



## STUDENT STUDY GUIDE

Series: *Pentecost and the Promise*

Episode Title: *From Burden to Building*

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### Episode Summary

In this episode, we continued the *Pentecost and the Promise* series by exploring how Nehemiah's burden led to rebuilding, and how this connects with the early Church's response after Pentecost in Acts 2. We learned that the burden must come before the building, and true transformation happens when we walk in both Pentecost (power) and Jubilee (release and justice)—not one without the other.

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### Key Scriptures

TOPIC	SCRIPTURE REFERENCE
PENTECOST	Acts 1:8; Acts 2:1–4, 42–47
JUBILEE	Leviticus 25; Luke 4:18–19
NEHEMIAH'S BURDEN	Nehemiah 1:4–11; 2:17–18
SPIRITUAL & SOCIAL JUSTICE	Amos 5:23–24; Zechariah 4:6; Nehemiah 5:11–13

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### Key Concepts

#### What Is Pentecost?

- The outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8)
- Empowers believers for mission, transformation, and truth
- Births the Church and activates spiritual gifts



## What Is Jubilee?

- A divine reset for God's people (Leviticus 25)
- Debts canceled, slaves freed, land restored
- Promotes justice, equity, and economic reset

## From Burden to Building (Nehemiah's Example)

- Nehemiah was burdened through prayer (Nehemiah 1)
- He did not separate from the people's sin—he repented for all
- Casts vision and leads rebuilding of the city and culture (Nehemiah 2–6)

## Acts 2 Church: Spiritual Rebuilding

- After receiving the Holy Spirit, the Church built community
- Shared resources, practiced justice, worshipped together
- Daily growth and favor with people and God

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## Comparison Chart: Nehemiah vs. Acts 2 Church

AREA	NEHEMIAH (PHYSICAL)	ACTS 2 CHURCH (SPIRITUAL)	SCRIPTURE
CATALYST	Prayer & repentance	Holy Spirit outpouring	Neh. 1:4; Acts 2:1–4
LEADER'S RESPONSE	Casts vision to rebuild	Preaches repentance and salvation	Neh. 2:17–18; Acts 2:14–41
PEOPLE'S ACTION	Rise up and build	Devoted to teaching, prayer, fellowship	Neh. 2:18; Acts 2:42
JUSTICE & EQUITY	Freed the oppressed	Shared possessions: none lacked	Neh. 5:11–13; Acts 2:45
FAVOR & GROWTH	God's hand was with them	Grew daily; had favor with people	Neh. 2:18; Acts 2:47



### Discussion Questions

1. Why is it important that Nehemiah took on the burden of repentance for others?
2. How does the early Church in Acts 2 reflect the structure of Jubilee?
3. What happens when we operate in Pentecost without Jubilee?
4. What happens when we pursue Jubilee without Pentecost?
5. Why must power and justice work together in God's Kingdom?

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### Reflection and Application

1. Self-Examination:
  - What burden has God placed on your heart to build or rebuild?
  - Have you avoided that burden by only seeking "spiritual highs"?
2. Journal Prompt:  
*Write a short prayer like Nehemiah did—confessing for your generation or community and asking God to guide you in your role as a rebuild.*
3. Action Step:
  - Identify one way to demonstrate justice (Jubilee) and one way to walk in spiritual power (Pentecost) this week.

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### When One Is Missing...

PENTECOST WITHOUT JUBILEE	JUBILEE WITHOUT PENTECOST
POWER WITH NO COMPASSION	Justice without Spirit
TONGUES WITHOUT ACTION	Burnout and superficial reforms
REVIVAL WITHOUT JUSTICE	Legal change without heart change
➤ <i>AMOS 5:23-24</i>	➤ <i>Zechariah 4:6</i>



## ✅ Why We Need Both

*"Pentecost sets the soul free. Jubilee sets society free. Together, they reveal the full character of the Kingdom."*

📖 *Luke 4:18–19* — Jesus proclaims both the power of the Spirit and the year of Jubilee.

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## 🙏 Prayer

*Holy Spirit, teach me to carry Your burden and to act with Your power. Break my heart for what breaks Yours. Help me to live boldly in the Spirit and compassionately in justice. Use me to build what reflects Your Kingdom. In Jesus' name, Amen.*