

Three R's For Renewal - Session 2

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Praise the Lord, what a blessing it is to be in in California on a nice evening like this, I just still can't believe the way you all are so willing and able to find yourself. I know that this is a supposed requirement, but you wouldn't have to be here tonight. I mean, you could kind of, you know, do some other sessions. And so I really am blessed. And to look out here tonight and to see so many students from Biola and those that are connected to this organization, God is certainly doing something here. Clearly, the spirit of the Lord is available here at Biola University. And so I am excited to be a part of that. We're going to continue today in the second R for renewal, looking from the book of Nehemiah. But before we do that, if you would be willing to stand as a statement of your willingness to hear the word of God, I would love to pray for us. So please stand. And if you're in a place today where you are willing to receive, I would like you to take your hands and place them like this, and we will pray. God, I thank you so much for the opportunity to be here tonight for a ministry that's gone forth already today through the hands and the hearts of many that are here to be your servants. We pray, Lord, that your word, which we know will never return void, that it would be received by your people. We thank you in advance for your work. We stand against the powers of darkness that come to discourage us, to steal, kill and destroy. We plead the blood of Jesus Christ, who is Lord and savior over this campus right now. We trust that you are here and that you will receive glory. Now, Lord, our hands are open, place in our hands what you have for us in Jesus' name. Everyone said together, amen. You may be seated.

This morning, if you were not here, we took some time to talk about what it means for us to respond to the needs that are out there that we find ourselves confronting. And we talked about Nehemiah and his model for responding. I believe that the time is now for us as a church, especially for the Christians in the colleges around the country, to stand up and be the Nehemiah's of the age, people that are willing to ask the question, what's going on, being willing to respond by prayer, mourning fasting, whatever it is that it will take for us to get to the place where we're willing to hear from God. But, you know, there are many folks around this country and even the world that actually do ask and they do hear the response and they do, in fact, weep and they mourn and they fast and they pray. But, you know, there's unfortunately a lot of folks who stop right there. If you read the book of Joshua, you'll hear about the story of Joshua wondering why things were not going the way that he wanted them to go. And it says that Joshua spent time in prayer. This is right before they went to battle the battle of Ai. It says that Joshua found himself praying and praying and praying until evening. And God finally said to Joshua, Joshua, get up off your knees and do what I'm telling you to do. I believe that God would call us as we go through a time of weeping over our situation and the situations of those that are around us. After we've spent that time in prayer and fasting, God would then say, go and do something. The book of Nehemiah, the end of the first chapter in the Old Testament, it says this in the last verse of chapter one. Oh, Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this, your servant, verse 11 and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man, which meant the king that he was going to deal with. Nehemiah did something that was pretty radical.

He put his reputation on the line. In fact, it says that if Nehemiah found himself with this favor in the presence of the king, that not only would he lose his job, he could lose his head as well.

Nehemiah actually put his life on the line on behalf of Hananiah and the people in Jerusalem.

And so it says in chapter two, verse one in the month of Nisan in the 20th year of King

Artaxerxes, when wine was brought for him, I took the wine and gave it to the king. I had not been sat in his presence before. And so the king asked me, why does your face look so sad when you are not ill? This can be nothing but sadness of heart. And then Nehemiah says, I was very much afraid, but I said to the king, may the king live forever, why should my face not look sad when the city where my fathers are buried lies in ruins and its gates have been destroyed by fire?

The King said to me, What is it that you want? And then I prayed to the God of heaven again.

And I answered the king this way. If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor in his sight, let him send me to the city in Judah, where my fathers are buried so that I can rebuild it.

You all. This is a very radical, radical statement that Nehemiah is making. First of all, Nehemiah responds, but then Nehemiah says, send me to the city so that I can rebuild it. Now, the walls were broken down. The gates were burned with fire. It would not look unlike some of the cities in the United States where the walls have been broken down in that there are people without defense. The gates have been burned with fire. They are no longer in a place of respect.

Nehemiah said to the king, Send me so that I can rebuild it. I wonder if there are any students that are here that would be willing, after they've spent their time in prayer and fasting and mourning and seeking the Lord., if there would be any here that would say, Now, Lord, send me to the place that needs to be rebuilt. Nehemiah had prayed about it.

