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“In it to win it”

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

JOHN
10:10 ESV

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

EPHESIANS
6:10-12 ESV

// The relationship between Christ's power over all things and his sovereignty over the church is such that he employs the former to the preservation and salvation of the latter.

— Herman Hoeksema

Now when Sanballat heard that we were building the wall, he was angry and greatly enraged, and he jeered at the Jews. 2 And he said in the presence of his brothers and of the army of Samaria, "What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they restore it for themselves? Will they sacrifice? Will they finish up in a day? Will they revive the stones

NEHEMIAH
4:1-9 ESV

out of the heaps of rubbish, and burned ones at that?" 3 Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him, and he said, "Yes, what they are building—if a fox goes up on it he will break down their stone wall!" 4 Hear, O our God, for we are despised. Turn back their taunt on their own heads and give them up to be plundered in a land where they are captives.

NEHEMIAH
4:1-9 ESV

5 Do not cover their guilt, and let not their sin be blotted out from your sight, for they have provoked you to anger in the presence of the builders. 6 So we built the wall. And all the wall was joined together to half its height, for the people had a mind to work. 7 But when Sanballat and Tobiah and the Arabs and the Ammonites and the Ashdodites

NEHEMIAH
4:1-9 ESV

heard that the repairing of the walls of Jerusalem was going forward and that the breaches were beginning to be closed, they were very angry. 8 And they all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and to cause confusion in it. 9 And we prayed to our God and set a guard as a protection against them day and night.

NEHEMIAH
4:1-9 ESV

When the battle intensifies, we must
be **more intentional** to win it.

NEHEMIAH 4:1-9 ESV

The enemy uses anger, fear,
distraction, and discouragement
to create doubt and division.

Nehemiah was intentional by focusing on God, having crucial conversations, and setting healthy boundaries.

In Judah it was said, "The strength of those who bear the burdens is failing. There is too much rubble. By ourselves we will not be able to rebuild the wall." 11 And our enemies said, "They will not know or see till we come among them and kill them and stop the work." 12 At that time the Jews who lived near them came from all directions

NEHEMIAH
4:10-14 ESV

and said to us ten times, "You must return to us." 13 So in the lowest parts of the space behind the wall, in open places, I stationed the people by their clans, with their swords, their spears, and their bows. 14 And I looked and arose and said to the nobles and to the officials and to the rest of the people, "Do not be afraid of them.

NEHEMIAH
4:10-14 ESV

Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes."

