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**FALL 2024
Together . . . *for the Future*
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Preaching Voice: Shepherd**

***Detoured by Distractions*
Nehemiah 6:1-16**

Theme for 2024: *Together*

Theme for Fall 2024: *Together . . . for the Future*

Lessons for Re-Building (or Building)

- Kneeology: We must begin with prayer!**
- You Are Here: We must accept an honest assessment!**
- Planning and Zoning: Make a plan and get to work!**
- Overcoming Obstacles: Obstacles can be overcome!**

**Sermon Title: *Detoured by Distractions*
Text: Nehemiah 6:1-16**

CONTEXT: Nehemiah had led the people in the great re-building project of the reconstruction of the wall around Jerusalem and the installation of the gates in the wall. Nehemiah 6 records the potential distractions faced by Nehemiah and his dismissal of them to continue his tireless focus on the work. And ---- the wall was finally completed!

DISTRACTIONS

- Fone**
- Fear**

- Focus**
- Frustration**
- Failure**
- Faith**

FEAR – The re-building journey is often fraught with fear. We can move past our fears!

FOCUS – It is easy to have our attention diverted when we are re-building. Sometimes, we have to intentionally re-focus our attention to the task at hand.

FRUSTRATION – Re-building is not easy! Sometimes we are frustrated by what we deem to be lack of progress. We must move past our frustrations to keep progressing.

FAILURE – There may be minor setbacks and “failures” along the way. We can’t be deterred by a less than perfect journey.

FAITH – God is an expert at renovation, re-construction, restoration, and re-building. Let’s keep our eyes on Him and trust Him for His provision as we keep re-building.