

Nehemiah

REBUILDING THE WALLS

Real People's Stories

Five Stones Church Summer 2019 Series
Testimonies + Book of Nehemiah

SERVING IS BEING GROWN UP

Mk 10:45 “The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

Acts 20:35 “It’s better to give than receive.”

WHAT MADE NEHEMIAH SO SUCCESSFUL?

1. He cared deeply.

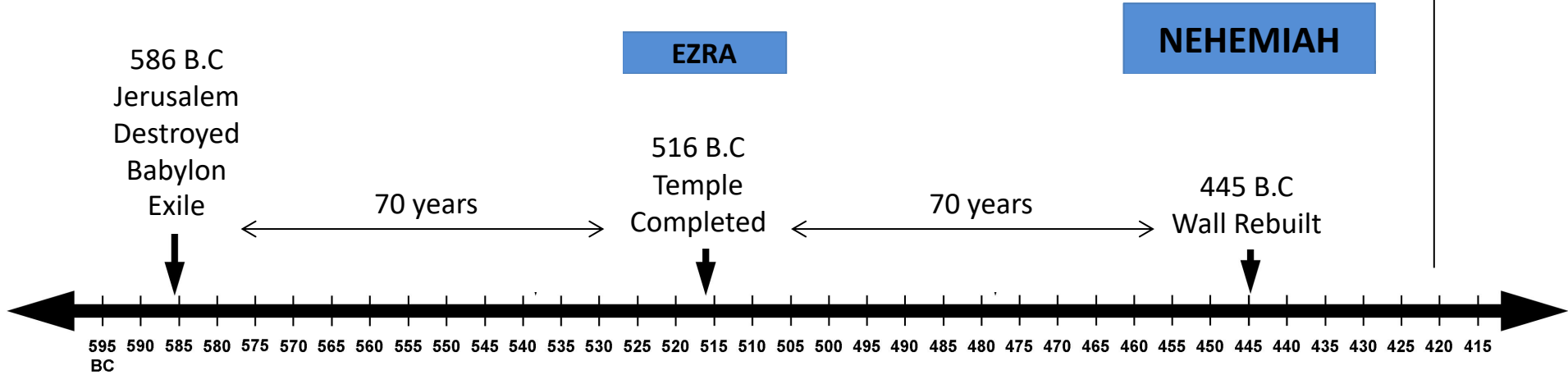
Caring is what makes us distinctive as Christians.

Jn 13:34-35 - ³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵ By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.

God has called us to warm hearts, caring hearts, kind hearts.

Col. 3:12-14 ¹² So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; ¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving each other...¹⁴ Beyond all these things *put on* love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

Eph. 4:32 - ³² Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.



Post-Exile
Prophets:

Haggai +
Zechariah

Malachi

WHAT MADE NEHEMIAH SO SUCCESSFUL?

1. He cared deeply.
2. He was moved to action.
3. He lived by the playbook.
4. He had a spirit of determination.
5. His bottom line was to serve his people.

Neh. 8:10 – “The joy of the Lord is your strength.”

1 The words of Nehemiah the son of Hacaliah.

Report from the Exiles

³ They said to me, “The remnant there in the province who survived the captivity are in great distress and reproach, and the wall of Jerusalem is broken down and its gates are burned with fire.”

Nehemiah’s Grief

⁴ When I heard these words, I sat down and wept and mourned for days; and I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven.

Nehemiah’s Prayer

⁵ I said, “I beseech You, O Lord God of heaven, the great and awesome God, ⁶...confessing the sins of the sons of Israel which we have sinned against You; ⁷ We have acted very corruptly against You and have not kept the commandments which You commanded Your servant Moses. (Deut. 28:14-15)

⁸ Remember the word which You commanded Your servant Moses, saying, ‘If you are unfaithful I will scatter you among the peoples (Lev. 26:33) ⁹ but if you return to Me and keep My commandments and do them...I will gather them from there and will bring them to the place where I have chosen to cause My name to dwell.’(Deut. 30:2-4)

Now I was the cupbearer to the king.