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Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you so much for your grace and Your mercy. Lord. Lord, I was really humbled today when we were seeing use me, because I stand up here, and that is the message for everybody here, is that if you can use me, you can use any of these people. And Lord, I'm thankful for that. I'm humbled every day that I get up here, and although it wasn't on the bingo card for for 25 and now that we're into 26 but, but, Lord, it's just such a reminder that you're not just a God of redemption. You're a God of restoration. You're a God who is still working in our lives today through Your word and strengthening us in the inner man. And Lord, you want to use us. You want us to be ambassadors. You want us to go out with this, this word of reconciliation and deliver it, to see all men saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. You want to use us Lord, and I am thankful for that Lord and that it's not about all of our credentials. It's not about all the letters after our name or how many degrees that we have, Lord, it's about us being accepted in the beloved and letting us be led by the Spirit. And Lord, I just pray I would encourage everybody in here, Lord, that you want to use them as well. And Lord, just want to lift up the fish family right now. I know there's so many things going on this church with so many people, so certainly, Lord, we don't want to just single one of them out, but I know they're really going through it right now. And I pray you just lift up Caleb. He's been through a lot as a young man as well. Lord, I just pray that you would strengthen them right now. We know that your grace is sufficient, Lord. We know that your strength is made perfect in weakness. We know that you're the God of all comfort, Lord, and I pray Lord that right now, Lord that that would be your strength and your comfort that they would be experiencing, Lord, I pray that you would just give them the peace of God right now that passes all understanding. Please be with us as we open up your word. Now we continue to talk a little bit about Nehemiah And Lord, we are excited Lord to just to give you all the honor and glory and Lord, we just give you the praise. Amen. Alright, so we are going to continue to work through some of these things in the book of Nehemiah. Hopefully you have been enjoying it. I I've enjoyed going through it myself, so even if I'm just taking you guys along in my personal study, I think that's okay as well. But that first week, we were talking about how Nehemiah in that prayer and getting the report in chapter one, how he's proactively concerned for other people, and this deep care that he had, and he wanted, he wanted to see the walls rebuilt. He didn't want to see his people in affliction. He had two choices, sit back and do nothing, but he went to the Lord in prayer, and as they the more he prayed and and the more that he fasted certain days. And there's a period of time that God, God just put on his heart that you're the one to go back and build the wall. And so he obeyed that, and he was willing to put his life on the line for other people. And then we kind of want to talk about how the apostle Paul, how he embodied a lot of that same spirit in his life. And he even said about the Israelites in Roman chapter nine, he says, If I could, I'd be accursed, so that they would be saved. And he says that he was all people that to the he was all things, all people that he might save some so Paul's concern was always for the souls of other people and for the body being built up. And then last week, we talked about having a mind to work. If you remember Nehemiah one three, it says, they said unto me, this was that report, the remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach. The wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire. And that was the report. But somehow between them sitting in these, these burnt down, broken walls and doing nothing. By the time we get to chapter four, verse six, which we're going to hang out a little bit today in it says, So built we the wall, and all the wall was joined together under the half thereof for the people had a mind

to work. And it's crazy. We looked at all the details that Nehemiah got together in order to submit this to the people that we have a job to do right that he went to the he, first of all, went to Lord, and he prayed Lord. Then he went to the king. Then he got letters to give to the governors, and they got letters to give to Asaph, who was the the keeper of the forest. And then he got the the basically captains and the army and horsemen to help him deliver the message, all of that preparation and planning. Yet when it came down to the people, he kept it very concise, God is with you. The King is behind you. Let us build and not be a reproach. And then it took a lot of delegation. Remember, faithful men. The Bible constantly talks about that looking for these faithful men or these faithful people to do the work where it's required of a steward to be found faithful. We talked about how he told Timothy that find other faithful men. And right, we're constantly seeing go out and. Find more people delegate. We looked at a lot of that in there. But ultimately, today, we're not building a physical wall. We're building the body of Christ, first, Timothy, two, three and four. