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CONQUERING CHANGE TOGETHER

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SERMON NOTES
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Pathway's vision is to "be the church":
restoring, raising up,
and reaching out.

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, 5 you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,

**1 PETER
2:4-10 ESV**

a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”
7 So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” 8 and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they

1 PETER
2:4-10 ESV

were destined to do. 9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

**1 PETER
2:4-10 ESV**

// If you don't delight in the fact that your Father is holy, holy, holy, then you are spiritually dead. You may be in a church. You may go to a Christian school. But if there is no delight in your soul for the holiness of God, you don't know God. You don't love God. You're asleep to his character.

— RC Sproul

Now when the wall had been built and I had set up the doors, and the gatekeepers, the singers, and the Levites had been appointed, 2 I gave my brother Hanani and Hananiah the governor of the castle charge over Jerusalem, for he was a more faithful and God-fearing man than many. 3 And I said to them, "Let not the gates of

NEHEMIAH
7:1-4 ESV

Jerusalem be opened until the sun is hot. And while they are still standing guard, let them shut and bar the doors. Appoint guards from among the inhabitants of Jerusalem, some at their guard posts and some in front of their own homes." 4 The city was wide and large, but the people within it were few, and no houses had been rebuilt.

NEHEMIAH
7:1-4 ESV

Blueprints for revival include
faithfulness and the **fear of the Lord**.

NEHEMIAH 7; 1 PETER 2:4-10;
PROVERBS 9:10; ECCLESIASTES 12:13 ESV

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

PROVERBS
9:10 ESV

The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

ECCLESIASTES
12:13 ESV

So the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, some of the people, the temple servants, and all Israel, lived in their towns. And when the seventh month had come, the people of Israel were in their towns.

NEHEMIAH
7:73 ESV

// We must submit our lives to Jesus Christ, let him change our hearts and character, become servants, and model a life of humility and sacrifice. Then our spiritual density will make us magnetic. The more Christ reigns in our lives, the more people will be drawn to Jesus in us. It must be more than a coincidence that the word glory literally means "density".

—— Erwin Mcmanus

And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the Lord had commanded Israel. 2 So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh

NEHEMIAH
8:1-6 ESV

month. 3 And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. 4 And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that they had made for the purpose. And

NEHEMIAH
8:1-6 ESV

beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand, and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. 5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood.

NEHEMIAH
8:1-6 ESV

6 And Ezra blessed the Lord,
the great God, and all the people
answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting
up their hands. And they bowed
their heads and worshiped
the Lord with their faces to
the ground.

NEHEMIAH
8:1-6 ESV

Blueprints for revival include the
ministry of the word and obedience.

NEHEMIAH 8; 2 PETER 1:2-3 ESV

NEXT STEPS IN YOUR JOURNEY

Blueprints for Revival

21-day Challenge

As we heard in this week's message, "Blueprints for Revival" (Nehemiah 7-9), the Bible is life-changing. When God's Word becomes a part of our life on a regular basis, we will see breakthroughs in our relationships with Him and with others, and renovation (maybe even revival) will happen!

For the next 21 days, we are challenging you to read your Bible and pray every day. Check out the YouVersion Bible app for many great reading plans:

www.youversion.com/the-bible-app/

Passion of the Christ Bible Reading Plan

3/10 Triumphal Entry

Matthew 21:1-11;
Mark 11:1-11

3/11 Jesus Cleanses the Temple

Matthew 21:12-17;
Mark 11:15-19

3/12 Jesus' Authority Challenged

Matthew 21:23-27;
Mark 11:27-33

3/13 Jesus Teaches

Matthew 22:34-46;
John 12:44-50

3/14 Plotting Against Jesus

Matthew 26:1-4;
Luke 22:1-6

3/15 Jesus' Anointing at Bethany

Matthew 26:6-13;
John 12:1-8

3/16 Betrayal by Judas

Matthew 26:14-16;
Mark 14:10-11

3/17 Preparing for Passover

Matthew 26:17-19;
Luke 22:7-13;

