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Committed  
Nehemiah 2:11-3:22

What things are you most committed to? How do you know?

Characteristics of Commitment that God uses:

## I. Commitment involves \_\_\_\_\_

Neh 2:11-16 *I went to Jerusalem, and after staying there three days I set out during the night with a few others. I had not told anyone what my God had put in my heart to do for Jerusalem. There were no mounts with me except the one I was riding on. 13 By night I went out through the Valley Gate toward the Jackal Well and the Dung Gate, examining the walls of Jerusalem, which had been broken down, and its gates, which had been destroyed by fire. 14 Then I moved on toward the Fountain Gate and the King's Pool, but there was not enough room for my mount to get through; 15 so I went up the valley by night, examining the wall. Finally, I turned back and reentered through the Valley Gate. 16 The officials did not know where I had gone or what I was doing, because as yet I had said nothing to the Jews or the priests or nobles or officials or any others who would be doing the work.*

## II. Commitment involves \_\_\_\_\_

Neh 2:17-18 *Then I said to them, "You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace." 18 I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the king had said to me. They replied, "Let us start rebuilding." So they began this good work.*

Neh 2:19-20 *But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official and Geshem the Arab heard about it, they mocked and ridiculed us. "What is this you are doing?" they asked. "Are you rebelling against the king?" 20 I answered them by saying, "The God of heaven will give us success. We his servants will start rebuilding, but as for you, you have no share in Jerusalem or any claim or historic right to it."*

## III. Commitment involves \_\_\_\_\_

3:1 *Eliashib the high priest and his fellow priests went to work...*

3:5 *The next section was repaired by the men of Tekoa, but their nobles would not put their shoulders to the work under their supervisors.*

3:8 *Uzziel son of Harhaiah, one of the goldsmiths, repaired the next section; and Hananiah, one of the perfume-makers, made repairs next to that.*

3:11 *Malkijah son of Harim and Hasshub son of Pahath-Moab repaired another section and the Tower of the Ovens.*

3:12 *Shallum son of Hallohesh, ruler of a half-district of Jerusalem, repaired the next section with the help of his daughters.*

3:20-22 *Next to him, Baruch son of Zabbai zealously repaired another section, from the angle to the entrance of the house of Eliashib the high priest... 22 The repairs next to him were made by the priests from the surrounding region.*

### Point:

### Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!



1. Who or what are you most committed to? Where do you find yourself investing the most time, energy, and resources?
2. What does being committed to Christ's mission look like in your life?
3. Where is Christ calling you to step out in your commitment to him?
4. What fears or people oppose you or distract you from being fully committed to what Christ wants you to do? How can you face them with determination?
5. What might you need to sacrifice to commit to what God has called you to do?

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