



If You Care You Will Stabilize (Nehemiah 7)

Sunday, November 18, 2018 AVBC 10:30 am

1. To stabilize your life and community get the right _____ around you. (v.2)

A. Surround yourself with _____ people.
(Galatians 5:22, 23, I Timothy 3, I Cor.4)

The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. (II Timothy 2:2)

B. Surround yourself with _____ people.

For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; He is to be feared above all gods. (Psalm 96:4)

2. To stabilize your life and community _____ what the Lord has built. (vs.3-4) (I Cor. 15:33)

Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. So be on your guard... (Acts 20:28-31a)

Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life. (Prov. 4:23)

3. To stabilize your life and community _____ your life to the _____. (vs. 5-69)

Joshua told the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you." (Joshua 3:5)

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(For use in personal/family devotions or with your Care group)

Q1: Have you ever lost control of your car? If so, what was that experience like?

Q2: Have you ever felt "out of control" in your life? If so, what kinds of things did you do to bring stability back?

Q3: C.S. Lewis said, "The next best thing to being wise oneself is to live in a circle of those who are." What do the following verses teach you about the importance of getting the right people around us? Proverbs 13:20, 14:6-7, 19:20, 22:24-25, 27:17

Q4: Have ever had to guard or protect something in your life from being damaged or destroyed? If so, explain. What spiritual parallels can you draw?

Q5: Pastor Dave noted in Nehemiah 7 that although the walls were up the war was still on. What do the following passages tell us about being vigilant when it comes to spiritual attacks on our lives? II Cor. 10:3-5, James 4:4-10, Eph. 6:10-18

Q6: Pastor David mentioned three ways to stabilize our lives and communities; 1) get the right people around you, 2) protect what the Lord has already done in your life and 3) commit/recommit to the Lord. Which one of these three do you need to do in order to bring stability to your life right now?

Q7: Read Proverbs 3:1-8. What principles can you see in these verses regarding committing ourselves and our situations to the Lord?

Q8: Do you set aside time on a regular basis to slow down and prioritize and organize in order to stabilize your life? If so, what does that look like where the rubber meets the road? If not, what can you do this week to be still before the Lord and hear His marching orders?