

Sacrifices of Many

Then I stationed men in the lowest parts of the space behind the wall, the exposed places, and I stationed the people in families with their swords, spears and bows.

Nehemiah 4:13



Open to See

We all want to do something great with our lives. The thing we often times miss is one simple fact: Great things aren't done by the gifts of a few, but by the sacrifices of many. Nehemiah had everyone involved in rebuilding the walls. Men, women and children all did their part. He divided them up by clans and families. Each person sacrificed something to see the project move forward.

Throughout our 8-week OPEN Faith Journey, you will hear this statement: **"It is not equal giving; it is equal sacrifice."** Not all of us can give the same amount, but we can all show the same sacrificial spirit. Sometimes we might feel like our contribution does not make a difference. We feel like **our** contribution is so small it won't really impact the big picture. But, as we move forward together, with everyone sacrificing, our generosity together makes a huge impact. Nehemiah was able to complete the rebuilding of the walls in 52 days. He did not do that by himself; he did it with the sacrifices of **everyone** involved. **We all can** make a difference, because **we all can** make a sacrifice.

Open to Do

Have you ever felt like your gift would not make that big of a difference? If you have begun to process your commitment, not by the size of the gift, but by the level of your sacrifice, pray that everyone who calls KIBC home will make a sacrificial giving commitment to the OPEN Faith Journey. We will make a great impact, when we move forward in unity.

Open to Hear

God, help me to not look at the size of my gift, but at the sacrifice of my heart. God, I want to make a difference by making a sacrifice to see Your kingdom move forward. I love You, Lord.