

Nehemiah was told that the walls of Jerusalem were crumbling, the holy city was a wreck, and the people were suffering from a lack of leadership. When he heard this report, he had two choices. One, he could toss up his hands and say, "What can I do?" Or two, he could allow the news to move him to action.

We can choose to ignore problems and harden our hearts, or we can choose to make ourselves available for whatever role God would have us play in making things better. It's all about our hearts.

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What happened after Nehemiah prayed? Nothing. At least not right away. Chislev is December; Nisan is April. For four months nothing happened. The prayer warrior learns the patience of waiting. There was no visible glimmer of hope, no change. He kept waiting and trusting and counting on God to move the heart of the king.

Hand Me Another Brick
Charles Swindoll



Courage - not the lack of fear;
Pushing forward in the midst of fear.

When you are tempted to quit, resist.
Endure the battle until the evil day is
over. Press on in the face of every
reason to withdraw.

Until the war is over, fight to the end.
Until the race is finished, keep
running. Until the wall is built, keep
stacking bricks. Never give up. Never.
The promises of God are always at the
end so don't quit. Don't give up. It is
always too soon to quit!

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