

# Building Spiritual Men

**God used Nehemiah not only to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, but to also rebuild a group of men as they worked together, and, ultimately, to rebuild His people.**

**W**hat is the process by which men are built up into godly leaders? The book of Nehemiah points the way. The pathway to becoming spiritual men begins with an honest appraisal of our failures and weaknesses. It continues with the realization that all of the missed opportunities, all of the bad choices, all of the experiences of life are an integral part of what God is doing in us and through us.

**T**he way of godliness recognizes that we cannot go it alone, that the challenges of life are too great for us to face alone. We need other men to encourage us to new levels of obedience, commitment and worship. But most of all, we need to respond to God with a heart of thanksgiving: for his great mercies which have redeemed our past and for his sovereign grace which will sustain us in the future, as we are built up into spiritual men of God.

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**Four encouraging sessions to help your men to understand:**

## **God's Sovereign Preparation**

Just as with Nehemiah, God has used our every experience, every choice and every relationship, even the evil ones, to put us precisely in the place to do the work He has set before us in our marriage, our family and our church.

## **Building as a Team**

Nehemiah examined the ruins of his people as part of the rebuilding process, and then assembled a team of gifted men to work with him. Through the team ministry of spiritual warfare and their commitment to even the poorest and weakest of their brothers, the work was accomplished.

## **Freedom from the Past**

After the wall was rebuilt, through the reading of God's Word the hearts of His people were broken, and they renounced the sins of their fathers. God gave His people a freedom from their past that enabled them to make new commitments to obedience.

## **A Future Filled with Hope**

As God's people dedicated the rebuilt wall of Jerusalem, they once again stood in worship before the Lord. Then Nehemiah brought many reforms to Judah, and God gave them several revivals which enabled them to walk into the future with confidence and hope.