



LOOKING UP!

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Somebody said that it couldn't be done
 But he with a chuckle replied
 That "maybe it couldn't," but he would be one
 Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.
 So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin
 On his face. If he worried he hid it.
 He started to sing as he tackled the thing
 That couldn't be done, and he did it!

Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do that;
 At least no one ever has done it;"
 But he took off his coat and he took off his hat
 And the first thing we knew he'd begun it.
 With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin,
 Without any doubting or quiddit,
 He started to sing as he tackled the thing
 That couldn't be done, and he did it.

There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,
 There are thousands to prophesy failure,
 There are thousands to point out to you one by one,
 The dangers that wait to assail you.
 But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,
 Just take off your coat and go to it;
 Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing
 That "cannot be done," and you'll do it.

Look up—God loves to do the impossible. Will you join Him?

SERMON NOTES

Mocking Birds

January 23



◆ IF GOD

- ◇ Has gifted me -
- ◇ Does great things -
- ◇ Knows my weaknesses -
- ◇ Has prepared work for me -

SATAN SPEAKS

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SATAN HAS FOUR MAIN OBJECTIVES:

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NEH. 2:20

Next Week:

I ANSWERED THEM

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PERSONAL STUDY

It is rewarding to invest time each day in God's Word.

Mo Nehemiah 1:3-4

The time to lead is when there is a time to serve. Nehemiah's heart breaks at the destruction. What breaks your heart? What has caused you to act in the past?

Tu Nehemiah 1:4-5

If our time is going to be a gift to God, we must start with God. Reflect on biblical characters who see great trouble and go straight to God for guidance and approval.

We Nehemiah 2:1-5 & Ephesians 2:10

God has declared he has prepared works for us in advance. These works of faith are crucial and sizable tasks. We might need others to buy in and assist. Who has God placed in your life who might help?

Th Nehemiah 2:11-16 & Ephesians 2:10

If God has prepared works in advance for us to do, and they are sizeable tasks, what prep work do we need to do now to be effective and efficient in accomplishing what He had prepared for us?

Fr Nehemiah 2:17

Pointing out the negative can be destructive and demoralizing if it leaves people feeling isolated and alone. Nehemiah says, "Let us," to show he is there to help with them. What can you say, "Let us" to?

Sa Nehemiah 2:18 & Proverbs 16:9

Some will buy into a project if they believe the leadership is qualified. Nehemiah recognizes God's lead. If God is at work in your life, how can you speak about what He is doing? How can that encourage others?

STUDY & DISCUSS

- Read Nehemiah 2:1-18.
 - Nehemiah had never been to Jerusalem before, yet the thought of the destroyed wall broke his heart. What does this say about Nehemiah?
 - Some argue a cupbearer was a lowly position. What do you think, did Nehemiah have a high or low position?
 - Notice Nehemiah's connection with the king; First, King Artaxerxes had never seen this level of sadness in his cupbearer. Second, the king supports Nehemiah's plan. What type of character would Nehemiah need to demonstrate to build such trust and reputation?
 - Nehemiah was afraid to tell the king about his plan. Was his apprehension a good thing or a bad thing? Was Nehemiah's fear a sign of his lack of faith? Why?
- For more than 100 years, the walls around Jerusalem lay in ruin. God's timing and approval of Nehemiah's dream are seen in:
 1. The king's favorable support (time, letters, and funding).
 2. The buy-in of key local leaders and priests.
 3. The mocking and ridiculing—opposition.
 4. The unity that comes from completing God's task.
 - Have you ever experienced any of these and known you were doing right?
 - Nehemiah's rebuilt wall started with a dream to fix a big problem. What is a big problem we see in our world today?