And there's something about prayer, when you spend time in prayer, you get God's perspective on a situation and you know, God's perspective on a situation is much different than our perspective on situations. I'm sure there are folks that are here that would look to the east or to the west, to a city and say, listen, there's no way anything can happen. There's nothing I can do about it. But, you know, God is able. Amen. Now remember now we're Christians in here, so it's OK to say amen. I know it's a little late, but an "amen" will help the preacher every once in a while. God's perspective on Los Angeles is not your perspective on Los Angeles. God's perspective on your roommate is not your perspective on your roommate, Amen. Your perspective on Biola, and I've heard people talk about Biola and what Biola is not and what Biola is not able to do, but do you understand God's perspective on Biola is much different. God can see response. God can see rebuilding. God is not a pessimist when it comes to rebuilding the walls that have been broken down. Nehemiah was not a pessimist so much to the point that he spoke the word of faith to the king. If you let me go, it says, I will rebuild it. And the king and the queen, sitting beside him in verse six says, How long will your journey take and when will you get back? It pleased the king to send me so I said a time. I also said to the king, give me the resources that I need to be able to do what I must do. And then Nehemiah goes on to do the work that he's about to do. But before he does it and I'm actually going to skip something and come back to it, if you go to verse eleven, it says that Nehemiah went to Jerusalem and after staying there three days, he says, I set out during the night with a few of my men. 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. Verse thirteen says, 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.

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. So I went up the valley by night examining the wall. Finally, I turned back and reentered through the valley gate. 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 the nobles or officials or any others who would be doing the work. Nehemiah took time to understand the situation after Nehemiah prayed about the city. He then spent time in the city. You know, one of the real difficulties with the church in our society today and one of the reasons that sometimes the church is not effective with those that are in need are those that are oppressed, is they say, listen, how can you tell me what it is I need to change? Why don't you come and live with me for a while? Why don't you come and walk in my shoes for a while? Why don't you spend some time in the situation that I'm spending time, and you know, it's so easy to sit one hundred miles away and say, you know, if those people just did this, how many of you all know what I'm talking about? You see, the church is not a church that's sitting back saying if you just do A, B, C and D; the church is a church of action. A church is a church of people coming together and being there with the people and saying, listen, this is what we are in. This is the situation that we are in. Look at what verse seventeen says. Then I said to them these words, Nehemiah, who's from the citadel of Susa, who was in a place of comfort, Nehemiah says these words in verse seventeen. And I would pray that you could say these words. You see the trouble that we are in. Nehemiah said, do you see the trouble that we are in? How many of you know that the trouble that the people are in in Los Angeles, is the trouble that we are in? Maybe you don't understand that the trouble with the people in Los Angeles is also the trouble that we are in. We are tied together with common

destiny. If one is in trouble, we are in trouble. The Bible says bear one another's burdens and in this way, you fulfill the law of Christ.

Now, I'm getting a little excited now, you might be able to tell, I'm getting, y'all might get wet out there. Now we're a little closer than normal with my spit. Ron, I'm glad you're there. Can you handle it? OK, now you all this is, I mean, I'm just going to tell you now I'm going to be honest with you at Biola. I'm going to tell you the truth. We are in trouble. If there are people in Los Angeles that do not eat, we do not eat. If there are people that right now do not have a place to live, we do not have a place to live. What do you mean we? Jesus says when you see the person without food, you see me. How many y'all, if Jesus was on the news right now, Jesus, my Lord and Savior, Christ, Savior, King, God, if Jesus came on the news and I wouldn't say what he would look like. But Jesus is on the news and Jesus says, well, I do not have any food. How many of you would want to help Jesus? Can I get any kind of witness in here? No, I'm talking about the one who, let me tell you about this Jesus now, I'm talking about the one who didn't have to but came so that you and I would have life. I'm talking about the one that has forgiven our sins so that when we walk into this place, we can take all those accusations of the devil and say, I'm sorry, the blood of Jesus has forgiven me. I'm talking about the one who whooped the devil, I'm talking about the one that's going to give us eternal life. If Jesus Christ were to walk in the back door right down to the front of the room and say, listen, y'all, I'm in trouble. I need a place to lay my head. How many of you would offer Jesus a place to lay his head? When you do it unto the least of these, so you've also done it unto me. I'm not coming to bring any guilt to you all. Just the truth. The truth is that in 1997, we need a church that's willing to respond like Nehemiah. We need a church that is willing to say, I shall rebuild the walls and the gates burned

