

DAY 2 - THE SPIRITUAL ALIGNMENT OF YOUR CITY, COUNTY, AND OUR STATE.

Greetings fellow warriors,

It's such an honor to be a small part of something so big that will impact our entire state. Today's scripture is out of one of my favorite books in the Bible —Nehemiah 4:14-16.

Who was Nehemiah? What was his purpose? What does the name Nehemiah mean?

Nehemiah means the Lord's comforter. Nehemiah was a cupbearer. A cupbearer is the chief of affairs. This is a position of great influence requiring its occupant to be very trustworthy.

Nehemiah was the wine taster! He tasted the wine to see if it was good or had been poisoned before giving it to the King. So here you have "the comforter in charge of the wine" – a metaphor of Holy Spirit wouldn't you agree? - Holy Spirit is trustworthy and a great influence in our lives. We need to learn how to trust Holy Spirit in a deeper way.

Nehemiah understood that Jerusalem's walls were in ruins. He wanted to go back to repair the breach in the walls. The king allowed him to go and let him take help with him! HE HAD THE FAVOR OF THE KING.

Beloved, every time we move forward in the plans and purposes of the Lord, opposition arises just like it did with Nehemiah. Still, we must go!

After being there for three days, he got up in the middle of the night and went to see about the wall. He was scouting the land! WE NEED TO ALWAYS SCOUT OUT THE LAND.

He didn't tell anyone he was going and he went at night. He entered through the Valley Gate.

The Valley Gate speaks of trials used by the Lord for personal growth. It's never easy, but it's in the valleys that we grow. Every valley will produce fruit in our lives.

Then, Nehemiah went through the valley and came out of **The Fountain Gate** where he met with the governmental officials.

I love how they said to them "you've got a problem" and Nehemiah said, "NO, WE HAVE A PROBLEM." They all agreed to rebuild the wall!

We must realize that we can't build the Kingdom alone! We can't bring transformation to our cities, counties, and states alone. God is bringing different streams together and, while it's a challenge sometimes, we MUST adjust as HE LEADS. We may find out the stream we're in isn't exactly where we need to be, or we're not there yet, or we don't agree with everything they do. But we can't walk away. WE MUST LEARN TO WORK TOGETHER. We must align with the plans and purposes of God before we align with one another and allow God's plan to be the priority.

Working together is necessary if we want to see our cities transformed! We must get on the frontlines with other believers and those who have stepped into political positions and help them in every way we can.

The enemy came back and laughed at Nehemiah and even despised him and he answered the enemy in chapter 2:20.

I replied, "The God of heaven will help us succeed. We, his servants, will start rebuilding this wall. But you have no share, legal right, or historic claim in Jerusalem."

During the renovation, the opposition reared its ugly head and plotted against Nehemiah.

Nehemiah refused to give in to the opposing forces. Instead, NEHEMIAH PREPARED FOR WAR! The enemy never gives up! We can NEVER let our guard down!

Nehemiah begins to lose his focus from building and gets into doubt and unbelief. He started looking at the circumstances around him. THIS IS ANOTHER PLOY THE ENEMY USES. We must come out of agreement with the lies of the enemy. What did Nehemiah do? He gathered the workers and began to regroup!

SOMETIMES YOU NEED TO PULL BACK AND REGROUP! REVISIT THE VISION! REVISIT THE DIRECTION YOU ARE GOING.

See chapter 4:15-17. They took a weapon in one hand and continued to work with the other hand!

Beloved, I ask you today, what is in your hand? Are you seeking the Lord for direction?

Sometimes we must do this day and night until we hear the word of the Lord! Are we willing to do what it takes to see Indiana walk in her destiny? If so, we must align with God's purpose for her.

Do we even know what that is? Indiana is very key to the nation. Our first responsibility as the church is to commune with Holy Spirit and hear His voice, getting the strategies and blueprints from heaven and then we rise and take our positions on the wall as we watch what God is doing in this hour!

Indiana's greatest days are before us. America is now in her greatest hour. It's here right now! We must believe that regardless of what we see with our natural eye.

You and I are here to stand for truth and for the sake of our children and grandchildren and the generations to come. I believe we will see such a revival and awakening across the college campuses, but it begins with us. It's happening in pockets across our nation. We must fight for them! We must press through the naysayers and those who would love to see us in confusion to discredit us and or to keep us from our destiny! Most importantly, we must fight for God's plan for the regions.

We must be dedicated to keeping focused and keep fighting while we are building.

Often, leaders ask me, "Do you like contention because it seems you are always in it?" WELL NO! But I believe in the mandate God has given me. Plus, I have faith in HIM to complete it. I must keep going regardless of the trials in the valley and regardless of when folks walk away because they can't handle the fire!