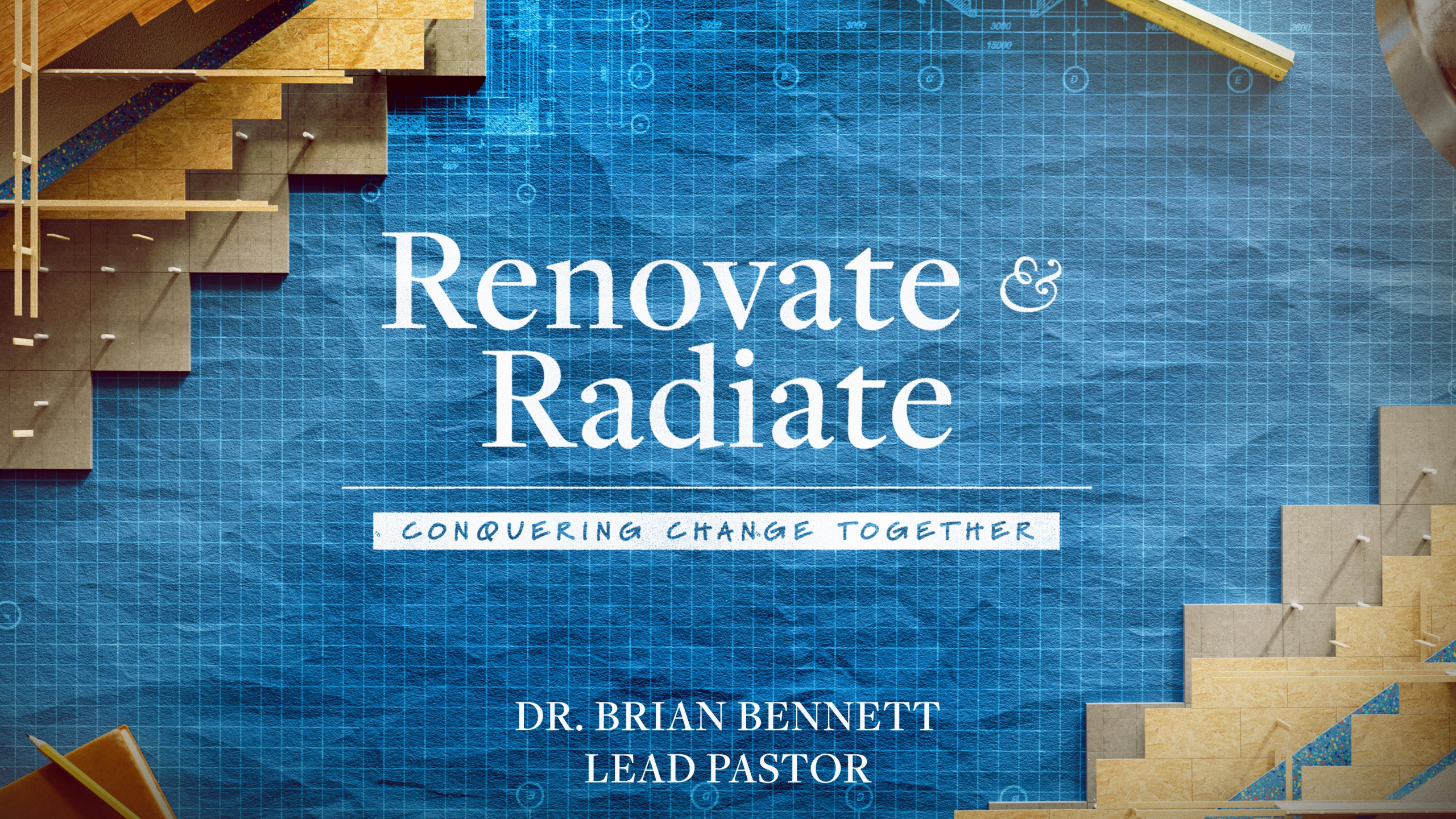
NEHEMIAH
4:10-14 ESV

When everything seems to be failing,
we must **follow God first** to win it.

NEHEMIAH 4:10-20 ESV

The enemy tries to get us to
forget who is with us and our why.

Potential setbacks become setups
when we see them as an
opportunity to go deeper with
God and with others.



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When our enemies heard that it was known to us and that God had frustrated their plan, we all returned to the wall, each to his work. 16 From that day on, half of my servants worked on construction, and half held the spears, shields, bows, and coats of mail. And the leaders stood behind the whole house of Judah, 17 who were building on the wall.

**NEHEMIAH
4:15-20 ESV**

Those who carried burdens were loaded in such a way that each labored on the work with one hand and held his weapon with the other. 18 And each of the builders had his sword strapped at his side while he built. The man who sounded the trumpet was beside me. 19 And I said to the nobles and to the officials and to the rest of the people, "The work

NEHEMIAH
4:15-20 ESV

is great and widely spread, and we are separated on the wall, far from one another. 20 In the place where you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us."

NEHEMIAH
4:15-20 ESV

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So we labored at the work, and half of them held the spears from the break of dawn until the stars came out. 22 I also said to the people at that time, "Let every man and his servant pass the night within Jerusalem, that they may be a guard for us by night and may labor by day."

NEHEMIAH
4:21-23 ESV

23 So neither I nor my brothers
nor my servants nor the men of
the guard who followed me,
none of us took off our clothes;
each kept his weapon at his
right hand.

NEHEMIAH
4:21-23 ESV

We are in it to win it, when we do
God's will and work, His way.

NEHEMIAH 4:21-23; EPHESIANS 6:13-20 ESV

We worship and work while the
haters hate, and the hurting heal.

Jesus' resurrection means he
can resurrect all things.