with fire. Now the theologians in the house are going to figure out all sorts of ways to get off this book that I'm sharing with you. And they're going to get all kinds of ways to figure out how they can back away from having to do anything.

But faith without deeds, somebody say, is dead. It's dead. Faith without deeds, is dead. Prayer without action is not prayer. Man, I mean, it's quiet in here now. I don't know if y'all hear me or not, but this is pretty radical. I'm coming to give you this word. The Lord is saying the time has come for the church to be the church. He's given us a biblical example. For those of you that want to say maybe this might be Keith's opinion or maybe this might be some far left liberal action that he's talking about, the word says that when Nehemiah heard about it, he prayed about it. The word says that after he prayed about it, he went and did something about it. Nehemiah said, listen, we are in trouble. For you missionaries that are about to go overseas or maybe you're about to go one hundred miles here, there, wherever, whatever you do, don't make this mistake, missionary. Don't go to the place that you're called to serve and say, now you all got a problem. Amen. When you get there, say, listen, we have a problem. And you know what the people will say? Now, aren't you from Biola University? Didn't you spend seventeen, eighteen thousand dollars a year to go to school there? Weren't you in a nice dorm? Didn't you have great teachers? I mean, why did you leave the place of comfort to come and help us in Uzbekistan? And hopefully you're going to say, well, my Bible tells me that I'm to be salt and light in the world. My Bible tells me that if I have passion for the word of God, I will have compassion in the world. And hopefully you'll say to those folks, it is no longer you and me, it is now us. We together must rebuild these walls. Nehemiah identified with the people. Nehemiah also committed himself to the process and he displayed his faith in the all powerful.

Now, that's the first part of the message. The first part of the message is we've got to be willing to rebuild. We've got to be willing to associate with the people, identify with the people, be committed to the process. Because the truth is, it takes a long time to take brick by brick and put it together to rebuild the wall. But the reason I skipped over verse ten is very interesting. In chapter two, it says, When Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the Ammonite official heard about the fact that Nehemiah was going to do something about the situation with the Jews, they were very much disturbed that someone had come to promote the welfare of the Israelites. Now y'all got to know something. I hope you don't hit me too hard for this, but when I hear the word Sanballat, I take those words and I say, you know, if I take that s and if I take that A and if I take that T at the end of the word and if I take another A and if I take the N, Sanballat has the same letters as Satan. Hello. Read it for yourself. I believe that Sanballat is a representation of exactly what happens when Satan hears that the people of God are going to do something for those that Satan is oppressing. Do you know, even at Biola right now, there are some people that are being oppressed by Satan, but there are some Nehemiah's that have asked the question, how are you? And there's some Hananiahs at Biola. They're saying, well, this is my situation, and there's some Nehemiah's that are praying about it and fasting about it and hopefully are going to move from prayer to action. And when Satan hears that you're going to help the oppressed, he gets very, very, very disturbed. I don't know if you know it or not, but our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but it is against rulers, authorities, powers of this dark world and spiritual forces of evil and heavenly realms. The Bible teaches us that there are demons that sit over geographical areas. Read the book of Daniel if you want to.

I believe that there are demons that sit over areas of oppression in the United States where they see people that are not eating and where they see people that are not sleeping and where they see people that are hooked on drugs and where they see violence. I think Satan sits up there and his demons and his imps and they say, well, we got this. The Christians have given up on this area. I don't know where it is in California, but I'm sure there are some places where the devil and his demons sit back and say, you know, they probably communicate back and forth. Check for tonight. How are we doing in San Francisco? Oh we got it locked up. How are we doing in Los Angeles?

