



## Accomplishing the Impossible

Series: *Nehemiah*, #3

Nehemiah 3:1-32

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Theme: **God accomplishes the impossible through people with active faith.**

### **A tour of the work.**

(3:1-32; 6:15)

See last page for map.

### **Some lessons on active faith from the work.**

1. Organize the task.
  - a. Break down the large impossible task into small possible pieces. (3:1-32)
  - b. Coordinate the work thoroughly and practically. (1-2, 21, 23, 28-30)
  - c. Involve everyone in the work. (3:1, 5, 22; 4:16-23)
2. Motivate the people.
  - a. Know your fellow-workers and their work. (3:1-32)
  - b. Encourage and praise your fellow-workers.  
(5, 13, 14, 20, 27; 2:17-18; chapters 4 – 6)

## In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

**Monday.** It can be tempting to turn the page when we come chapter 3. Don't! this chapter records some of the *who* and *how* of accomplishing the impossible task of rebuilding Jerusalem's walls in less than two months. What impossible tasks are you facing now? This chapter reveals important truths for you in them.

**Tuesday.** God accomplishes the impossible through people with active faith. We see some of this in chapter 2 (review the outline and chapter). Active faith also steps forward to break down the large impossible task into small possible pieces, which we see in the record of the different people and sections of the work on the walls. Start applying this to the large impossible tasks you are facing.

**Wednesday.** Chapter 3 also shows us that active faith coordinates the various efforts and people who can be part of accomplishing the goal. Even if organization isn't your thing, step out in faith to coordinate and involve others who are part of, or who can help in your impossible tasks.

**Thursday.** Are you good at motivating people? God shows us through Nehemiah that knowing people and their work, encouraging and praising them are key to motivation (check the outline and your notes). This takes time and effort, but when done in faith it can help accomplish impossible tasks.

**Friday – Saturday.** On Sunday we plan to look at chapter 4, which deals with defeating opposition. Read and think through the chapter in preparation for our time together.