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God, our Savior, who will have all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. So these next couple of weeks, we're going to say, what do we do with that? Because we're going to get our minds straight, and we're going to say, yes, we want to do this, but there's going to be distractions, there's going to be opposition, there are going to be adversaries in the way. So what do we do then? Do we just stop the work? Do we put things on pause? What happens when the adversaries try to shut us up. What do we say? Right? And I'm hoping that today will encourage us in this direction. A couple of years ago, I had a chance to go to France and talked about this before, but a little bit different sense here. But I was able to go to the beaches of Normandy, and one of the museums had all this Winston Churchill stuff, and one of the great quotes that Winston Churchill had during World War Two was, never give in, never, never, never, never in nothing great or small, large or petty, never give in except to convictions of honor and good sense. And this quote was in the middle of World War Two. It's not it's like the darkest hours time kind of time frame. But this is October 29 1941 he's at his alma mater, the Haro school, and he knew the importance of telling the young people you have to keep going. Things look really deep right now. Look really dark. They look depressing, but you've got to keep going. And I feel like today is one of those moments in society for a believer in the United States of America, where it feels very heavy, it it feels very dark. We are just exposed to so much at our fingertips, short, little five to 10 second clips about how much darkness there is in the world. We become so desensitized to to murder and to ridiculous things that previously would have made us bat turn our eyes, we're now conditioned to accept it as normal. There is so much darkness, so much persecution of Christians that are now just physically available. Now it hasn't been in this country so much the physical part yet, but certainly the emotional part, certainly the threaten of the threatening of silence, of not having any friends, of loneliness, these things that obviously weigh enough that people are saying, I don't know how outgoing I want to be about this, and so it keeps us quiet. Now my question is, once you have the mind to work, what's going to keep you from quit, quitting the work. I mean, where is your resolve as as Churchill say, Never, never, never, never give in. Is that your philosophy, or is it? Pictures were taken down. I'm going to quit the church. I'm just kidding, sorry, but if that's you, that's the Holy Spirit guilt tripping you anyway. Just kidding. But what? What are the things that keep us from doing the work we set out we want to do the work, but then what is it that's going to pull us off that wall and no longer get engaged of doing the things that the Lord wants us to do while we're still here? Alright? And so I think this is going to be a good kind of starting point for us to look at that today. So in Nehemiah, chapter six, verse one and three, short little I guess three verses here, and then we're gonna spend the rest of the time really in Nehemiah chapter four. And then we're gonna pull it full circle, because we have to, anytime that you're in the Word of God, especially if you're in a different dispensation, you've got to bring it full circle and make sure that we're understanding things today and what we wouldn't do as far as back then, but the principles that maybe can apply. So in chapter six, verse one through three, it says it came to pass when saying ballot and Tobiah and Geshem the area of the Arabian and the rest of our enemies heard that I had builded the wall and that there was no breach left therein, though at time i had not set up the doors upon the gates that Sanballat and

Geshem sent unto me, saying, Come, let us meet together. And some one of the villages in the plain of Ono, but they thought to do me mischief, and I sent messengers unto them, saying, and here's the key phrase, I am doing a great work, so I cannot come down. Why should the work cease? Well, I leave it and come down to you. And I would say that even though that's a covenant relationship. It with Israel, where they understood to pray that God would take care of their enemies, right? And that it was a different time period, and that's not how things work for us today. There is a clear distinction there. What is something that we could pull from this is the fact that that resolve that Nehemiah had is sorely missing today in the body of Christ, that resolve that says, I'm doing a great work. I cannot come down. That is missing. It is missing today and the body of Christ, it usually doesn't take much to distract us about anything would make us come down from that wall. And a lot of times it's external opposition. Next week we'll talk about internal opposition. We'll talk about how the body of Christ and the lack of unity and this quarreling inside can make us come off the wall. But this week, I'm talking about outside the church. Now, if we go back to Nehemiah chapter four, Nehemiah three is about all this delegation, and this person's over this gate, this person's over this gate, this person's over this gate. It took all of them working together to build that wall. Right now, Chapter Four, once these two, especially these two, but there's three real main people you see as opposition. Once they start seeing progress is made. Watch what happens. So in verse one of chapter four, it says it came to pass when Sanballat heard that we builded the wall, he was wroth and took great indignation and mocked the Jews. Now I want us to remember that phrase mocked the Jews as we read these next two verses, and he spake before his brethren and the army of Samaria. And he said, what do these feeble Jews? Will they fortify themselves? Will they sacrifice? Will they make an end in a day? Will they revive the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which are burned now Tobiah, the Ammonite, was by him, and he said, even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall break down their stone wall. Now we'd already seen a little bit in chapter two, verses 19 and 20, where they despised and and they made accusations that the Jews