



## Riverbluff Church Listening Guide February 13, 2022

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### REBUILD part 19

## ***WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU “HIT THE WALL” YOU BUILT?***

### Nehemiah 13

#### **Nehemiah 13:1-3 (ESV)**

1 On that day they read from the Book of Moses in the hearing of the people. And in it was found written that no Ammonite or Moabite should ever enter the assembly of God, 2 for they did not meet the people of Israel with bread and water, but hired Balaam against them to curse them—yet our God turned the curse into a blessing. 3 As soon as the people heard the law, they separated from Israel all those of foreign descent.

## **Faith communities crumble when \_\_\_\_\_ grows!**

#### **Genesis 3:1-3 (ESV)**

1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’”  
2 And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’”

#### **Revelation 22:18-19 (ESV)**

“I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.”

#### **Matthew 23:4-5 (NLT2)**

“They crush people with impossible religious demands and never lift a finger to ease the burden. Everything they do is for show...”

#### **Nehemiah 13:4-9 (ESV)**

4 Now before this, Eliashib the priest, who was appointed over the chambers of the house of our God, and who was related to Tobiah, 5 prepared for Tobiah a large chamber where they had previously put the grain offering, the frankincense, the vessels, and the tithes of grain, wine, and oil, which were given by commandment to the Levites, singers, and gatekeepers, and the contributions for the priests. 6 While this was taking place, I was not in Jerusalem, for in the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon I went to the king. And after some time I asked leave of the king 7 and came to Jerusalem, and I then discovered the evil that Eliashib had done for Tobiah, preparing for him a chamber in the courts of the house of God. 8 And I was very angry, and I threw all the household furniture of Tobiah out of the chamber. 9 Then I gave orders, and they cleansed the chambers, and I brought back there the vessels of the house of God, with the grain offering and the frankincense.

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### **Judges 17:6 & 21:25 (ESV)**

“In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.”

### **Isaiah 5:21 (ESV)**

“Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and shrewd in their own sight!”

### **Proverbs 12:15 (ESV)**

“The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice.”

### **Romans 12:16 (ESV)**

“Live in harmony with one another... Never be wise in your own sight.”

### **Romans 13:1-2 (NLT2)**

“Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God. So anyone who rebels against authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and they will be punished.”

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### **Nehemiah 13:14 (ESV)**

“Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and do not wipe out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God and for His service.”

### **Nehemiah 13:22 (ESV)**

“Then I commanded the Levites that they should purify themselves and come and guard the gates, to keep the Sabbath day holy. Remember this also in my favor, O my God, and spare me according to the greatness of your steadfast love.”

### **Nehemiah 13:23-25 (ESV)**

“In those days also I saw the Jews who had married women of Ashdod, Ammon, and Moab. And half of their children spoke the language of Ashdod, and they could not speak the language of Judah, but only the language of each people. And I confronted them and cursed them and beat some of them and pulled out their hair. And I made them take an oath in the name of God, saying, “You shall not give your daughters to their sons, or take their daughters for your sons or for yourselves.”

### **Nehemiah 13:29-31 (ESV)**

“Remember them, O my God, because they have desecrated the priesthood and the covenant of the priesthood and the Levites... Remember me, O my God, for good.”

**Luke 9:23-24 (NLT2)**

“Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross daily, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. | But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.”

**Philippians 2:3-4 (ESV)**

“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.”

**Romans 2:8 (NLT2)**

“But He will pour out His anger and wrath on those who live for themselves, who refuse to obey the truth and instead live lives of wickedness.”

**Only a \_\_\_\_\_ can bring lasting change!**

**Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT2)**

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take.”

**Isaiah 40:31 (NLT2)**

“But those who trust in the LORD will find new strength.”

**Jeremiah 24:7 (NASB)**

“I will give them a heart to know Me, for I am the LORD; and they will be My people, and I will be their God, for they will return to Me with their whole heart.”

**WHEN IT LOOKS LIKE THE STORY ISN'T ENDING WELL,**

**WE MUST REMEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ !**

**John 1:6-7; 34-36 (ESV)**

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him.... 34 And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”  
35 The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!”

**Matthew 16:18-19 (ESV)**

“And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

**John 14:2-3 (ESV)**

“In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.”

**Revelation 21:1-4 (ESV)**

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”