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Restoring Foundations

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NEHEMIAH 3:1-32

JOHN 17:22-23

“The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.”

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UNITY

“The quality or state of not being multiple: oneness.”

(Merriam-Webster Dictionary)

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Unity can only happen when we genuinely and humbly pursue a common goal with a common effort through a common commitment.

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- Burden
- Vision
- Commitment
- Prayer

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NEHEMIAH 1:3

“...the wall of Jerusalem is broken down and its gates are burned with fire.”

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NEHEMIAH 2:17

“...let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem so that we will no longer be a reproach.”

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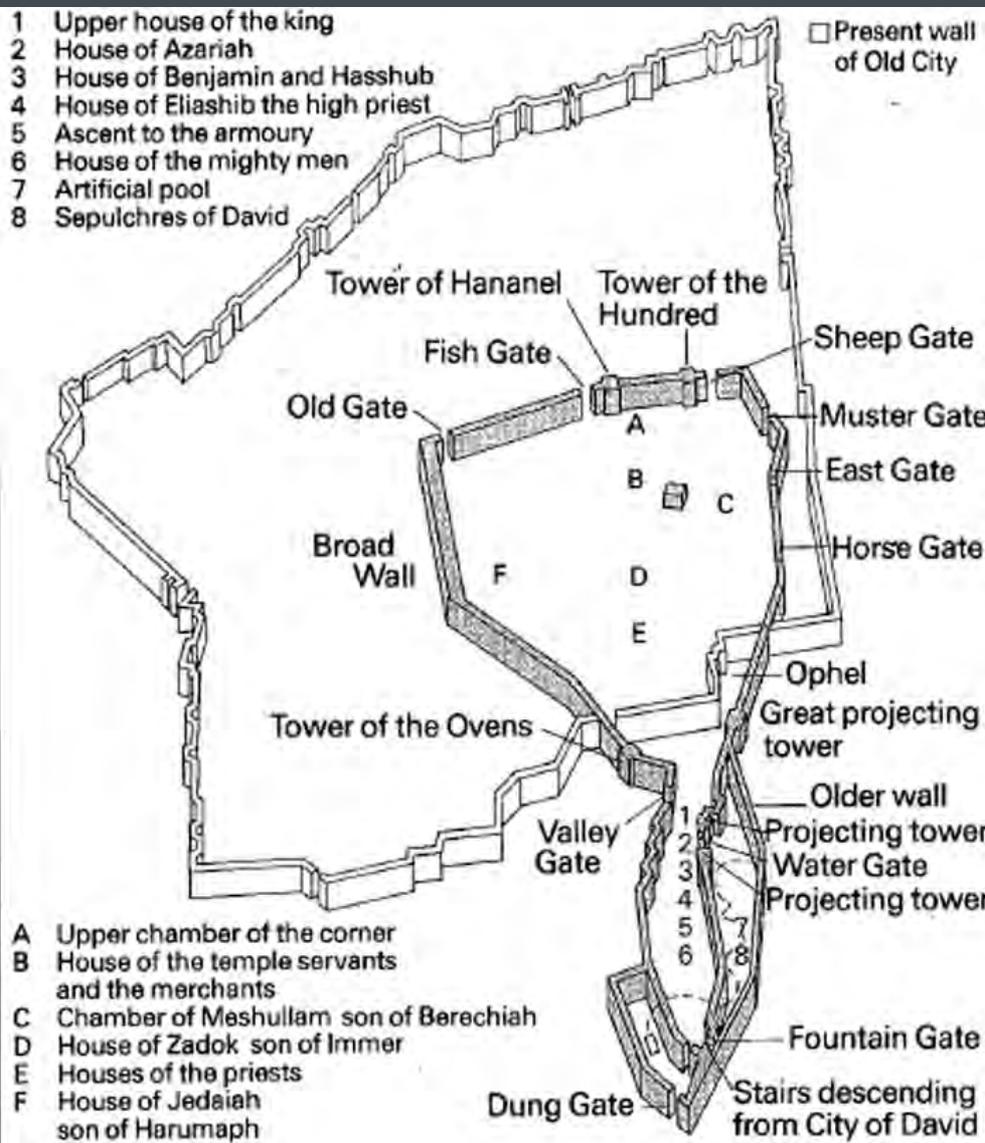
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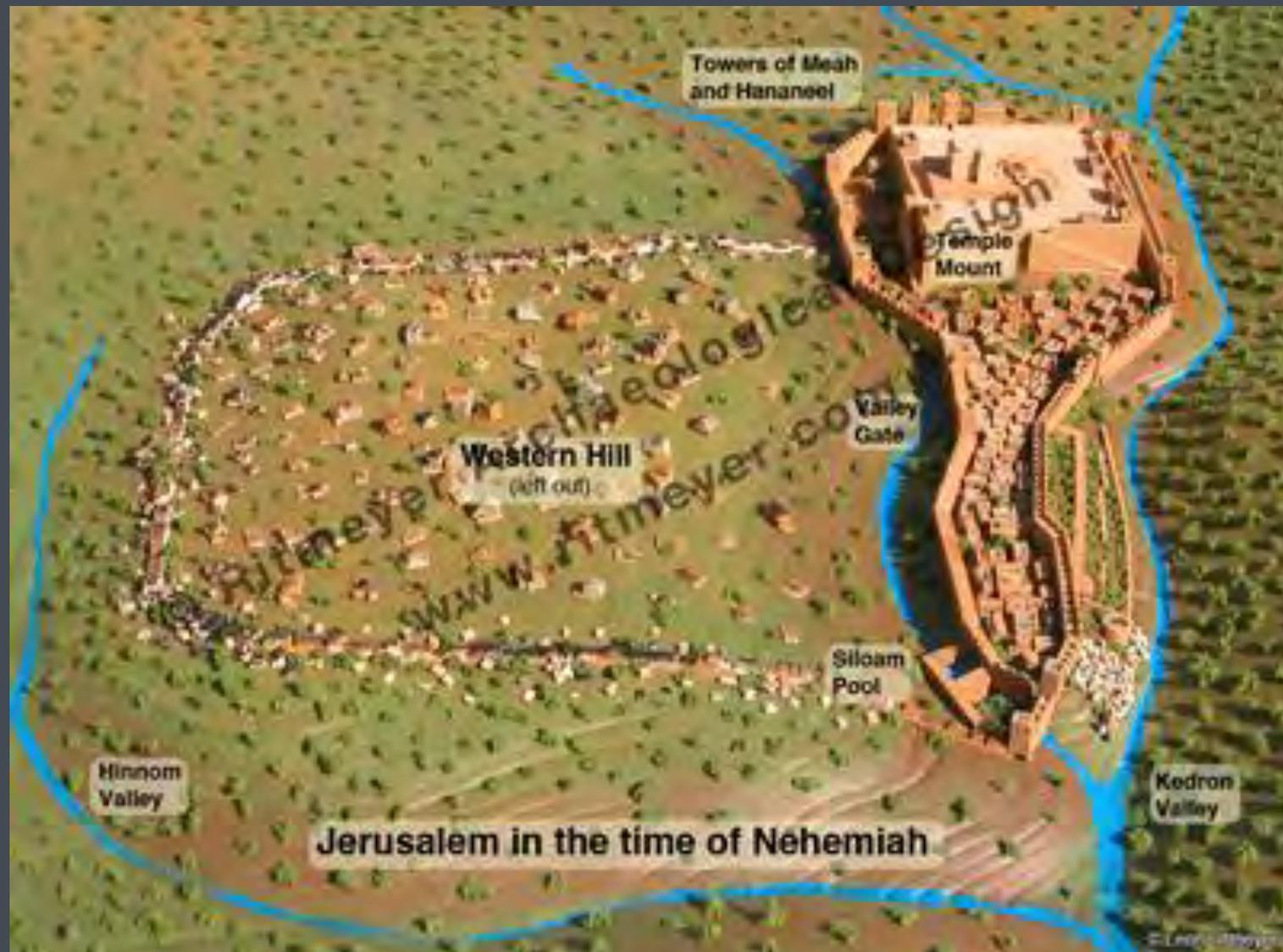


