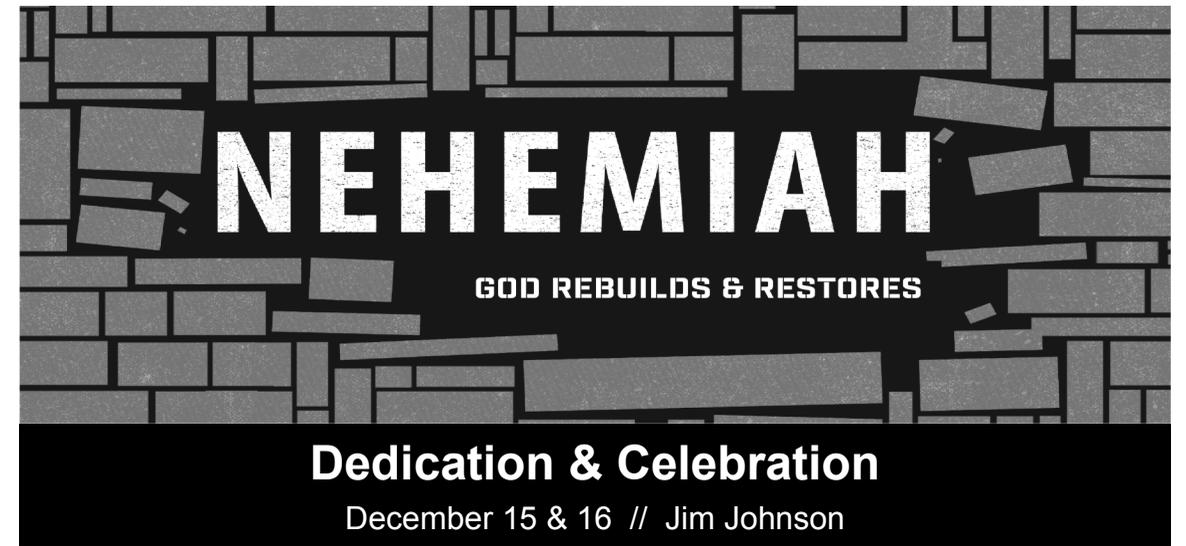


**MY RESPONSE:** Read Hebrews 5:11-14. The readers of the letter to the Hebrews were in danger of drifting. They had become “dull of hearing.” Describe one area in your life that you recognize the danger of drifting if you don’t “consistently pay much closer attention” to Jesus.

*When Eliashib gave Tobiah housing, Nehemiah was back in Mesopotamia with Artaxerxes, who is here called king of Babylon. Nehemiah’s return to Babylon took place in the thirty-second year of the king’s reign, Nehemiah’s twelfth year in office. We do not know why Nehemiah left. Was his term over? Had he been summoned to defend himself against the charges of Sanballat and his associates? Although Eliashib and Toniah surely did not expect him to return soon, if at all, Nehemiah secured permission from the king to return to Judah. He leaves us in the dark, however on how long he stayed in Mesopotamia (though he must have returned before the last year of Artaxerxes). We also do not know whether he heard reports of events in Judah that prompted his return. While the text says nothing about the capacity in which he returned, his decisive actions indicate that he was probably still governor. —The New Interpreter’s Bible Commentary*

Share your answer to the above question with your Life Group. Talk about how they can support and hold you accountable in this area so you don’t “drift away.”



They \_\_\_\_\_ the wall  
Nehemiah 12:27-43

They \_\_\_\_\_ from God  
Nehemiah 13:4-9; 1 Corinthians 10:11-13

**TIME WITH GOD:** If you don't currently have a Bible reading plan, you can download "Our Time with God" at [spcc.tv/resources](http://spcc.tv/resources)

**REFLECTIONS:** Whether you're using SPCC's reading plan or a different one, think about your time hearing and responding to Jesus this week. In your conversations with Him, describe one thing you felt Him speaking to you about.

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**SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTION:** What stood out to you in Jim's message this weekend? Did you have any questions?

*"Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore let anyone who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall." (1 Corinthians 10:5, 11-12)*

*Think of the miraculous works God did among Israel during the exodus: the Red Sea, the Egyptian army, the pillar of cloud by day, the pillar of fire by night, manna every day, water from solid rock. "Nevertheless" Paul emphasizes the point that despite God's constant miracles, Israel drifted from the Lord. The immensity of God's miracles in our past is no guarantee of future diligence in loving our Savior. Our fellowship and dependence on Christ must be fresh every day. Thus, the serious warning to "take heed!" lest we fall.*

**MY PERSPECTIVE:** Is there a memorable moment when you forgot something you were supposed to remember? Explain.

**DIGGING DEEPER:**

*...we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.*

Read the following verses: Deuteronomy 4:9; Hebrews 2:1. "Drifting away" paints a much different picture than running from or rebelling against. Describe some warning signs that indicate a person could be drifting in their spiritual life.

Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-4. What miracles during Israel's exodus is Paul referring to in these verses? Read 1 Corinthians 10:6-13. Are there practices in your Christian walk that you do in order to "take heed," so you don't fall? If so, describe.