

## MOTIVATED TO BUILD

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Nehemiah heard from his brethren that the walls of Jerusalem had been destroyed and needed to be rebuilt. After receiving permission from the King, he made the trip to evaluate the situation for himself. What he had been told was true, so Nehemiah assembled and motivated the people to action.

Neh 2:17 Then said I unto them, Ye see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lieth waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire: come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach.

I believe that the house of God should be the nicest building in our city. Not to impress people but because I believe that God deserves the best!

In Haggai chapter 1, we read where God was angry at Israel because they built for themselves nice houses and the house of God was a disgrace.

Hag 1:2-11 "This is what the LORD Almighty says: The people are saying, 'The time has not yet come to rebuild the LORD's house — the Temple.' So the LORD sent this message through the prophet Haggai: "Why are you living in luxurious houses while my house lies in ruins? This is what the LORD Almighty says: Consider how things are going for you! You have planted much but harvested little. You have food to eat, but not enough to fill you up. You have wine to drink, but not enough to satisfy your thirst. You have clothing to wear, but not enough to keep you warm. Your wages disappear as though you were putting them in pockets filled with holes! "This is what the LORD Almighty says: Consider how things are going for you! Now go up into the hills, bring down timber, and rebuild my house. Then I will take pleasure in it and be honored, says the LORD. You hoped for rich harvests, but they were poor. And when you brought your harvest home, I blew it away. Why? Because my house lies in ruins, says the LORD Almighty, while you are all busy building your own fine houses. That is why the heavens have withheld the dew and the earth has withheld its crops. I have called for a drought on your fields and hills — a drought to wither the grain and grapes and olives and all your other crops, a drought to starve both you and your cattle and to ruin everything you have worked so hard to get." NLT

God said, "If you want me to bless you, build me a temple that I'm not ashamed of. A place for me to be honored."

That's exactly what we want to do here in Alamogordo. We want to build a facility that brings glory to God and helps us better serve our community.