Well, we just about got that taken care of. We kicked the Christians out. How are we doing in La Mirada? Well, there's a problem. Biola is taking their Christianity serious. Amen? And I can hear that when someone comes along and says, let us promote the welfare of those that are oppressed, the devil gets very nervous. Sanballat said that he was very upset that someone was coming to promote the welfare of the Israelites. You all, I believe that if we're going to have change, I believe that right here at this college right now, let me ask the question, how many of you are business majors, Okay, Amen, you don't need to clap. How many of you are planning on doing something in the health care area? I mean, how many of you are willing to do something in education? Amen. How many of you are going to go to the church? How many missionaries in the house? Missionaries. Now, listen, let me tell you something right now, if you take the spirit of Nehemiah, do you know that change will take place from the inside out? Christians that are saying, man, I don't want nothing to do with the business area. That is nothing but the devil. Guess what? Go be salt and light in the business area. Amen. There are people that look at the educational system and they say there's no hope for education. Guess what? We go into the

education system and we change it from the inside out. Folks that are saying, look, as it pertains to welfare, as it pertains to the hospital areas, as it pertains to the church, you know, there's even folks that accuse the church. Well, guess what? Be salt and light in the church. Now, here we are, an opportunity to respond, an opportunity to rebuild. But you need to know something. Any time that you try to fix something that is broken, opposition will come. Opposition will come. If you get serious about change at Biola, opposition will come. When you get serious about change in your church, opposition will come. When you get serious about change in the urban areas of the United States, opposition will come. When you get serious about change in third world countries, opposition will come.

When you get serious about change in corporations, opposition will come. When you get serious about change in the public school system, opposition will come. But when opposition comes, what is your response? Nehemiah's response was the very thing that got him into this. He prayed about it. He asked God for wisdom about it. And you can go over and over and over again. It says in verse nineteen, after Nehemiah said this to them, it says, then I said to them, You see the trouble we're in, verse 17, come let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and then we will no longer be in disgrace. I also told them, verse eighteen, about the gracious hand of my God upon me and what the King had said to me. They replied, Let us start rebuilding. And so they began the good work, verse nineteen. But when Satan. I'm sorry, but when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arab heard about it, they mocked and ridiculed us. What is this you are doing? Are you rebelling against the king? I answered them by saying, the God of Heaven will give us success. We as servants will start rebuilding. But as for you, you have no share in this. And the story goes on. The many times that the opposition comes, and the opposition tries

all sorts of different things to get them off the plan that God had given them. And I promise you, when you say, I have decided to go make a difference in West, uh, in South Central Los Angeles, I have decided to go make a difference in Minneapolis. I have decided to make a difference in India. I promise you, opposition will come and people will come. They will try to get you off your plan. But when you've prayed about it, when you understand what God has called you to do, you will be focused on that thing and you will not allow anything to take you off of that focus.

I believe that God is calling us to rebuild, but it is going to take some work. Anyone that finds themselves in the midst of this situation where they want to rebuild will expect a battle. How many of you know that the tobacco industry doesn't want to hear about us telling people, don't smoke? Did you know that? Did you know that the alcohol industry is not waiting for the Christian church to come along and say alcohol is a bad thing? What they try to do is to soften it. OK, we won't put it on the on the billboards. OK, well, we will make sure that you're at a certain age before you buy it. But you know that these industries are saying, listen, don't come to us with change, just accept it. And the church is unfortunately becoming like the frog in the boiling pot, the heat gets turned up higher and higher, the church says, oh, it kind of feels nice in here. But the truth of the matter is, the God of this age is not playing around. The God of this age is about killing, stealing and destroying. He wants to steal from us. He wants to kill us and he wants to destroy us. And he'll use anything in his power to do it. The question is, are you ready to do something? In response, the church is called to make a difference. We're called to respond in prayer, but after we respond in prayer, we're called to also act with rebuilding. I want to tell you something kind of scary about Biola University. And it's not the university itself for there's no

such thing as Biola University itself, only the people that make up Biola University. I'll tell you something radical about some of the people that are here tonight. And they'll get a little nervous when I say this. But there are some people in this room tonight that have walls that have literally been torn down by Satan. This is going to be a little controversial. But did you know that even at Biola University, where everyone says they're a Christian, there's immorality at this school? Did you know that even at the school, and I hope this doesn't offend anybody, there are people that are struggling with drug addiction.