were rebelling against the king for building the wall so but they didn't really take him seriously, and even now, when they're starting to build this, starting to build this wall, they didn't really take them seriously. In fact, they begin mocking them. And this is always where it starts. This is what Charlie Kirk was saying. This is why we have the dialog today, so we don't have the violence tomorrow. But it always starts with the opposition, with words. That's why it matters. It matters that we have dialog, right? But this is how it always starts out. It's words. Now to us today, it's usually on Facebook. Somebody has said something about what you posted in the comment section, and I'm I just I got the popcorn. I'm there for the comments, and I don't have to post, but I don't even have to pay the money to go to a movie. I just read the comments and eat the popcorn. But it is amazing how a few words on social media, how they can shut you down. Now they can take you off of the business of building the body of Christ, pull you off the wall, and then leave you in a sterilized position, but it always starts with words. You're mocked, or you can't say something this time because you didn't say something over here, you can't pray for for gun victims because your prayers didn't save lives, and you just soak into silence. Not that you have to fight people on social media with debate, but I'm saying that the words of people against Christianity sometimes are enough to pull us off the wall or make us just be silent. Today, it's much different. It's probably not going to be anything anybody says to your face, because we are loaded with cowards in this world. But they are keyboard keyboard warriors. So bad I can't even say it, right? They are keyboard warriors. But that is primarily it starts out with just the mocking. It starts out with, you can't do this even when a Christian tries to make a movie. And it's always like, yeah, it's so bad compared to Hollywood. It's the constant trying to keep Christians quiet in a corner. We understand this mocking for them. It started out with these words in verses four and five. Though, what do they do about this? I mean, always, it's always going to start with words, with opposition. I promise you, it always will start there verses four and five. Though it says, hear, oh our God. It was always prayer. When the opposition come, it was always, let's pray. Let's go the Lord in prayer. And it needs to be that step. For us, it's prayer in the Word of God, right? We can sit and think about every scenario in our head. We can complain about to everybody. But are we going to the Lord in prayer? Are we in the Word of

God? But it says here, oh our God, for we are despised, and turn their reproach upon their own head. This would have been a very covenantal prayer. This would not be how we would pray today, but says, turn their reproach upon their own head, give them for a prey in the land of captivity. Cover not their iniquity. Let not their sin be blotted out from before thee, for they have provoked thee to anger before the builders, not just individually, but corporately, they prayed, and verse six says, so here's our verse we talked about earlier. So built we the wall, and all the wall was joined together together into the half thereof. For the people had a mind to work. So it took the people being unified in prayer, it took Nehemiah keeping their eyes on the vision, and then they kept working, even though people were saying, You can't do this, or what you build is going to fall apart, or you don't water baptize, or whatever they say, right? They're going to do anything they can to shut you up, shut down the work, get you off the wall and keep you from building the body of Christ. The Words hurt, but they're just words. The cause the cause has to be bigger than what people are saying. The people had a mind to work. This wasn't just hope and wishes. It was feet to the ground. It was movement, right? And we to for grace. Point to thrive. For Grace, point to move forward. It's going to take all of us together, having a having a mind to work. And it's not always just physical. Some of you are not able physically to do that, right, but it is prayer, right? It is doing what you can do. It is all of us being joined together. We should be serving together where there's needs in the church. We should be filling in those gaps collectively as a group. And there are needs. We need teachers. We need help with the food pantry. We need some diaper changing Supremes. I mean, we we always need help, and that will always be the case because it is too big of a work for one. But collectively, it's the body of Christ, fitly joined together, building the body of Christ, seeing all men saved and then come to the knowledge of the truth. He says, Nehemiah four, seven and eight. It says, when it came to pass, that when Stan bowed and Tobiah and the Arabians and the Ammonites and the ash, today's heard that the walls of Jerusalem were made up and that the breaches began to be stopped. Then they were very wroth. Now, listen, it was just words earlier. It says they conspired, all of them, to come and fight against Jerusalem and to hinder it when the words cannot stop the work, that's usually when violence will ensue. You know, I know the that they said the meeting at the little church over here this past week, and it's trying to make people aware of what things are going on and the the different laws and the the different things, getting people up to speed so that people can pray, so people can get behind and support things. I've been a few of those meetings I could not make this past week, but it is important that we understand that if, if we don't get to the place where we can answer the words, then it's the physical part that happens next. It's the violence. We're seeing it in this world. We've seen it