

THE STORY



REBUILDING THE WALLS

Nehemiah

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PROBLEMS IN JERUSALEM

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Nehemiah 1:3 NLT

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Nehemiah 2:4-5 NLT

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Nehemiah 2:7-9 NLT

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Also, people outside the church must speak well of him..."

II Timothy 3:6-7 NLT

4. Anyone can learn to be a _____.

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Philippians 4:9 NLT

5. You will stop being a good leader whenever you stop _____.

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Ecclesiastes 10:10 NLT

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