

## **Sermon Notes: "TEAMWORK"**

### **Drawing Principles from Ezra and Nehemiah about**

### **"STARTING BACK BETTER THAN NORMAL"**

### **Rebuilding the Walls of Jerusalem in Nehemiah**

**Introduction:** This week we begin a new part to our "BETTER THAN NORMAL" series focusing on "Teamwork." There are lots of great quotes about the importance of "Teamwork," but it is not often used in talking about the church.

**Outline: "Teamwork" was Key to Rebuilding the Walls – 6 Principles:**

1. They made a commitment and began the work (2:17-18)
2. They believed God would give them success as they worked together (2:20)
3. They worked together, but they divided up the work (chapter 3)
  - They were given specific assignments and responsibilities.
  - They worked next to each other (no gaps, no isolation)
  - They worked in areas where they had a vested interest in that section.
4. They all worked with all their heart (4:6)
5. They protected and encouraged each other as they worked (4:9-23)
6. They kept praying and completed the wall in 52 days, and celebrated the success together (6:15-16)

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What does "Teamwork" mean?
2. Why was it so important to rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem?
3. Why is "Teamwork" so important to achieving the goals of the church?
4. What are some things that interfere with teamwork in the church?

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