



**THE HEIGHTS
FELLOWSHIP**



WELCOME

IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU.

OCTOBER 4, 2026

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY • NO YOUTH SERVICES – FIELDS OF FAITH

THF Students will not meet at our normal Wednesday night time this week. Instead, we're encouraging students to attend Fields of Faith! Students can attend with their school's FCA chapter or simply get a group of friends together and go. It's a great opportunity to join students from across our Lubbock community for a night of worship, encouragement, and growing in their faith.

CONNECT WITH US >

Access sermon notes, event details,
Life Groups + more on our website!



AT THE HEIGHTS

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER

Did you know we have a Prayer Page where you can submit your own requests and pray for requests shared by others? Visit the Prayer Page in the THF app or on our website to share what's on your heart, see how you can pray for others, and join us in being a church that faithfully lifts one another up in prayer.

SING WITH US!

THF SING is a resource that sends you a worship song and short devotional each weekday morning. Make singing the truth of God's Word part of your daily routine as you hear from The Worship Initiative throughout the week, plus fully custom content from your THF family every Wednesday. Text "THFSING" to 79316 to sign up and start singing with us!

GIVING AT THF

Giving up part of your income seems to be an overwhelming thing. But among the greatest promises God has made to us is where He promises to pour out His blessings on us when we give to Him. It is a huge step of obedience – one that is designed to draw out our trust in Him – because God is training our hearts to take Him at His Word. Ready to take a step? Here's how you can give:

ONLINE – Give at theheightsfellowship.org/give.

THF APP – Open "Giving" tab in the app.

IN-PERSON – Give by cash or check on Sunday mornings.

BY MAIL – Mail a check directly to THF.

GIVING AT A GLANCE

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

ACTUAL GIVING: \$7,466.00

BUDGET NEEDS: \$19,902.00

YEAR TO DATE

ACTUAL GIVING: \$694,379.69

BUDGET NEEDS: \$764,806.00

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NEHEMIAH

BUILDING A FAITH TO LAST A LIFETIME



The Midnight Ride

What Nehemiah saw as he arrived in Jerusalem was a city long on history and short on prospects...As the prophets before him, he found the courage not to despise the days of small things (Zech 4:10). Rather Nehemiah believed God's purposes could not be waylaid; even in the rubble and ruin, faith could find the materials to rebuild for the future. - Kevin Hall

The Four Faces of Problems -

TRIALS - designed by God to draw us closer and fortify our **CHARACTER**

TEMPTATIONS - designed by the devil to draw us away from God and **DESTROY** our character

TRESPASSES - hurts caused by the misdeeds of **OTHERS**

TROUBLES - usually the result of our own **WRONG** choices

One of the marks of spiritual maturity is the quiet confidence that God is in control...without the need to understand why He does what he does. - Charles Swindoll

Two Important Terms:

Sovereignty - the **RULE** to **CONTROL** or to control

Providence - the continuous **ACTIVITY** of God in His universe to preserve and concur with it in the accomplishing of His purpose.

Sovereignty is about AUTHORITY; Providence is about INVOLVEMENT !

Because God is **sovereign**, accidents are really just **INCIDENTS** in God's good plan for you!

Because God is **providential**, you can count on Him **TO BE INVOLVED** in your life!

The story of Nehemiah is the story of one God's **SOVEREIGNTY** and one man's **OBEDIENCE**



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Nehemiah is IMPORTANT because...

Zerubbabel was **ROYALTY** (directly descended from the line of David)

Ezra was **CLERGY** (priest/scribe)

Nehemiah was a **CIVIL SERVANT** (one of 'us')

Providence and Faith Building

God can/will use **ANYONE**

PLATFORMS
ESTHER/MORDECAI

God has a thing for **GENUINENESS** vv1-2

The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are **FULLY** committed to Him. 2 Chronicles 16:9 nlt

God loves to use the **HUMBLE** vv3-10

He leads the humble in what is right, teaching them His way. Psalm 25:9 nlt

We need to live in **GOD-AWARENESS** v4

The king said to me, "What is it you want?" Then I prayed to the God of heaven... Nehemiah 2:4 niv

5 times Nehemiah made some reference to his knowledge of God's **ACTIVITY** in his life. vv4,8,12,18,20

In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps. Proverbs 16:9 niv

PRAY W/O CEASING - 1 THESS 5:17
Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance and in everything by prayer and petition with thanksgiving continue to make your wants known to God. Philippians 4:6 amp

Faith prepares to be **USED** vv7-10;11-15

Roll your works upon the Lord - commit and trust them wholly to Him; [He will cause your thoughts to become agreeable to His will, and] so shall your plans be established. Proverbs 16:3 amp

CONNECTS with likeminded folks (other believers)!

Then I said to them, "You see the bad situation we are in, that Jerusalem is desolate and its gates burned by fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem that we may no longer be a reproach." Nehemiah 2:17

Speaks the **STORY** of God in his life!

...and I told them how the hand of God had been favorable toward me. Nehemiah 2:18

Will always encounter **OPPOSITION**

But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the Ammonite official, and Geshem the Arab heard it, they mocked us and despised us and said, "What is this thing you are doing? Are you rebelling against the king?" Nehemiah 2:19

HOLDS its ground!

So I answered them and said to them, "The God of heaven will give us success; therefore we His servants will arise and build, but you have no portion, right, or memorial in Jerusalem." Nehemiah 2:20

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THF LifeNotes
Week of October 4, 2026

Four months passed between Nehemiah hearing about Jerusalem's ruin (Chapter 1) and speaking to the king (Chapter 2). Why do you think God often makes us wait before we can act on a burden He has given us?

Nehemiah was "very much afraid" to show sadness in front of King Artaxerxes. What does this tell us about the cost of obedience? How can we move forward when doing the right thing terrifies us?

Nehemiah credits his success to "the gracious hand of my God on me" (v8). Can you look back at a time in your life when you clearly saw God's hand orchestrating details or opening doors for you?

As soon as Nehemiah arrives, Sanballat and Tobiah are "deeply disturbed" that someone came to help Israel. Why should we expect opposition whenever we start doing God's work?

The enemies used jeering, mocking, and false accusations of rebellion to stop the work. Why is mockery such an effective tool of discouragement, and how do you typically respond to it?

Nehemiah inspected the broken walls in secret before telling anyone his plans. Why is it wise to quietly assess the reality of a difficult situation before launching into a solution?

In verse 17, Nehemiah says, "Come, let *us* rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and *we* will no longer be in disgrace." How does his language help a group of discouraged people take collective ownership of a massive problem?

PRAYER REQUESTS -