Even at this school, there are people that are stealing from one another. There are people at this school who are so oppressed they do not understand who they are with God and so they're destroying their body by trying to impress other people with the size and so we have young ladies in this school that have bulimia. Did you know that young men in this school that have sexual addiction, even at this school? I don't I don't know if y'all know it or not. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to come to Biola and know that even though Biola is a Christian institution, there is struggle here. And I know this makes you uncomfortable because some of you are saying, man, that's convicting me. It's convicting me that my girlfriend and I are involved in premarital sex and it should convict you. It's when it doesn't convict you that I get nervous. It's convicting me that you're that you're talking about the alcohol that I sip on every so once in a while. I'm not an alcoholic, but I just need it to help me get through the day. Now, for those of you that don't struggle with this, just pray right now. But for those of you that are struggling, you need to know something. God is bringing a word to the school that it's time for your walls to be built back up. It's time for your gates. Amen. It's time for your gates to be hung back in line the way that they're to be hung in. God wants to do work here first, right here at Biola University. He wants some

Nehemiah's to ask the question and to hear the response. He wants some Nehemiah's to respond by fasting and weeping and mourning and praying. But this is when it gets tough. He wants some of you good Christian kids who say, oh, it's not me, for you to come to that sister that you judge and that brother who's struggling. God wants you as the spirit of Nehemiah would allow it for you to say, we are in trouble, rather than me sitting back and pointing the finger at the ten or fifteen percent that are struggling. We've got to put our arms around ten, fifteen percent and say, let us together, rebuild the walls.

I promise you, the devil is very nervous and I'm only going to spend a few more minutes, but I love to whoop on the devil. I'll tell you, in situations like this, I got to take my tie off. I'm tell you I got to take my tie off because we're going to have a fight here tonight. Those of you that are ready to fight now, just roll up your sleeves. I don't know if y'all know it or not, but I was talking to a friend of mine, I said, do you understand how serious this battle is with the devil? He said, no. I said, tell me the last time you got in a fight. He said, Well, the last time I got in a fight, someone was breaking into my car. I say, Really, what happened? He said someone was breaking into my car. And I went to those guys and I said, hey, you're breaking into my car. And he said, no, we're not. And he went to the one guy said, yes, you are. And he told us [unintelligible] say, you go, I'll take care of him. So the guy that was breaking into the car had a screwdriver in his hand. And my friend grabbed the guy and the guy took a screwdriver and swiped at my friend. My friend took him over, put him on the ground. The guy tried to kick him just when he took care of the leg. He came up and spit at him. I mean, I don't know if you know what I said to my friend, but that's how the devil fights. You might think you have the devil on one issue, but guess what? He's coming with something else. This is what he does. Now tonight

is the night of deliverance. Tonight is a night of deliverance. Because you know what? There's one thing that the devil can't stand and that's light. He cannot stand to be exposed. He cannot stand to be called out. And even now, there's people that are nervous because they're like, hey, now listen, I go to this school. Don't bother me. I'm a graduate in less than six months, so I have a few problems, leave me alone. Guess what, the devil isn't just playing with you.

He wants to kill you. He wants to destroy you. And you know how he does it? He takes off one brick at a time. Sometimes he won't just come in some time and destroy everything. He'll take off one brick at a time. It'll start with a battle in your mind. What, you know, I mean, did God really say I couldn't test this woman before I marry her. Hello, somebody. How many you know what I'm talking about? Is there an Amen in the house, you know, the world says, look, just test it first and see whether or not it fits. Amen. I don't know if you know that. And so the world lies to us and tells us that premarital sex is OK. As long as we say we're going to marry, we go ahead, you know, check it out. It's a lie of the devil. Hey, listen, I mean, Paul told Timothy, drink wine every once in a while. Your stomach's bad, so we say, listen, so what if it's a quart? So what if it's a thirty two ounce? And now for those of you that are struggling with those issues, you know, it's called cheating on the test. Hello. How many you know, cheating on a test is sin? Now I know this is where we get the battle, now these saints pray right now because the devil is very nervous. But what God is saying is this. Biola, he is willing to do some response and he is willing to do some rebuilding tonight. But you got to be willing to say like Hanani, I'm in trouble now, I'm going to change this, I believe that there are people that are in the room tonight that are in trouble. Now, we're at a school where everyone supposedly is Christian. But did you know even Christians get in trouble? One of the things the devil would want to say to you is, look, don't ever