LISTEN TO ME. NOT EVERYONE IS SUPPOSED TO BE WITH YOU. We've got to learn this, and we got to learn how to navigate through this. THIS IS WAR! We can't have namby-pamby warriors who are afraid to follow where you hear God taking you! We must be selective and hear from God. And still, it doesn't always work out!

We must learn how to do this well because we, as the church, have blown this up in years gone by!

Chapter 5 – he deals with depression.

Chapter 6 – here comes "scumdog" the enemy again. This time he sends someone to try to get him to come and meet them in the valley! It's called THE PLAN OF ONO.

Ono means a place of pain! It's a place of failure, doubt, and discouragement.

LOOK WHAT NEHEMIAH DID...HE REFUSED TO COMPROMISE!

This time he remained focused on rebuilding. He focused on what God told him to do! He remained aligned with God.

Friend, IT'S TIME WE GET OUR WEAPON IN ONE HAND AND GO TO WORK WITH THE OTHER. Joining forces as One Army. It's time to align with God and continue what Father has entrusted us with here in Indiana. Where is God working? Let's join Him in what He is doing.

You know the end of the story. Nehemiah fought until the end and FINISHED THE WALL. Glory to God!

We must be doing the Kingdom work in this hour! We must be able to hold a weapon in one hand and work with the other hand! (I AM STILL LEARNING THIS.) It never ends because we are always growing. THIS is why we need the other streams. We need one another. We can't expect to connect with other streams and think it all must be our way. We must remain focused regardless of what the establishment and the powers that be are doing in Indiana.

I watched this when we were at the statehouse last week. We had respect for one another. HOLY SPIRIT was leading. Even with the gnashing of teeth that was happening before our eyes, our team remained steady with respect and love. We each had different roles. There was no fear. The love of God was very evident all day. This is how we will WIN.

Our voice is a weapon! We must continue to PRAY, ACT, and SHOUT the truth from the rooftops. As we do this, I believe we will see Indiana in her finest hour! She has a rich history, but her future is in our hands. Let's do this!

Let's pray as One.

Father, we thank You for Your Word that speaks to us still today. Father, we thank You for the prophets that You have sent from the beginning of time.

Father, we're beginning to understand why You love Indiana and You love this nation. We're beginning to understand Indiana's portion and what You have purposed it for. Thank You, Lord! Thank You for the many leaders, pioneers, and trailblazers who have gone before us. Father, we take our position at this hour. Your finest hour is before us, before the church, and before this state, and our nation.

We willingly surrender to You, and we submit to You. We renew our covenant with You even now and even if we truly don't understand what it looks like in the days ahead, we will stand with You and we will build with one hand and we will fight with the other as You have placed the weapons in our hand.

Father, give us the courage to stand on the wall and to keep the hedges built with prayer and intercession. Father, we look to You and choose to keep our gaze upon You and all that You have planned for Indiana. Thank You for Your protection as we go forth in this new era of taking back the land. We praise You Father for who You are and for teaching us how to war with weapons and our voice as we release Your Word that is truth and LIFE in the name of Jesus.

Declare this with me.

We decree that Indiana is in her finest hour! We declare that just as God has been dreaming of Indiana waiting for her to rise, the remnant is rising and taking her place in the name of Jesus. We declare that no man can stand against the Kingdom of God, and we stand with the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. We declare that God's alignment is happening from the north, east, west, and south and we shall be the army that carries out the plan of God for this territory. Indiana is coming into her position and as she does, it will impact the entire nation and the nations. We say even now the powers that are trying to overthrow the Kingdom of God are on their way out in the name of Jesus of Nazareth. We decree that the Word of the Lord is going forth and we shall see a turnaround in our statehouse as men and women rise to take their position in the government. We declare that it will go down even to the local government in the cities and counties where we live in Jesus Name. We say that the will of God will happen over Indiana, over us, over our families, over our cities, our counties, and our state and the nation in Jesus name. Father, Your Word says we shall decree a thing and it shall be established. Lord, let Your will be established in our regions in Jesus name. We give You praise, and Glory goes to You and only You.

Scripture for Day 2, Nehemiah 4:14-16: When I saw their fear, I rose and spoke to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people: "Do not be afraid of them; remember the Lord who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives and your houses." When our enemies heard that it was known to us, and that God had frustrated their plan, then all of us returned to the wall, each one to his work. From that day on, half of my servants carried on the work while half of them held the spears, the shields, the bows, and the breastplates; and the captains were behind the whole house of Judah."

"We War, We Win" for His glory,

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