



TRINITY FOUNDATION

We Magnify Thee From Generation to Generation

A Few (Gold) Nuggets from Nehemiah and how they Relate to Trinity and All of Us

Can the people of the 21st century be expected to react similarly to the people of the Old Testament? I am struck by the similar challenges faced by both groups and how both groups had or have the capacity to respond so positively.

Nehemiah is of particular interest in the Old Testament because he was such a brilliant and effective leader of the Israelites. The Israelites had been released from Babylonian captivity for 100 years and were back in Jerusalem. Remaining in Persia as a high ranking officer under powerful King Artaxerxes, Nehemiah was still very connected to his Judaic homeland.

Nehemiah inquired of his visiting brother how things were in Jerusalem and was told that things were terrible: the walls were broken down, the gates had been destroyed by fire and they were defenseless. He was devastated and went into mourning, praying for a solution.

Praying and planning for two months, he finally asked the king for a leave of absence to go to Jerusalem. When the king said yes, Nehemiah boldly said “well, how about making sure I have safe passage and also arrange for the keeper of the royal forest to give me enough timber to make all the repairs.”

Let’s jump to Columbia, SC and Trinity Cathedral in 2006. The Foundation thought it would be timely to have a thorough study made of our facilities knowing that our walls, inside and out, had some serious water problems and the heating/cooling system was ready to give up the ghost, etc. The 200th anniversary of this beautiful place with which we and our forebears have been blessed was fast approaching. What better way to see that future generations have the same privilege than to put our house in order. The Foundation also was devastated and “went into mourning” when they realized the extent of our problems and they prayed for a solution.

Getting back to Nehemiah: when he got to Jerusalem he assessed the problems, got a plan and called everyone together. He told them about God prompting him to help restore Jerusalem because the Israelites were being held in contempt by others because of the wretched condition of their city. The response: “Let us start the rebuilding.” So they set about the work vigorously and to good purpose. Each family took the responsibility for seeing that their area of the wall was rebuilt. There were enemies who said they could not possibly complete the task, making stones again out of heaps of rubble. Half the people did the building while the other half stood by holding their spears, shields and bows to protect the workers from hostile neighbors. The task that could have taken years was completed in 52 days.

It is certainly to be hoped that members of our congregation will not have to fight off the enemies of apathy and indifference as we raise the funds to complete the task before us. Instead, with certainty and faith, we shall hear the cry “let us start the rebuilding, making stones out of heaps of rubble”. Thanks be to God!

— Betsy McKay



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