

Sermon Notes by Pastor Jamie Tonge



The Ministry of Helps.

Readings: - Joshua 3: 17, Joshua 6: 3, Joshua 2: 1

The Word of God from Genesis to Revelation teaches us that God's people are called to work together

Readings: - Acts 2: 1, 1 Corinthians 12: 12, 1 Peter 2: 4

Part of this togetherness – to make it work – is the Ministry of Helps

Readings: - Romans 12: 6 – 16, 1 Corinthians 12: 28

The Ministry of Helps is just as much a gift of grace by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Old Testament Example: Nehemiah

1. He had a desire to know how every was doing (Nehemiah 1: 2)
2. When he heard, he became involved:
 - (a) He prayed.
 - (b) He fasted.
 - (c) He gave time to it (v.4)
3. He starts by Asking
4. He assesses the situation (Nehemiah 2: 11-16)
5. He refused to listen to the negative, undermining words of the enemy. (Neh 2: 19 – 20, 4: 1 –)
6. He encouraged the people to build up the broken wall (Nehemiah 2: 17 – 18)
7. He refused to be sidetracked. (Nehemiah 6: 2)
8. Keeping a Right and Healthy Perspective
 - (1) Living near the enemy
 - (2) Helping the Needy
 - (3) The Word of God (Nehemiah 8: 1)
 - (4) The Place of Fellowship, intercession, repentance (Nehemiah 9: 1)

Nehemiah helps us understand this ministry: -

- 1. He had a heart for Jerusalem.**
- 2. Information brings a burden.**
- 3. Prayer is the Starting Place for everything.**
- 4. Understanding the need.**
- 5. Don't let the enemy grind you down.**
- 6. Be an encourager.**
- 7. Don't be sidetracked.**
- 8. See everything from God's Perspective.**

Some practical Helps: -

- a) Pray for others outside my group of friends in the Church.**
- b) Speak to others outside my group of friends in the Church.**
- c) Ring one person this week I wouldn't normally ring.**
- d) If I am going to be away on Sunday, let someone know.**
- e) Don't assume other people know.**
- f) Don't assume other people don't care.**
- g) Small Group.**