VISION BUILDERS
WE WILL NOT COME DOWN

WEEKLY GROW GUIDE

MAIN SCRIPTURE
Nehemiah 6:3

"I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down."

BIG IDEA

**Every time you say NO to a distraction,
you are saying YES again to the assignment.**

MESSAGE RECAP

God gives each of us something to build. For Nehemiah, it was the wall of Jerusalem. He carried the burden, prayed over it, shared the vision, and then put his hands to the work.

As the wall moved closer to completion, the opposition changed. What had once been an obvious threat became a seemingly harmless invitation: **"Come, let us meet together."** Nehemiah recognized that saying yes to the invitation would mean stepping away from the assignment.

The invitation came four times. Nehemiah gave the same answer four times. His first answer revealed his decision; the next three revealed his determination.

God has given you something to build too. It may be your family, your faith, a ministry, a relationship, a calling, or an assignment within the vision of Gulf Coast Church. The question is not only whether you once said yes. **Will you keep saying yes?**

DIG INTO THE WORD

Read these passages this week and ask the Holy Spirit to show you what He has placed in front of you to build.

NEHEMIAH 6:1-4	What looked like an invitation was intended to pull Nehemiah away from the work.
NEHEMIAH 6:9	When the enemy wanted their hands to become weak, Nehemiah prayed: **"Strengthen my hands."**
NEHEMIAH 6:15-16	The wall was completed in 52 days, and even their enemies recognized that God had helped them.
JOHN 10:9	Jesus is the door. The work we do ultimately helps people find their way to Him.

GO DEEPER

What has God put in front of you to build in this season?

What keeps getting your attention at the expense of your calling?

THREE THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. RECOGNIZE WHAT'S PULLING YOU

Not every distraction looks dangerous. In Nehemiah 4, opposition looked like a threat. In Nehemiah 6, it looked like an invitation. **Same opponents. Different approach.**

Ask: "What am I going to leave unfinished if I say yes to this?"

2. REMEMBER WHY IT MATTERS

Nehemiah was not simply building a wall. He remembered the people who were living in distress and disgrace. When your hands get tired, remember **why you started** and who may be impacted by your obedience.

3. KEEP SAYING YES

Four invitations. **Same answer.** Every time Nehemiah refused to come down, he was saying yes again to what God had called him to build. You may have said yes before. **Give God your yes again.**

HEART CHECK

Invite the Holy Spirit to search your heart. Be specific about the work, the distraction, and your next yes.

1. What has God given me to build in this season?

2. What has been pulling me away from it?

3. Why does this assignment matter? Who could be impacted by my obedience?

4. Where have my hands become tired?

5. WHAT IS MY NEXT YES TO GOD?

GROW THIS WEEK

Five practical ways to keep your hands on the work God has placed in front of you.

MONDAY - IDENTIFY THE WORK

Read Nehemiah 6:1-4. Finish this sentence: **"In this season, God has called me to build _____."** Name the assignment.

TUESDAY - IDENTIFY THE DISTRACTION

Ask: **What keeps getting my attention at the expense of my calling?** Intentionally say no to one thing that has been stealing attention from what matters most.

WEDNESDAY - REMEMBER YOUR WHY

Read Nehemiah 1:3-4. Write down the names of people who could be impacted by your obedience. Don't just remember what you're building. **Remember who you're building for.**

THURSDAY - STRENGTHEN MY HANDS

Read Nehemiah 6:9. Pray throughout the day: **"Lord, strengthen my hands for the work You've put in front of me."**

FRIDAY - GIVE GOD YOUR YES

Take one practical step: **SERVE** - join the team. **LEAD** - ask about leading a Life Group. **PRAY** - pray with your family. **RECONCILE** - begin the conversation. **BUILD** - take the next step.

PRAY IT

Father, thank You for trusting me with something to build. Give me wisdom to recognize distractions and courage to say no to anything that pulls me away from Your assignment. When my hands become tired, strengthen them. When I forget why the work matters, remind me of the people on the other side of my obedience. Today I give You a fresh yes. I will keep praying. I will keep serving. I will keep building. By Your grace, I will not come down. In Jesus' name, amen.

MY DECLARATION THIS WEEK

I AM DOING A GREAT WORK.

GOD WILL STRENGTHEN MY HANDS.

I WILL NOT BE DISTRACTED.

I WILL KEEP SAYING YES.

I WILL NOT COME DOWN.

WHAT'S YOUR NEXT YES?