confess it. Keep it to yourself. It's a nice little secret. It's not hurting anybody. That's a lie. In fact, the Israelite army had a struggle. They wanted to go and win in Ai, but there was a man named Achan who took the, um, the things that he wasn't supposed to take and hide them in the tent.

And this is exactly what's happening here with some of you. You're hiding it in the tent and it's affecting the whole school. So tonight, right now, tonight, God's going to do a little exposing.

And when he exposes, he exposes with love, he exposes with care. He says, listen, I know about your situation. When you confess it to me, the word confess means to say the same. God already knows about the dark thing, and he loves us so much. He says, tell me about it. And I'm sending a Nehemiah, to you, that's going to put an arm around you and love you. And together, you all are going to rebuild together. See, God needs this school to make a difference out in the world. But first, God needs to take care of business at Biola. So I don't know where my piano player is. But tonight, God's going to take care of some business. All right. Now, I want you all to bow your heads right now, if you would. And I need some saints to really pray right now because we're dealing with spiritual warfare. Satan has tried to discourage me from this all day. But he's a liar, he's a thief, he's a destroyer. And he hates you. There's nothing about you that Satan likes, and he's using all of his powers in every way that he can to trick you, not unlike the trick that he did with Eve in the garden when he said, what did God really say? You've got in trouble because you conversed with the devil and got tricked. Right now, there's some of you that have conversed with him and you've been duped. You came here with good intentions and you thought that your life was going to get better in your devotion, life was going to get better. And you thought because you were at Biola, you were going to grow in the Lord. But some of you have been tricked. But tonight, God wants to change all of that. It's time for the spirit of Nehemiah to come

in this place. Hang on, I don't know where you are, I don't know if you're in the bleachers, I don't know if you're on the main floor, are on the left side. But if I ask this question, how are you?

How are you here? Would you say things are not going well? Is there anyone here tonight that would raise their hand and say things are not going well? Is there any one that would raise their hand and say, my walls have been broken down and my gates are burned with fire? Biola, help me. Friends help me, Christians help me, don't judge me, help me, I need help Hanani, where are you? Raise your hand. Let me know that you're here. I know that you're here. And I see your hand. I see your hand. And I see your hand. I see you and I see your hand. I see your hand. God sees your hand. The spirit of Nehemiah is here tonight, God has confirmed to me in the quiet place that he has dispatched some Nehemiah's at Biola University. That are ready to be in the process with you, that are ready to come along and say we are in trouble, we need help, we are going to pray about it, we're going to find God's wisdom about it, and we're going to rebuild. Hanani, you raised your hand. I want you to stand to your feet. There's about there's a lot of you, stand your feet. And I want you to quickly come down here. Come down here to where I'm at. Hurry up Hanani, don't let the devil lie to you. He's a liar. He's a thief. Don't, come on, quickly. Hurry up before he knows what's going on. Hurry quickly. Fast. Fast, fast, fast, before Satan sends his demons to destroy you and to take you out and to lie to you and to steal from you. Quickly, move quickly, quickly, quickly. Praise God. Praise God. Come on now. Come on. Quick, quick, quick, quick, quick, fast. Hurry, run. If you have to run. If you have to. Come on now, God's going to do something for you tonight. Hallelujah. Thank you, Jesus. Thank you, Jesus, thank you, Jesus. Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah. Praise God, praise God, praise God. Praise him. Praise him, praise him. [Unintelligible] judgment in the name; judgment be gone in

Jesus' name. Amen, those of you that are here, Hannaniah, I want you to know something that right now God's going to do something for you, but he wants you to be in a position of humility.

