

WE ARE NEEDED.

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INTRO.:

A. Read the text: **Nehemiah 4:6.**

B. Regarding the text:

1. Israel had come out of bondage.
2. Much work was needed.
 - 1) The final phase required the rebuilding of Jerusalem.
 - 2) Unity was needed.
3. They accomplished God's will because "*the people had a mind to work.*"
4. We need this kind of mind-set today.

DISCUSSION: WE ARE ALL NEEDED...

I. THE WORLD NEEDS US.

A. The world has forgotten what is right and what is wrong (Isa 5:20**).**

1. The world does what pleases them. (Abortion, homosexuality etc. - **Romans 1:22-32**).
2. Only God's word can change immoral things (**John 8:32** "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.")

B. Our friends in the world will pay the price.

1. All the world will one day pay for the way they have gone.
 - 1) **2 Cor. 5:10** "We must ALL appear before the judgment."
 - 2) **Rev. 20:13** "And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works."
2. They cannot turn to the truth unless they are told what to do.
 - 1) **Acts 2:37-38** (As was done on Pentecost.)
 - 2) **Rom. 10:14-15** "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"
3. The world thinks it has plenty of time.
 - 1) **Acts 24:25** "And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee." (Felix was looking for a convenient season.)
 - 2) I know some who are like him. I promise I will do it tomorrow.
 - a. **James 4:14** "Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."
 - b. There are souls that planned for today... but did not live to see today.

II. OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY NEED US.

A. Your friends need you to be a godly example.

1. We ARE an example... What kind?
 - 1) **Matt. 5:13-16.**
 - 2) **Eph. 6:4** "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." (Tell and show)!
2. Christian friends are the best friends of all.

- 1) Sharing like precious faith, like convictions and the same love for the Lord. This fellowship brings joy (**1 John 1:3** "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.")
- 2) They can help those who are slipping: (**Gal. 6:1-2**).

B. Your family needs you to help guide them in learning about God & following Him.

1. Our families must be educated in the way of the Lord (**Deut. 6:6-9; Heb. 11:7** "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.")
2. By being a proper example: (**1 Cor. 11:1**).
3. Our family needs to be seeking God first (**Matt. 6:33**).

III. THE CHURCH NEEDS US.

A. The work of the church must go on.

1. This work takes individuals who are willing to do something!
 - 1) Prepare yourselves to teach classes.
 - 2) Work with restoring the unfaithful.
2. We need everyone to be faithful and help with our needs here at Rendon.
3. **1 Cor. 3:9** "For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building."

B. We ALL have work to do.

1. We can encourage one another (**Heb. 3:13** "But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.").
2. We are to teach the lost (**Rom. 1:14** "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise.")

C. We must be what Christ wants us to be for the world.

1. We must take advantage of our opportunities. **John 9:4** "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work."
2. We must do what we can to teach others.

IV. CONCLUSION:

A. Never think you are not needed.

B. And remember when one does not do his duty... someone else must do more.