3/18 Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

John 13:1-20

3/19 The Last Supper

Matthew 26:26-35;
Mark 14:17-26

3/20 Jesus in Gethsemane

Matthew 26:36-46;
Luke 22:39-46

3/21 Jesus Arrested

Matthew 26:47-56;
John 18:1-11

3/22 Jesus on Trial

Matthew 26:57-68;
Luke 22:66-71

3/23 Peter Denies Jesus

Matthew 26:69-75;
Mark 14:66-72

3/24 Jesus Goes Before Pilate

Matthew 27:1-14;
John 18:28-32

3/25 Jesus and Barabbas

Matthew 27:15-26;
Luke 23:18-25

3/26 Jesus Is Mocked

Matthew 27:27-30;
Mark 15:16-20

3/27 The Crucifixion

Matthew 27:32-44;
John 19:16-27

3/25 The Thief on the Cross

Mark 15:27;
Luke 23:32-43

3/26 Jesus' Death

Matthew 27:45-56;
Mark 15:33-41

3/27 Prophecy Fulfilled

John 19:31-37

3/28 Jesus' Burial

Matthew 27:57-61;
Luke 23:50-56

3/29 The Tomb Is Secured

Matthew 27:62-66

3/30 Jesus' Resurrection

Matthew 28:1-10;
Mark 16:1-8

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law.

NEHEMIAH
8:9 ESV

May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. 3 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence.

2 PETER
1:2-3 ESV

The ministry of the word:

- God's word reveals what needs to change.
- God's word reveals it is not all on me to change.
- God's word reveals it is the power of God that changes everything.



The saints shall persevere in Holiness
because God perseveres in grace.

— Charles H. Spurgeon

Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." 11 So the Levites calmed all the people, saying, "Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved."

NEHEMIAH
8:10-12 ESV

12 And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

NEHEMIAH
8:10-12 ESV

Four truths of Christian obedience:

- God knows what is right for me.
- God is pure love, and I am the focus of His love.
- God will never tell me to do something detrimental.
- Therefore, no matter what He says, I choose to obey.

John Bevere

Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the people of Israel were assembled with fasting and in sackcloth, and with earth on their heads. 2 And the Israelites separated themselves from all foreigners and stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers. 3 And they stood up in their place and read from the Book of the Law of

NEHEMIAH
9:1-6 ESV

the Lord their God for a quarter of the day; for another quarter of it they made confession and worshiped the Lord their God. 4 On the stairs of the Levites stood Jeshua, Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and Chenani; and they cried with a loud voice to the Lord their God. 5 Then the Levites, Jeshua, Kadmiel, Bani,

NEHEMIAH
9:1-6 ESV

Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah,
Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said,
“Stand up and bless the Lord
your God from everlasting to
everlasting. Blessed be your
glorious name, which is exalted
above all blessing and praise.
6 “You are the Lord, you alone.
You have made heaven, the
heaven of heavens, with all their

NEHEMIAH
9:1-6 ESV

host, the earth and all that is on
it, the seas and all that is in them;
and you preserve all of them; and
the host of heaven worships you.

NEHEMIAH
9:1-6 ESV

Blueprints for revival include
confession and **repentance**.

NEHEMIAH 9; ISAIAH 66:2-3;
1 JOHN 1:5-10 ESV

God pays attention and acts
when His people come to Him.

All these things my hand has made, and so all these things came to be, declares the Lord. But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word. 3 "He who slaughters an ox is like one who kills a man; he who sacrifices a lamb, like one who breaks a dog's neck; he who presents a grain offering, like one

ISAIAH
66:2-3 ESV

who offers pig's blood; he who makes a memorial offering of frankincense, like one who blesses an idol. These have chosen their own ways, and their soul delights in their abominations."

ISAIAH
66:2-3 ESV

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from

1 JOHN
1:5-10 ESV

all sin. 8 If we say we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves, and the
truth is not in us. 9 If we confess
our sins, he is faithful and just to
forgive us our sins and to cleanse
us from all unrighteousness.
10 If we say we have not sinned,
we make him a liar, and his word
is not in us.