So just kneel down right now. Kneel down right now. Hallelujah. Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord. God is good. God is good. God is good. I bind the spirit of accusation. Be gone in Jesus' name. Praise the Lord. Amen. Amen. Now. As he plays quietly, I want to tell you something. Deliverance is taking place right now, and I'm not your regular evangelist. I mean, I don't, I don't do this, but God has told me what to do tonight. There are at least three more people here that are in trouble. And you're watching this and you're saying, oh, I feel it inside, but there's the whispering in your ear saying, no, don't expose it, don't expose it, don't expose it. We've been doing this thing for a long time, but I bind that in Jesus name without accusation and without judgment. Are there three other people that are here that would say, I don't want to miss Deliverance tonight? Three other people I see. One, two, three. Praise God. God is good. God is good. Amen. Amen. Now, y'all just bear with me a few more moments, if you would. Right now, saints that are out there just be in prayer for these folks because God's going to do a work in them, a cleansing and a washing. But God has told me that I need to do something right now. That's just a little just a little controversial. Ron, I need you to stand up here with me, if you would. Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord. Thank you, Jesus. Thank you, Jesus. I'm excited about tomorrow morning, you all, because we're going to bring closure to this Nehemiah thing, but tonight we need to do something. The people that are kneeling here are saying my walls are broken down and my gates have been burned with fire. God has told me that for everyone that's kneeling, there's a Nehemiah in the house. Now, if you know someone here and you're willing to

respond in prayer and to help them rebuild, I need you to come forward and grab their hand quickly.

You all that are kneeling here, someone's going to come and grab your hand. Someone's going to grab your hand. Praise God. Quickly now, the devil is a liar. He wouldn't like this. He doesn't like this. Grab somebody. Grab somebody. Everybody's got to have somebody. Hallelujah.

Praise God. Praise God. Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord. God is good God is good God. Look at the Nehemiah's run. Look at the Nehemiah's. Hallelujah. Thank you, Jesus. Yeah. Move the chairs back. Move them back. Praise God. Now, now y'all. We're going to do something. I know that you're kneeling there, but I need to make sure that you have one person with you that's got their hand on you. So if you don't have a hand on you, just raise your hand. If you don't have a hand, raise your hand. Now, doggone it, I need someone to grab those folks. Grab them. Amen.

Praise the Lord. Praise amen. Thank you. Jesus. Man over here needs a hand. Needs a hand.

Amen. I see another man who needs a hand. Amen. Praise the Lord. The Holy Spirit is at Biola right now. Amen. Glory to God. God is good, God is good now, does everyone have a hand?

Does everyone have a hand? This is very important. We're doing the Nehemiah Project here at Biola right now. People are saying they need help. There's extra folks over there. Praise the Lord.

God is good. God is good. Now, I need you all just to bow in prayer right now, Father, in the name of Jesus. Oh, we praise you. We praise you, God, for the way you can change things quick in the heart of a man that he would know what to say according to your perfect will. Lord, as I came on this campus and all the beauty, I also saw pain in the eyes of these young people as they're struggling. Some of them, Lord, feel as though they don't have any defense left. Their

walls have been broken down, their gates have been burned with fire, and they're not in communion and fellowship with other people that they can share.

Lord, your word says that we're to confess our sins one to another and to pray for one another, that we might be healed. Lord, I'm praying that tonight you would allow your spirit of healing to begin in the hearts of the Hanani's, Lord, that you would begin to do healing through the hands of the Nehemiah's, that Lord, that there would be some relationships that would be rebuilt tonight, that there would be relationships that would be started tonight, where people would walk together, cry together, talk together, laugh together and rebuild together that they might be able to be the salt and light that's needed in California, on the east coast of the United States, the middle part of the United States and around the world. God, how can we go forward if we're not healed? And so let it start at Biola during the Torrey Bible conference that God, you would do a work in the point of need of those that are here under the unction of the Holy Spirit, begin to bring light into the dark places, soften the hard and heart, open the deaf ear, open the eye that's been blinded for so long. Jesus, have your way tonight. Have your way tonight. And in the end, we will give you the praise and the glory and the honor and the powerful name of Jesus Christ.

