

# REBUILD: IT'S NOT ABOUT ME; IT'S ABOUT "WE" – FOR HIS GLORY!

October 25-26, 2014 - Pastor Derwin L. Gray

- **Open in prayer.**
  
- **Have you ever been so in love that you've risked it all?**
- Some of us love others more than we love God, and we often expect them to meet what only God can meet in our lives. Because you and I are made in the image of God, we've been created to love Him in such a way that we can risk it all to see His Kingdom come on earth.
  - o Have you ever loved someone or something so much that it took priority in your life?
  - o How does loving God completely change the way we love ourselves and others?
  - o What did Pastor Derwin mean when he said, "The very adversity your child may be facing could be the very thing that brings them to God's love?"
  
- **How do we learn to be about the "we" for God's glory?**
- We live in a culture where we're taught we don't need God, we're the center of the universe, we're consumers...and we treat God the same way. We want Him to make our dreams, goals, and ambitions happen.
  - o What's the difference between prayers with a consumptive perspective and prayers with a worship perspective?
  - o How does thinking in the context of "we" instead of "me" change the way we live? Share some examples. (Hint: Think about the way we see our families, our jobs, our community, our world.)
  
- **Take hold of God's unfailing love.**
- Read Nehemiah 2:1-3.
- At TC we will always be about God's love and grace!
- "Take hold" is an aggressive position; our faith should reflect that position.
- Pastor Derwin said, "The problem in America is we don't know how deep God's love is for us."
  - o How does embracing—taking hold—of God's unfailing love put our life situations in perspective?
- Nehemiah had everything in life he wanted, but he was sad because God's glory was diminished.
- Nehemiah was so in love with God he was willing to risk it all.
  - o Just marinate: What are we willing to risk to be the heart, hands, and feet of Jesus in our own personal lives? (No answers out loud are needed.)
- Nehemiah was concerned about God's reputation—God's glory.
  - o Are we more concerned about our own needs (mortgage, tuition, bills) or God's glory each day?  
How do sacrificial generosity, sacrificial love, and sacrificial service speak to the world?
  
- **What was Nehemiah's motivation?**
- Read Nehemiah 1:5
  - o How many times have we begun our prayers by telling God He is great and awesome?
  - o Do we love God for who He is, or do we love God for what He can give us?
  - o Discuss what Jesus did for us in His death, burial, and resurrection and what the following statement means: "He walked out of the tomb, and now He wants to walk out His life through us."
- We have to see ourselves as Transformation Church.
- We don't "go to church"; we "are the church."
  - o What does Pastor Derwin mean when he says, "The vision is bigger than the sum total of us all"?
  - o How do we become "builders of God's vision" in our everyday lives?

- **Take hold of your sovereign positioning.**
- Read Nehemiah 2:4-6.
- “Sovereign” means God is in control; He’s in our past, present, and future.
- Of all the people God could’ve used, he used a politician who had the ear of the king.
- Nehemiah’s honor, character, and integrity opened up the door to be heard because he made the king’s life better.
  - o Do the people we work with, go to school with, or live with enjoy being with us?
  - o Do they see us as people of integrity, honor, and character?
  - o Are we hope dealers? Are we making other people’s lives better?
- God uses ordinary people in extraordinary circumstances to do extraordinary things.
- God has sovereignly placed you in the right position and in the right place at the right time for His glory!
  - o The first part of our vision states, “We are a multi-ethnic, multi-generational, mission-shaped community...”
  - o What does it mean for us to be “mission-shaped”?
  - o What does it mean for you when God tells you to “run your race”?
  
- **Take hold of God’s strategy for transformation.**
- Read Nehemiah 2:7-8.
- Nehemiah had a strategy for rebuilding the city.
- Nehemiah spent several months in prayer and fasting to see God transform His city.
- It’s important to plan and prepare—the things we do in public should be planned and prepared in private.
  - o How does that change the way we live at school, at work, and with our families and friends?
  - o What thing are you facing today where you need to pray, plan, and prepare? (Take time and pray for folks in your group if needed.)
- At TC we have a plan for our personal growth and for our corporate growth.
  - o The five characteristics of a transformer.
  - o Go to <http://www.transformationchurch.tc/newhere/nextsteps/index.php> and watch Pastor Derwin’s video.
  - o After the video discuss the five characteristics and encourage each person in your group to grow in all five areas:  
Worship | Connect | Serve | Give | Invite
  
- **Soul-Tattoo: Fast and pray on Wednesday.**
  - o Pray that God will rebuild our lives.
  - o Pray that God will use our new TC 521 powerfully.
  - o Pray for the opportunity to give towards the Because Campaign at the end of this series.
  
- **Close in prayer.**

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## CALENDAR

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November 9, 6pm

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