

**SERMON SERIES:** Nehemiah  
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### ***Key Line Character Counts***

Rebuilding requires a strong foundation. If what you rebuild is going to withstand the storms of life then you need to build on the rock.

### ***Introduction***

What is it like to have to rebuild something more than once? Have you had that happen? Why did it not last?

### ***Seek the Word***

Last week in our look at Nehemiah we ended chapter 4 with the people rebuilding the wall while also battling outside enemies.

Read chapter 5.

What is the situation now?

What is Nehemiah's response?

How did he demonstrate character?

Where are you battling - an enemy outside or an enemy within?

### ***Talk About It***

How do you define character?

In verse 9, Nehemiah said, "The thing which you are doing is not good; should you not walk in the fear of our God because of the reproach of the nations, our enemies?"

How is your fear of God demonstrated in how you deal with people?

Jason said that Jesus restored people by loving people more than He loved Himself.

What would it look like to model character in this way?

Read Matthew 7:24-27.

What is the key to building a strong foundation according to this passage?

What does it mean to build on the rock?

As your group wraps up and prays. You might pray over the broken things in each other's lives - especially those you have rebuilt more than once or an enemy you are battling from inside.

Challenge each other to make Jesus, the cornerstone, of each of your situations.

### ***Bible Reading Plan***

Join us as a church family as we read through the Old and New Testaments. Download the reading plan at [calvary.ch/readthebible/](http://calvary.ch/readthebible/) or on the Calvary.ch App