Now, I need us to do one last thing. Whenever people are swimming they used to have what's called a buddy check and they'd say, buddy, check, and everybody would have to raise their hand with someone else and we'd have to check to make sure that everybody had a buddy. So what I need you all to do that have been kneeling. I need you to stand up and to make sure that someone is got their hand with you raised. So stand up if you would. Make sure you have one person that's got your hand. Keep a hold of their hand real quick. All right. Now we're going to do buddy

check, buddy check. Raise your hand. And if I see, Ron, if you can see anyone that doesn't have a hand, make sure that everyone has a buddy, at least one buddy. Everyone's got to have at least one buddy, two if you can find it. Is there anyone that does not have a buddy? Anyone? God is good. Hey, man, everyone else stand to your feet. Now, what I'd like you to do out there, if you're a person of faith, I want you to reach your hands out towards these folks right now, just like this. And Ron, I'm going to ask you, if you would, to come in to close. I hand you back over to the pastor of Biola University, Ron, who is a great man of God. He's been a Nehemiah for a long time. He's been building the walls for a long time. So, Ron, I'd like you to pray and close this tonight.

Ron Hafer:

Father as we bow before you tonight with who you are and what you do. Men make plans, but God ordains, and how thankful we are, Father, that you would be pleased to be with us, that you would, long before the service started, your spirit was moving and working in hearts. And I thank you for a servant who had the courage to fight, to fight the enemy and the courage to open your word. Thank you, Spirit of God, that you took the precious word of God and you drove it home to hearts. Thank you, Holy Spirit of God, that you convict of sin and righteousness and judgment. Thank you, Lord God, that you cared enough to send Jesus who fleshed it out so that we could be redeemed. Thank you for your word. Thank you for Your Grace. Thank you for your forgiveness oh God, and for each, for each individual that stands that sits that bows before you tonight and admits that the walls have been broken down. Thank you for a God who redeems. Thank you for a spirit who forgives. And thank you for the cleansing of your word and

the washing of the water of the Word. Thank you, Father, for the defeat of the enemy. We know he's, he won't leave. He leaves for a while like he did with our Lord. But thank you tonight for the wonderful victory that we see. What an answer to prayer this is, Father. Oh, Lord God. We don't, we don't want a reputation as a school. We, we just want Jesus to be flowing and working and moving. We want, we want to walk like him and talk like him, want to speak like him. We want to love like Jesus. And Lord God, we just, we want to be like your Son so desperately. And thank you for the answer to prayer this evening that we've seen. It is not by might nor by power, but by my spirit, says the Lord. Thank you, Holy Spirit of God, for your work in our lives. Lord, I'm convinced that this is not the end. I'm convinced it's the beginning. So thank you for the work you've done in lives.

Thank you, Lord, for the work you've done in my life tonight. Dismiss us with your blessing, Lord. And may we leave this place with a great spirit of anticipation and because we feel your work is just begun. How we praise you and thank you, in the strong name of our Lord Jesus we pray, and all God's people said, Amen. I think would be, [unintelligible conversation with Johnson) for the sake, for the sake of those who are involved in intercessory prayer right now, that can continue wherever you are, I think a couple things would be really good to happen as some, many, most of you leave. Please do that as quietly as you can, especially those here in contact with your brothers and sisters. We need at least 10 minutes where you have a chance and maybe to spread out, the spot feels hallowed, but but it's a little tight and warm, so feel free to spread out. And those of you all that want to, you know, you may come. You will know some of these people and many of you couldn't get to them because of just because of the press. But you can as we make a little bit more space. So you're dismissed. You're dismissed. Go go with God

and praise God for what he's doing. But maybe we'll do it rather quietly as you exit. Those of you that are here with your one on ones spread, and the rest of you that want to stay and pray, come on around and support these, would you? That would be wonderful. But we're dismissed. Thank God for his moving. It's, this is the work of God, and we're part of it, praise God.