Historical Background

- Ezra & Nehemiah tell of Judah's return from exile

- Israel went into Assyrian captivity (722 BC)

- Judah goes into Babylonian captivity (606 BC)

- Babylon is conquered by the Persians

- The Persians allow the exiles to return home in 3 waves:
  - Zerubbabel (536 BC)
  - Ezra (458 BC)
  - Nehemiah (445 BC)

Rebuilding What Is Broken

Requires Caring About Broken People
Nehemiah 1; 2 Corinthians 11:28; Psalm 127:1

Comes At Great Cost
Nehemiah 2

Takes Unity & Cooperation
Nehemiah 3; Ephesians 4:11-16

Means Fighting Against Opposition & Discouragement
Nehemiah 4:10

Fighting Opposition & Discouragement

When Reality Sets In
Luke 14:28; Nehemiah 4:21, 6

Some Think They Are Too Good To Help
Nehemiah 3:5, 27; 1 Corinthians 12:14-26

Continual Opposition Is Certain
Nehemiah 4; 6:1-3; 2 Timothy 4:7

By Rebuilding Our Faith
Only God Is Great & Awesome!

By Rebuilding Our Hope
Remember Who You Are Fighting For!

By Rebuilding Togetherness
Ecclesiastes 4:12
Hebrews 10:24-25

Will You Rise Up & Build?