

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

# RESTORED

LESSONS IN NEHEMIAH

## Lesson 4 – Knowing the Cost

### Nehemiah 2:11-20

God had called Nehemiah to lead the task of rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem. Nehemiah accepted the challenge, but before he enlisted the people to help him or even laid one stone, he first counted the cost of the project. We should all do the same before making any commitments. Nehemiah quietly went out by night to survey the situation and come up with a plan. He was well aware he could not accomplish any of the rebuilding on his own and he had no need to because God was for him and led him. Once he knew what it would take, Nehemiah presented his plan to the people. By God's grace the people proclaimed, "Let us rise up and build." (v. 18). And so the work of restoring the wall began! Hallelujah!!

Open your Bible and begin with a word of prayer

#### This Week's Scripture: Nehemiah 2:11-20

*<sup>11</sup>So I came to Jerusalem and was there three days. <sup>12</sup>Then I arose in the night, I and a few men with me; I told no one what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem; nor was there any animal with me, except the one on which I rode. <sup>13</sup>And I went out by night through the Valley Gate to the Serpent Well and the Refuse Gate, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem which were broken down and its gates which were burned with fire. <sup>14</sup>Then I went on to the Fountain Gate and to the King's Pool, but there was no room for the animal under me to pass. <sup>15</sup>So I went up in the night by the valley, and viewed the wall; then I turned back and entered by the Valley Gate, and so returned. <sup>16</sup>And the officials did not know where I had gone or what I had done; I had not yet told the Jews, the priests, the nobles, the officials, or the others who did the work. <sup>17</sup>Then I said to them, "You see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lies waste, and its gates are burned with fire. Come and let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer be a reproach." <sup>18</sup>And I told them of the hand of my God which had been good upon me, and also of the king's words that he had spoken to me. So they said, "Let us rise up and build." Then they set their hands to this good work. <sup>19</sup>But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official, and Geshem the Arab heard of it, they laughed at us and despised us, and said, "What is*

*this thing that you are doing? Will you rebel against the king?"<sup>20</sup> So I answered them, and said to them, "The God of heaven Himself will prosper us; therefore we His servants will arise and build, but you have no heritage or right or memorial in Jerusalem."*

**This Week's Memory Verse:**

**For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it – lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to mock him, saying, "This man began to build and was not able to finish."?**

**Luke 14:28-30(NKJV)**

1. Nehemiah was commissioned to rebuild the walls around Jerusalem and King Artaxerxes had graciously supplied the materials for the job. However, Nehemiah wanted to be a good steward of the resources given to him. What do we find Nehemiah doing in verses 12-15 of this week's scripture? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Nehemiah went in secret to inspect the wall and devise a building plan. No sooner had he done this then a problem arose! Read verses 19-21 and answer the following questions.
  - a. What was the problem? \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - b. Do you think the problem was part of the cost involved in this rebuilding project? Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - c. How did Nehemiah wisely respond to the situation at hand? \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - d. How do you think you would have handled the negative remarks? \_\_\_\_\_  
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