1 JOHN
1:5-10 ESV

NEXT STEP QUESTIONS

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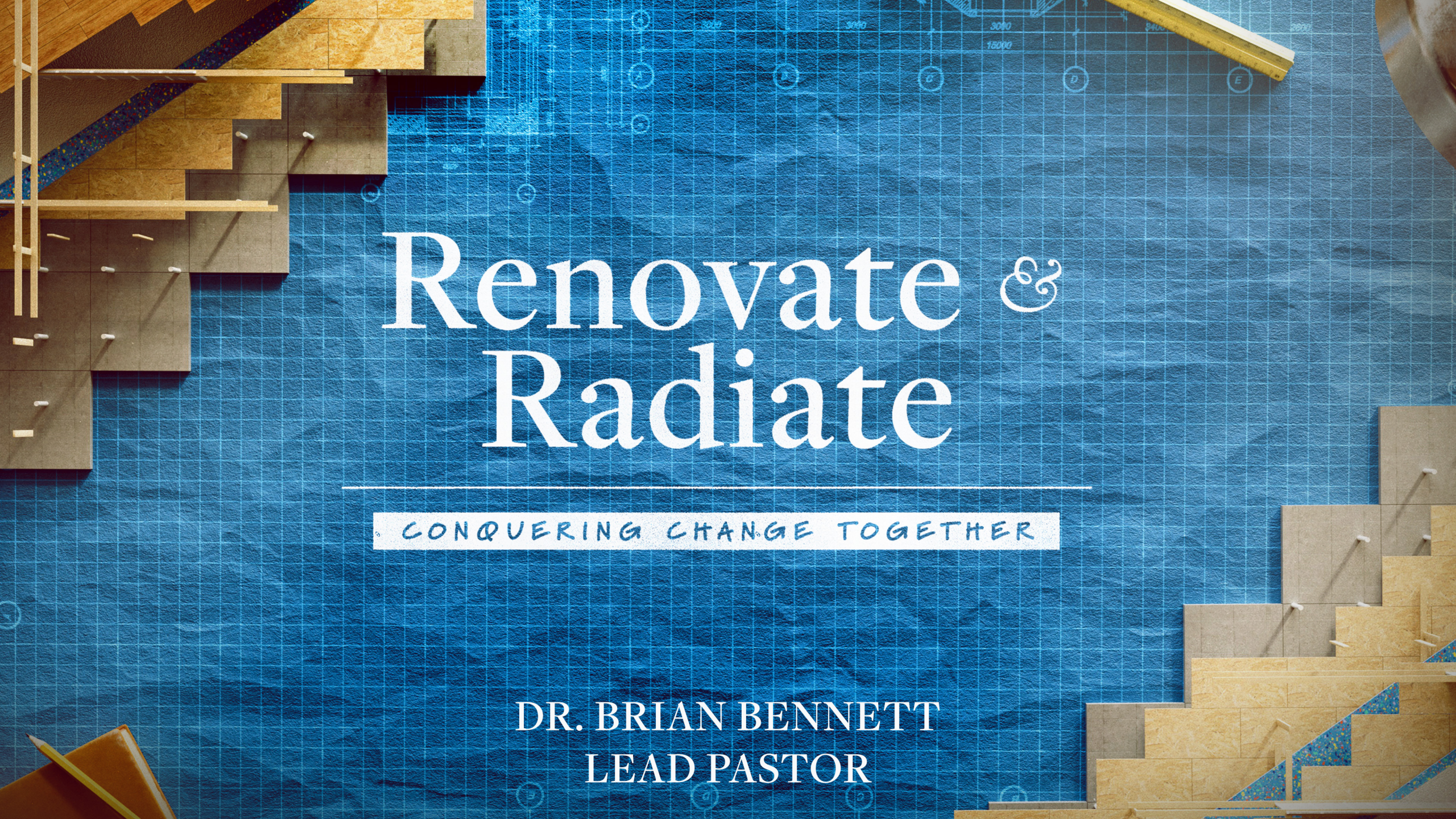
Will you walk in faithfulness and the fear of the Lord?

2

Will you take the "Blueprints for Revival 21-day Challenge"?

3

Will you be obedient, confess, and repent as the Lord reveals Himself?



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