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"Nehemiah: rebuilding from ruins"

Jesus, our Superhero, can turn _____ people just like you and me into "Faith Action Heroes" for Him! Nehemiah is our first example of what we could be!

Nehemiah 1:1-2:10

What does it take to be a Faith Action Hero?

1) You _____ deeply about what God cares deeply about. Nehemiah cared deeply about the ruined lives of God's people and the ruined state of God's city.

2) You _____ fervently in faith about how you and God could change things for the better and courageously commit to being used by Him.

3) You _____ for God's favor as you risk yourself to help others in need and see God's hand as you do!

Now let's watch our Faith Action Hero on his mission...

Nehemiah 2:11-20

As a Faith Action Hero...

4) You _____ and enlist others to do with you what you could never do alone.. It takes a united team to rebuild ruined lives and cities.. 2:17b

5) You _____ to surrender to discouragement and opposition but find a way to get God's rebuilding done.

Nehemiah 4:1-3; Nehemiah 4:7-11; Nehemiah 4:15,17-18

6) You _____ your part of the rebuilding God put on your heart to do and enjoy the satisfaction of seeing lives rebuilt through your obedience.

Nehemiah 6:15-16

Discussion Questions:

1. What insights did you get from God's transformation of Nehemiah into a Faith Action Hero? Do you see God doing some of the same things in your life?

2. Have you had to recover from ruins or rebuild your life in some way? How did God and others help you? Who could God use you to help in rebuilding their lives?