

THE STORY

Sermon Outline
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Rebuilding the Walls

Chapter 21
Nehemiah 1:1-4

Chapter 21 represents a major
_____ in The Story.

God uses the entire history of the Old
Testament to demonstrate why we need

_____.

Galatians 4:4-5a - But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law.

* In 520 BC Zerubbabel began
rebuilding the _____ in
Jerusalem.

The temple represented the _____
of God among His people.

* In 445 BC Nehemiah began rebuilding
the _____ around Jerusalem.

Without a wall, no city in the ancient Near East was safe from bandits, gangs and wild animals, even though the empire might be at peace.

The broken-down walls left the city and
especially the temple _____.

The temple was an _____ of
what God was and is ultimately seeking.

John 14:23 - Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them."

1 Corinthians 6:19 - Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?

Have you provided a place for God at the
_____ of your life?

Matthew 22:36-37 - "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

Have you established walls/boundaries to
_____ your relationship with God?

1 Peter 5:8 - Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

The Christian life is not a playground.
It's a _____.

Ephesians 6:11 - Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

2 Corinthians 10:3-4a - For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world.

Important steps to spiritual security:

Proverbs 4:23 - Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

Acts 2:42 - They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Where are you most vulnerable to
spiritual _____?