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. 14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. 16 In all circumstances

EPHESIANS
6:13-20 ESV

take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, 18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the

EPHESIANS
6:13-20 ESV

saints, 19 and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

EPHESIANS
6:13-20 ESV

NEXT STEP QUESTIONS

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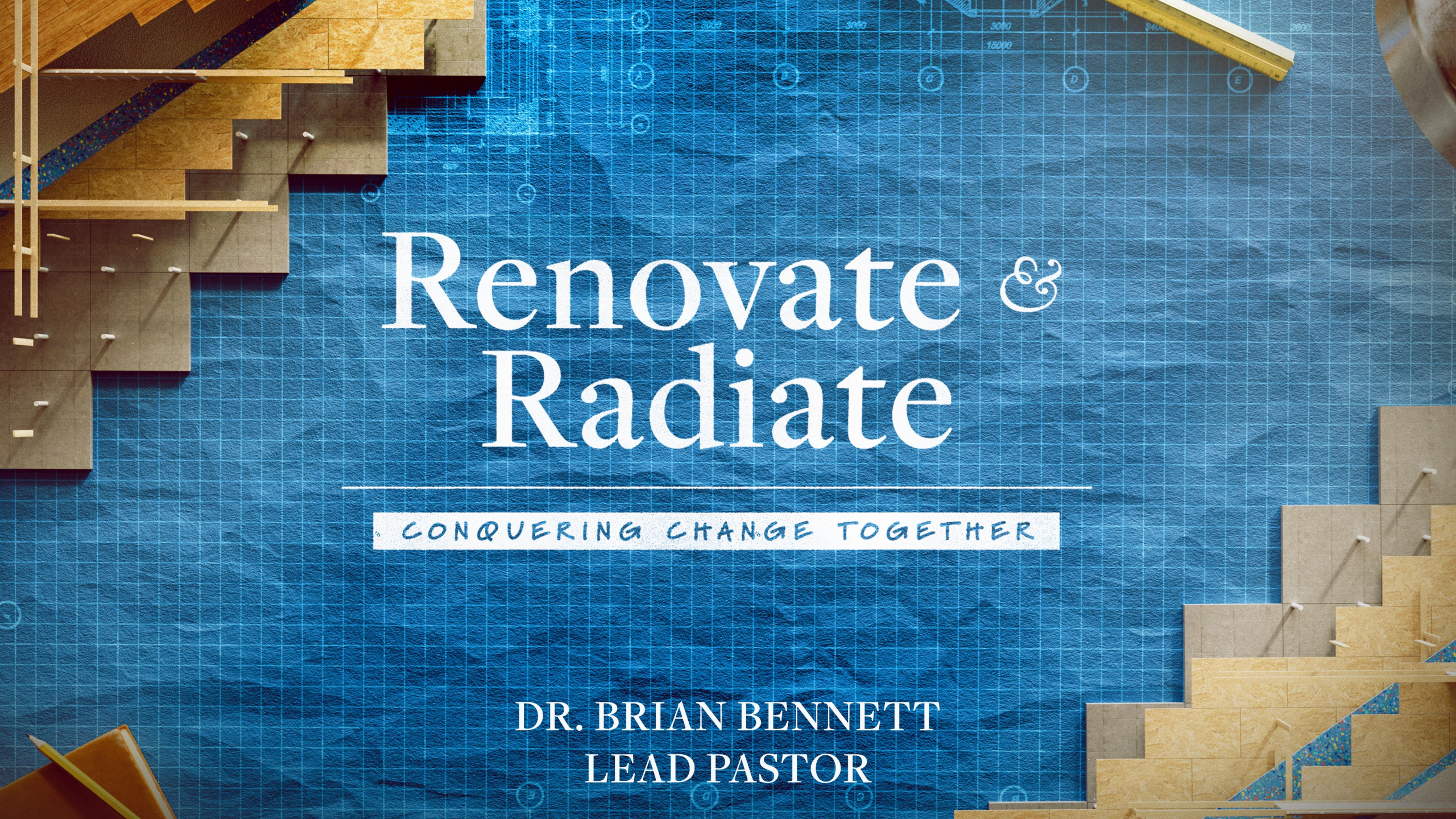
Are you surrendering to the enemy right now or to Jesus?

2

Will you look for God at work in your difficulties and join Him?

3

Will you take up your sword and shovel and be a part of His vision for Pathway?



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