

**Friday**, March 24: Read [Nehemiah 11-13](#).

Like Ezra, Nehemiah's lists serve to show the seriousness of their efforts in record-keeping and add to the credibility of the book itself. Finally, Nehemiah officially dedicates the wall and reviews specific requisites of the law regarding the temple, the Sabbath, marriage and the role of the Levites in the newly formed nation.

Notes:

### Pray for Our Missionaries

**Juan & Adriana Palacios** (Angola, Africa), **David & Miriam Trott** (Cochabamba, Bolivia), **Mario Bloise** (Argentina), **Nate & MaryBeth Brace** (Kentucky), **Dan & DeAnn Gerard** (San Antonio, TX), **Robert Newkirk** (Jesus Film), **Craig & Shelly Shafer** (Sentani, Indonesia), **Mike & Fran VanBruggen** (S. Africa), **Sue Sanders** (Detroit, MI), **Matt Kooi** (Tijuana), **Daniel Jezonski** (Wycliffe), **Danielle Tucker** (YWAM), **Andrew & Sara Williams** (New Tribes).

### Specific Concerns:

### Pray this weekend:

- Review of the week (Thank God for answered prayer)
- Note any ongoing concerns to pray for the week.
- Praise God that He is working in your life. You are growing in your faith.

## Spiritual Disciplines

### Reading Assignments

- *Invite the Holy Spirit to guide your reading each day.*
- *Read the chapters of the Bible according to the date.*
- *Underline any meaningful verses and take note of specific advice or wisdom gleaned from your reading.*
- *Note any unclear passages or teaching and seek insight, answers or help.*
- *Think about what you're reading. Ask:*
  1. *How does this apply to me?*
  2. *Are there any temptations to avoid, sins to confess, commands to obey or promises to claim? insight do I gain on God, myself, others, or life?*
- *Ask God to show you any specific action you need to take as you read.*



## Weekly Readings

**Monday**, March 20 Read [Nehemiah 1-2](#)

After Ezra rebuilt the Temple and re-established worship in Jerusalem, God raised up Nehemiah to restore security in the city by rebuilding the wall and gates. Notice the strategy he uses to plan the task, present it to the king and then to the people. Like Ezra, he is ultimately dependant on God's hand at work through him. What task could you accomplish for God this spring? What kind of plan might it take to do this?

Notes:

### Pray for:

1. *My relationship with God.*
2. *My life roles*
3. *My personal needs/weak areas*
4. *Goals and objectives*

**Tuesday**, March 21: Read [Nehemiah 3-4](#).

Nehemiah's strategy involves employing people to build the section of the wall in front of their residence. Why was this especially wise? How does Nehemiah handle the opposition that arises from local, non-Jewish men? Notice his ongoing reliance on God for protection.

Notes:

**Pray for family and friends by name.**

**Wednesday** March 22: Read [Nehemiah 5-7](#).

Nehemiah deals with inequity among the Jews. He is appointed Governor of Judah and helps to regulate trade and commerce in the newly forming nation. After the city is fully fortified, he will help recent immigrants to build up the city and find housing within.

Notes:

**Wednesday Pray for Bethel Gilead Community Church  
(Consider fasting one, two, or all meals this day.)**

- a. Pastors: Pray for God's grace and guidance in Pastor Jim and Pastor David's ministries and families. Pray for Linda Penn as she transitions into her new position at BGCC.
- b. Worship: Ask God to strengthen our devotion to Him, in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.
- c. Fellowship: Ask God to deepen our love and commitment to one another as a family of believers.
- d. Discipleship: Ask God to develop the faith, dedication, and leadership of our people. Pray for the children and youth ministries here at BGCC.
- e. Outreach: Pray that God will use Bethel Gilead to make a positive impact on our community so that many would come to Christ.
- f. Future Faith Goals: Ask God to give our congregation a united vision for the future. Pray for God's clear leading in 2017 and beyond.

**Thursday**, March 23: Read [Nehemiah 8-10](#).

Ezra reappears in chapters 8-9, clarifying God's requirements in the law of Moses and calling the people to rededicate themselves and their new nation to keeping his covenant. At issue again is the subject of purity -- steering clear of idolatry and inter-marriage with the pagan peoples around them. They also reconsecrate the Sabbath as holy and determine to make temple worship the center of the life of the nation.

Notes:

**Pray for "My World"**

- Neighbors • People at Work • Others God brings into my life. Begin to take note of specific needs around you and ask God what he wants you to do to help.
- Ask God to bring revival and a spiritual awakening to Branch County. Pray for the area churches and the upcoming Bold Faith Initiative during the month of May.
- Continue to pray for the nation, our national leaders and a revival in America.