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Topic: Rise up to Serve!

Scripture Text: Nehemiah 2:11-20

1. After the first return from exile led by Zerubbabel, the Jews had not done anything for about 100 years to build the walls of Jerusalem. It was in ruin and destruction. The people had become complacent and did not see any need to do anything. Nehemiah challenged the Jews to rise up and build the walls of Jerusalem.

2. Today, there are areas in the Church to improve on and we need members to rise up and serve too. Why must we rise up to serve? We must see there is a cause. We must not let the House of God be in reproach without anyone caring for her. The glory of God is at stake. There is a cause to do something for God.

3. Nehemiah knew that God has called him to serve to build the walls of Jerusalem. God has answered his prayer and the king has allowed him to go to Jerusalem. To rise up and serve, we must sense and know that it is the calling of God. When God has called us and gave us the burden to serve, we must take heed and answer the call.

4. To rise up to serve, we must not fear the conflict. For Nehemiah, there were oppositions from the enemies of the Jews. As we serve God, we must be prepared to face conflicts and serve not because of our own comfort.

5. For Nehemiah and the Jews, God has only given them the privilege to serve and not to others. Similarly, we must see the blessed privilege that God has called only the believers to serve Him. It ought to be our joy to serve God though we know we are not worthy.