



Christian Faith Fellowship

We are not a perfect church

We are not a perfect people

**We are here because we know we need
God's help and He has provided this help
through Jesus Christ our Lord!**

**“CFF Exists to Know Christ and to Make Him
Known!”**

Thank You

- **Your generous offering for Red Rock Village Church!! Total so far is \$2,136.99**
- **All who have served and are serving as we recognize Veterans Day!**

Living the Faith

- **Are you spending at least 5 minutes per day reading the Bible? (listening on CD/Online?)**
Reading Schedule at the Welcome table.
- **Have you shared your Conversion story/or a God Story?**
- **Are you hearing what the Spirit is saying?**
- **Did you spend some alone time with God this week? (No agenda, no bible, no music, no journal, etc.)**

Nehemiah

- **Remember Nehemiah was serving in the palace of Artaxerxes because Judah had turned their back on God and as a result Judah & Jerusalem had been destroyed!**
- **Nehemiah was a servant to the King and he had been praying and fasting before God about the condition of the city of Jerusalem! (The walls were destroyed and the gates burned)**

Nehemiah 2:1-5

1 In the month of Nisan in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was brought for him, I took the wine and gave it to the king. I had not been sad in his presence before, 2 so the king asked me, “Why does your face look so sad when you are not ill? This can be nothing but sadness of heart.” I was very much afraid, 3 but I said to the king, “May the king live forever! Why should my face not look sad when the city where my

are buried lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?” 4 The king said to me, “What is it you want?”

Then I prayed to the God of heaven,

5 and I answered the king, “If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor in his sight, let him send me to the city in Judah where my ancestors are buried so that I can rebuild it.”

- **There had already been prayer and fasting taking place BUT once again in the moment of truth a prayer was breathed within Nehemiah before he spoke!!!**

‘4.....“What is it you want?” Then I prayed to the God of heaven, 5 and I answered the king,...’

- **EVERYTHING that was said and done was first brought before God! Seeking God’s favor and hand over every move, conversation and plan!**

Nehemiah 2:1-5

6 Then the king, with the queen sitting beside him, asked me, “How long will your journey take, and when will you get back?” It pleased the king to send me; so I set a time. 7 I also said to him, “If it pleases the king, may I have letters to the governors of Trans-Euphrates, so that they will provide me safe-conduct until I arrive in Judah? 8 And may I have a letter to Asaph, keeper of the royal park, so he will give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel by the temple

and for the city wall and for the residence I will occupy?” And because the gracious hand of my God was on me, the king granted my requests. 9 So I went to the governors of Trans-Euphrates and gave them the king’s letters. The king had also sent army officers and cavalry with me.

- God granted Nehemiah favor as he moved on behalf of the people of Jerusalem!**
- The people of Jerusalem had no idea this was happening BUT God was moving on their behalf!**

10 When Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official heard about this, they were very much disturbed that someone had come to promote the welfare of the Israelites.

- When God is moving and working it doesn't mean you won't have opposition!**
- The enemy knows when God is moving and he will always try to stir up and stop the work of God!**
- This opposition can be personal and corporate!**

- **Remember when God sent Moses to lead Israel out of slavery in Egypt – while Moses was speaking to Pharaoh and God was moving in the plagues... the children of Israel's personal lives were getting more difficult and the work load was increased!!**
- **We can sometimes get the idea if God is moving everything should get easier... it can feel the opposite of that at times!**
- **We just need to trust Him and hold onto His promises!**

Isaiah 43:1b-3

1..... “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. 3 For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;

- **We must note that God was speaking here and told His people-**

“When you...

...pass through the waters”

...pass through the rivers”

...pass through the fire”

- **He is letting them know they ARE going to go through ‘stuff’!!!**
- **BUT they won’t go through it alone!!!**

- **We must remember that just because God's hand is on us, that He has granted us favor, that does not mean everything will just run smoothly!**
- **There will be times of opposition!**
- **There will be times the water's rise up – the flames burst up etc. BUT we are NOT ALONE!!**
- **He will see us through and complete the great work He has planned if we TRUST HIM!**

Action Steps

- **What is it that you are praying and asking God for?**
- **Have you prayed & fasted over it?**
- **Has the opposition discouraged you?**
- **God is moving! Hold on to His promises and keep moving forward – there will always be opposition – BUT - God will be with us through it all!**