

## A Marriage Minute™

A simple help to make your marriage just a little better this week.



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Nehemiah spoke to his generation as they were rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem in the face of fierce opposition to encourage them, and to let them know that this was not just about their self interests. This was about fighting for something greater than themselves. It was about their marriages, their families and their nation.

As we look around to see the breakdown of the American family, it becomes clear that, once again, it's time to fight for our marriages our families and our nation. With the current attack on traditional marriage, and Christian standards of morality it's clear that we are in grave danger of passing on to our children a nation in chaos. This is no time to let our pettiness keep us from closing ranks against the outside enemies of marriage and family. It's time to quit whining selfishly, and fighting about meaningless issues. It's time to love one another as Christ loved us -unconditionally- and let that love impact a world searching for answers. It's time to let our children see the love of God in us. It's time to effect our communities for righteousness' sake. If we continue down the present path of immorality and chaos, our children will rise up to curse us for handing them a world in much worse shape than the world our parents handed us. Will our children rise up to bless us, or curse us? The answer will be determined by the choices we make today. Let's choose to give ourselves to a cause greater than self.

Question for dialogue: "In What ways have we let our self-interests keep us from allowing God's love to freely flow into the lives of others?"

Prayer for both of us:"Lord, help us to set aside our selfishness and pride, sp that we can love one another as you love us. Empower us to fight for our marriage, our family and our nation."

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