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1. UNITY ONLY HAPPENS AROUND A COMMON GOAL

It teaches us that the work of rebuilding this wall was more than simply about fortification; it was about establishing the honor that belonged to the city of God.

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The people were unified because they collectively understood that when the wall was strong, so too was the mission of God.

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2. Common Effort (vs. 2-5)

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2. UNITY ONLY HAPPENS AROUND A COMMON EFFORT

“But their nobles did not support the work of their masters.”

(Nehemiah 3:5)

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2. UNITY ONLY HAPPENS AROUND A COMMON EFFORT

Our goal here at GracePoint is to present everyone complete in Christ Jesus.

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So in all that we do, our motivation is to be God-centered and focused on others.

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- Challenge: Don't be the “but”!
- If there is one thing that can hindered **unity**, it's the common sin of **pride**.

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In the Hebrew, it would accurately describes their attitude in this way, “they would not bend their necks in submission.”

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My hope and prayer is that for each of us, we put ourselves in a position to celebrate far more than aggravate the work of God.

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2. Common Effort (vs. 2-5)
3. Common Commitment (vs. 6-12)

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3. UNITY ONLY HAPPENS AROUND A COMMON COMMITMENT

“For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot says, ‘Because I am not a hand, I am not a part of the body,’ it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body.”

(1 Corinthians 12:14-15)

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The most important ability in doing God's work is
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I want to be a person who puts myself in a position to celebrate far more than aggravate the work of God. What kind of person do you want to be?

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