

On the Wall

Presentation Notes

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James was willing to live it out AND talk about it

That made all of the difference in the world to me

1 sentence and 1000 days of living it out

He understood the importance of interpreting for me

California

- No one there to watch the borders
- No interpreters on the wall watching

Proposition 8

- Passed in November of 2008
- \$36 million campaign
- Special interest groups got it back in the courts
- Overturned

Where are the interpreters

If we don't stand up then who will?

If not the church...then who?

Nehemiah

Nehemiah 1

Hanani, one of my brothers, came to visit me with some other men who had just arrived from Judah. I asked them about the Jews who had returned there from captivity and about how things were going in Jerusalem. They said to me, "Things are not going well for those who returned to the province of Judah. They are in great trouble and disgrace.

The wall of Jerusalem has been torn down, and the gates have been destroyed by fire."

In the ancient near east at this time in history a city without locked gates and high walls was not a city at all

If we do not guard the walls we will cease to be a city at all

We will not allow this

1 Peter 2:9

You are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

What did Nehemiah do?

Nehemiah 1:4

When I heard this, I sat down and wept. In fact, for days I mourned, fasted, and prayed to the God of heaven.

And then came action...

Nehemiah had an easy job...one of the best jobs in the kingdom

He probably worked hard to get there

God has blessed me where I am, I am just going to keep doing what I am doing

I'm comfortable...

Sometimes we are just cruising along and we casually pray
"God use me"

Matthew 28:19-20

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

We have over 500 kids that call Life Church "my church"

We have a unique opportunity to be interpreters for them

Who will tell them the Truth?

I can't work with kids...

When you are doing what you are doing out of heart that is being obedient to what God has called you to do you are not working anymore

We pray that God will direct us

Where are our modern day Nehemiah's

He mourned, fasted, and prayed

Are we willing to fast and pray?

...and then action?

Nehemiah rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem

And the people turned back to God

He accomplished what God had placed before him