over the last few months, that violence is the next step, and it's it's not new, even right here. It's like when we when they could not shut them up with mocking them. Now it was like, well, we've just gotta fight them. We've gotta kill them, because they will not listen to our ridicule. They step. They just kept going. So the next step is we're gonna have to eliminate them. And I hope you understand that it's very high likelihood in the next, probably 20 to 30 years, if the Lord tarries, there is going to be a lot more violence towards the church, we're not going to be an exception to the rule. You can kind of see what has happened in other parts of the world over time, and we are in those early stages, probably farther in those stages than we'd like to admit. And it may come from other quote, unquote religions. But moving on, not to depress you, but verse nine, it says, Nevertheless, even though now that they knew that they were physically going to be threatened, nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God. But then listen to the plan. He set a watch against them day and night. Because of them, it's alright. So we're aware we're going to keep building the wall, but we're we're now aware we're going to have to put, like a 24 hour, seven day a week, kind of process into place. We. Are now at least going to acknowledge that violence is going to be their next step. And it says, Judah said, the strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed. There is much rubbish, so that we are not able to build the wall. And our adversary said, They shall not know neither see, till we come in the midst among them and slay them and cause the work to cease. There began to be this fear and this panic that they're going to kill us if we keep doing the work. And it came to pass that when the Jews, which dwelt by them, came, they said unto us 10 times from all places whence you shall return

unto us, they will be upon you. They're going to be everywhere. They're going to slay you. They're going to stop the work. Your lives are going to be in jeopardy for building this wall and what it represented, verse 13, though starts out with the word therefore, or as a result of what was previously said, set I in the lower places, behind the wall and on the higher places, I even set people after their families listen to this with swords, spears and bows. And I looked up and rose up and said unto the nobles and to the rulers and to the rest of the people, Be ye not afraid of them. Remember the Lord which is great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your houses. Now I want to pause here, that last phrase here, we're going to read verse 15, but come back to this, that last phrase, he says, fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives and your houses. But verse 15, it says it came to pass when our enemies heard that it was known unto us and God had brought their counsel to naught that we returned all of us to the wall, everyone unto his work. You see the process here. You see that it was constantly going back to doing the work, even though there was more opposition, even though the adversaries were getting increasingly more hostile, it was always going to the Lord in prayer, returning back to the work, fortifying the vision, all of us being on the same page, we can do this. Here's what we're going to do. We're going to set a watch, and then we're going to physically protect ourselves. We're going to have security while we do the Lord's work. Now you may ask, why was big beautiful bill on the screen talking about the security and sliding his finger up? That's because we need to have a mind to work. We need to keep going forward. But much like in Nehemiah, doesn't mean we should just be asleep at the wheel. We want to be safe and secure so that we can worship and build the wall here, times have caused times have called for that. We estimate that there was probably 150 of our master keys. They're out in the public over the last 20 years, we are thankful that the Lord protected us and nobody just came in because the alarm had not changed either. So we now having a school in here, and some questions they were asking, it caused us to step back and say, we're not very secure. We weren't very secure in children's. We're very secure with the with with getting into the church. And so we're like, we're going to start making some changes so that we can keep building the wall, so we can keep doing the Lord's work, but yet we can keep the people safe. And you see this, even Nehemiah realize that we have to acknowledge that the times were causing us to have to be more secure so that we could keep doing the work. And that's kind of where we, I think are, even at today, right? I think that times have changed. But here's the crazy thing about all this, maybe something crazy, maybe it's sad. Not only will believers not have a mind to work today, but they also won't fight for their family. And instead of having the mind of work while not neglecting the family, they do neither, because never did Nehemiah say they quit doing the work. But while they were doing the work, they were knowing that their families could be vulnerable. They were fighting for their families, for their wives, for their spouses, for their children, for their brethren. My question is, if you're not going to do the work, are you at least going to fight for your families? Are you at least going to fight for your spouses and you husbands? Here briefly, when's last time you fought for your children and your spouses? Not always talking about physical but been on your knees? Are you the one? You're the spiritual leader of the. Home. Are you fighting for your families today, we just given up on our marriages. Are we giving up on our responsibilities so we can go chase our toys and our dreams and our games? We have to be willing while we're