Title: Rebuilding the walls

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- World Congress of Families in Sydney, Australia
- Redefine marriage,
- Deconstruct the family,
- Abolish parental responsibilities and the role of the Christian Church in society.
- The Supreme Court of Canada recently ruled that Biblical Scriptures condemning homosexual practise is a "hate crime."
- Under Canadian law preaching Romans 1 is a criminal offense.
- God has called us to be Watchmen on the Wall. If you are born of the Spirit of God and are sold out to Jesus Christ you are a watchman in the house of God and over your city.
- Isaiah 62:6 declares, "I have set watchmen on your walls O'Jerusalem; they shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the Lord do not keep silent."
- And this is what God revealed to me.
- Not only are there not enough watchmen but we have not even begun to build the walls to defend our cities!
- Ephesians 6:10 14, "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand Stand!
- There are numerous foreign-funded groups freely operating in South Africa with the express purpose of promoting sexual immorality, destroying the family and undermining Biblical moral values.
- Well-funded organisations are working to bring sexuality education to children from 5 years old in our schools teaching that same-sex relations are normal and that gender roles are not fixed.
- Legislation is being formulated at the UN to be implemented in all member states providing children age 10 the legal right to make their own sexual choices independent of their parents.
- Redefining marriage and the deconstruction of the natural family is gaining ground in the western world including South Africa. Activists are working hard to redefine marriage to include any number of individuals involved in sexual relationships.

Counting the Costs

Nehemiah 2:13-15

- The first thing Nehemiah does when he arrives in Jerusalem is make a secret night time inspection of the walls of the city to assess the damage.
- We have to count the cost before we launch into action. Rebuilding the spiritual walls of our cities will demand time, resources and sacrifice. But once we count the costs we must be prepared to pay the costs to ensure God's will is established in our nation.

Build the Wall to Defend your Family

Nehemiah 4:13-14

- "Therefore I positioned men behind the lower parts of the wall, at the openings; and I set the people according to their families, with their swords, their spears, and their bows. And I looked, and arose and said to the nobles, to the leaders, and to the rest of the people, "Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, great and awesome, and fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your houses."
- Nehemiah understood that cities are essentially made up of families. He strategically asked the people to build the sections of the wall opposite their own homes. In other words, you are building the wall to protect your own family but in so doing you are protecting all families.

Build the Wall while Prepared for Battle

Nehemiah 4:16-17

- "So it was, from that time on, that half of my servants worked at construction, while the other half held the spears, the shields, the bows, and wore armour; and the leaders were behind all the house of Judah. Those who built on the wall, and those who carried burdens, loaded themselves so that with one hand they worked at construction, and with the other held a weapon.
- Whether we are building our marriages, families, Churches or the spiritual walls of our city's, the godly strategy is to remain vigilant always ready for battle armed with the Sword of the Spirit!

Build the Wall on a Sure Foundation

Nehemiah 8:1/4

"Now all the people gathered together as one man in the open square that was in front of the Water Gate; and they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded Israel. So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly of men and women and all who could hear with understanding on the first day of the seventh month. Then he read from it in the open square that was in front of the Water Gate from morning until midday, before the men and women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law."

Build the Wall with Living Stones

1 Peter 2:4 - 5

- "Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."
- In Nehemiah's day, the defensive walls were built with stones and mortar however today the spiritual walls are built with living stones which include you and me.
- We are the living stones built together to form the spiritual walls of our cities. The cement or mortar used to bind us together is the blood of Jesus strengthened by the love of God.
- Currently, there are heaps of living stones scattered all over the city. God wants to gather these scattered stones and build it into one powerful edifice. Secured firmly on the Word of God, this spiritual wall will act as an unshakable defence for our cities.
- The time has come to unite as God's people, to build the spiritual walls of our cities, to man these walls with watchman and to defeat the enemy of our souls to the glory of God.