

The mission becomes possible as we ...

1. Overcome obstacles and _____

⁷ But when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites and the people of Ashdod heard that the repairs to Jerusalem's walls had gone ahead and that the gaps were being closed, **they were very angry.** ⁸ They all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and stir up trouble against it. ⁹ But we prayed to our God and posted a guard day and night to meet this threat. Nehemiah 4:7-9

2. Find a way to get everybody _

¹ After the wall had been rebuilt and I had set the doors in place, the gatekeepers, the musicians and the Levites were appointed. ² I put in charge of Jerusalem my brother Hanani, along with Hananiah the commander of the citadel, because he was a man of integrity and feared God more than most people do. ³ I said to them, "The gates of Jerusalem are not to be opened until the sun is hot. While the gatekeepers are

still on duty, have them shut the doors and bar them. Also appoint residents of Jerusalem as guards, some at their posts and some near their own houses." Nehemiah 7:1-3

⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. Romans 12:4-6

3. Put God ______ in every area of life.

On the twenty-fourth day of the same month, the Israelites gathered together<u>, fasting and wearing</u> <u>sackcloth and putting dust on their heads.</u>² Those of Israelite descent had separated themselves from all foreigners. They stood in their places and <u>confessed</u> <u>their sins</u> and the sins of their ancestors. ³ They stood where they were and read from the Book of the Law of the LORD their God for a quarter of the day, and spent another quarter <u>in confession and in worshiping the LORD</u> <u>their God</u>. Nehemiah 9:1-3

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. I Peter 5:6

Next Steps:

- □ What would you do differently this week if you lived totally committed to Christ?
- $\hfill\square$ Pray that we'll have 100% participation for Stepping into the Future.
- □ Ask God what you should sacrificially give/pledge (over the next three years) on November 17 COMMITMENT SUNDAY.