doing the Lord's work to also be fighting for our families, for our sons, for our daughters, because the world is coming after them. And trust me, if you're asleep at the wheel, you're not going to be able to just say one day, oops, it'll be too late for some of you. It already is too late, but the Lord is gracious, and you can get back into the race and start fighting for him today. But please don't take a pass on both. Man, I'm just not going to do the Lord's work. I'm not going to be a part of seeing people saved and growing in the knowledge of the truth. I don't care about anything with churches. Come on a Sunday morning, that's it. And I don't care about fighting for my family, either, but I know where I'm going to go when I die. That would be a sad way to live, and your witness will be tainted. Who is going to listen to you with that gospel message, if that is your life, if that's how you live. And it is interesting when you look at the qualifications of a pastor, one of them is basically looking at how they treat their families, because in

response to that is, how are they going to deal with the family, the overall family, the body of Christ and so with that, what is going to pull us off that Wall? Are we still going to fight for our families? What about Second Timothy, 4:10, what about maybe you were on the wall, but this is why you're not on the wall anymore. It's why you're not working. Says, For Demas hath forsaken me having loved this present world, and it's departed unto Thessalonica, crescents of Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia. But isn't that interesting. You see how many times Demas was with Paul starting churches, sitting even in some of his imprisonments. And yet it said that he forsook Paul, and he left the work altogether because he loved the world. Nothing will pull you off the wall quicker than the love of this world. But we're reminded in First John chapter two, right? All that's in the world is the lust of the eyes, right? The pride of life, the lust of the flesh. It's all going to pass away. It's all an illusion. It's Satan's evil plan. It's his evil system. What is pulling you off this wall? What is keeping you from fighting for your family? What is keeping you from doing what the Lord has left for you to do? I think that part of my background in sales management has helped with me. I guess over the years, with this a little bit, we'd always have to find when you're trying to find a sales rep and and you, when I was a hiring manager, manager for corporate America. It's like you try to find out the one key trait that any of your reps could potentially have, and there's no real way to measure it. You can do aptitude tests and everything else, but it's the word initiative, and it was the difference between an outstanding rep and either a mediocre rep or a poor rep. It was initiative. It was that that people who understood their why and they went after it, right? You see that a lot in sales. And so maybe part of the reason we get off the wall is we've forgotten the why. Why are we still here? Why are we getting on the wall. Why are we wanting to see people saved and come to the knowledge of the truth? You have forgotten your why, and you're no longer passionate about doing the Lord's work. It is clear the Lord's not coming back to do to live 33 years. I mean, he's coming back. So don't, hopefully, don't even online. Make sure you keep listening. But he's not coming back and living 33 years and then preaching the gospel himself, right to the Jews, like was done in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Instead, he's given us the ministry of reconciliation. This is what Second Corinthians five is all about. He's given you the word of reconciliation. He's called you an ambassador, and you're supposed to deliver that message, right? Whether we're planting or watering, God's giving the increase, however, God's will to see all men saved and then come to knowledge of the truth. So that involves evangelism, and that involves then raising up the people who are saved, strengthening them in their inner man, in the Word of God. We have a job to do, and that is what we're going to give an account for one day. Are we doing that job? Is the why important enough to you is the fact that other people around you going straight to hell enough to motivate you to do something, or to help the church or to try to help us move forward together. I'm hoping. Hoping that the why is driving your reason for not getting off the wall. Stay in the course. I love the movie The Patriot and Benjamin Martin, his deceased wife, who we never see in the film, but the kids are reminding us throughout the film of some of her advice to him, and Gabriel always tried to remind him of this stay the course, because sometimes he would get off track a little bit. But he tried to get him to keep his eye on the bigger prize, not just the internal or external opposition, not the temporary stuff that was in the way, but keeping your eyes on the prize, staying the course. Now I'll wrap this up here at these last couple of phrases here, Nehemiah, chapter 4:16 says it came to pass from that time forth, half of the servants wrought in the work, the other half held spears, shields, bows, Herberets and the rulers were behind all the house of Judah. They which build it on the wall, and they that bear burdens with those that laid it. Everyone with one of his hands, wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a weapon for the builders. Everyone had his sword girded by his side, and so builded. And he that sounded the trumpet was by me, man. It reveals the heart of humanity to see what they are willing to fight for. Verses 19 through 23 I said unto the nobles and to the rulers and to the rest of the people, the work is great and large. We are separated upon the wall, one far from another, and what place therefore you hear the sound of the trumpet, resort hither unto us. Our God shall fight for us. So we labored in the work and half of them held spears from the rising in the morning till the stars appeared likewise. At the same time, I said unto the people, let everyone with his servant lodge within Jerusalem that in the night

