

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 (NASB)

Observation

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 the Open: Next Chapter 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. Sometime 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 and the people were able to complete the rebuilding of the walls in 52 days. It took a huge sacrifice of everyone involved. We **all** can make a difference, because we **all** can make a sacrifice.

Application

Have you ever felt like your gift would not make that big of a difference? Begin 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 commitment to Open: Next Chapter. We will make a great impact when we move forward in unity.