**



❖ Our perseverance is dependent upon our relationship with Christ:

Phil. 4:13 **I can do all things through Christ** which strengtheneth me.

Jn. 15:5 I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: **for without me ye can do nothing.**



## Conclusion

2 Tim. 4:6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

7 **I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:**

8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which **the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.**