they may be guard to us and labor on the day. So neither I nor my brethren, nor my servants, nor the men of the guard which followed me, none of us put off our clothes, saving that everyone put them off for washing. It gives the idea that they were constantly on guard, constantly focused on the work, and they were lighting, I mean, I remember, and this is Lord of the Rings, when they're lighting the beacons in order to get messages. Order to get messages across. But today, we have the ability to get information out quickly, to help people stay working and stay on the wall and to obliterate misinformation, if you will. Now, I wanted to wrap this up by saying this passage, and I've used it a lot, but Ephesians, 5:15, through 17, when I think about the body of Christ, I love this passage. Paul says, See then that you walk circumspectly. You're careful. You're looking around before you step right. They that you're being cautious, but you are stepping right. He says that you're walking circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise. There's two people in this in this discussion here, it's the wise people and it's the fools. Both of them are walking. One of them is walking carefully and circumspectly. The other one is not. He's telling you to do what the wise people do. Now, what the wise people do? They Redeem the time. In this next verse, because the days are evil, they understand the need to do the work is urgent. They're constantly looking at Redeeming the time, but to do what with this time? They're buying it back. They understand the value of it. But in the very next verse, it says, what they use the time for versus the unwise people. And it says, Wherefore be not unwise, unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. We think today, for us in the body of Christ, it's redeeming our time, understanding what the will of the Lord is. The will of the Lord is to see all men saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. It's taking our time. It's redeeming it. It's snatching it out of our binge watching, snatching it out of our video games. It's snatching it out of all the things that are sucking the time away. It's Redeeming the time to do the Lord's will. That's what wise people do, but unwise people, they're not even caring what day it is, aimlessly looking around. The last thing they're thinking about is the will of the Lord. So today, in the body of Christ, that's our wall that we're on is the Lord's will. And we're not promised that the God's going to come down and smite our enemies, like like Israel had today? Well, we are promises that we're we're a heavenly we are a heavenly people, right? And that this momentary affliction is light, and that's temporary, and it's nothing compared to the glory which shall be revealed in us. So we build because we're doing the Lord's will to see all men saved and come into the knowledge of the truth. That's the work, that's the wall, that's what we're building today. There's going to be distractions, gonna be opposition, there's gonna be adversaries. But will we keep building? And it might require us being safe and putting things into place. But will we keep building, or you're gonna be so distracted and so in love with this world that you'll come off the wall every chance you get. You'll get out of church, not fighting for your family, saying it's somebody else's job, or maybe down the road, I'll do it. Remember, the wise person redeems the time and uses it to do the Lord's will. Will you come off the wall? What's going what's going to keep you on the wall? My hope is that you keep staying on that wall you have, that resolve that you never, never, never, never give in, and you could be like Paul at the end, when he says, I have fought a good fight. I have finished the course, and I have kept the faith. He has taken this Rightly dividing message, and he never wavered from it, and he stuck with it to see all men saved and come to knowledge of truth, even to the very end, may that be our legacy. I'm going to have everybody stand, if you will. I'm going to pray for us, and then we'll sing a song and have a couple minutes that I'll need from you before we dismiss and then we'll get you out of here, Dear Heavenly Father, thank you so much for the people of grace point, thank You that You've made it so clear for us today, in this dispensation of work, or dispensation of grace, what the work is, Lord. And I pray that we will have that resolve of not willing to come off the wall, that resolve of not willing to stop the work, Lord, but at the same time, we would realize that the enemy is going to come after our family. So we have to fight for our families. We can't be so wrapped up in the things of this world that it distracts us from Redeeming the time to do what you've left us here to do, Lord, whether that's individually out in our neighborhoods and our families. Lord, or whether it's our co workers, or it's inviting people in here. Lord, maybe it's helping out with food pantry, it's it's helping these different ministries so that we can keep going. But Lord, whatever it is, Lord, I pray that people would have a

mind to work, and they would not come off that wall. They would have such resolve and Lord, I pray that you do something great in this congregation, Lord, as a result of your word, strengthening us in our inner man. And Lord, I pray that we would be the people Lord that you intended us to be, and do the work that you intended us to be as ambassadors. We love you and praise you in Jesus name amen.