

Hindsight for 2020

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Scripture: Nehemiah 1:3-4; 6:1-4, 15-16

Idea: There are a lot of things you need to do this year. What's the one thing you must do? What's the one thing you dare not get distracted from? Don't let new opportunities, accusations, or fears distract you from the one thing you must do. Say with Nehemiah, "I am doing a great work and I cannot come down."

Introduction

[One thing we might have in common is that I'm easily distracted. The problem is...]

The things I get distracted **by** are **never** as important as the thing I get distracted **from**.

[Losing focus in some areas of your life is no big deal. Perhaps in other areas, there's something that needs more of your undivided attention in this season of your life. There may be one thing that will impact everything.]

The **ONE** Thing

The **habit** you must break
The **project** you must finish
The **relationship** you must restore
The relationship you must **retire**
The **debt** you must pay off
The **degree** you must complete

[I don't want what's urgent to distract you from what is important. If you need to get something to the finish line, this will help. Twenty-two years ago, Sandra and I ran across a line in an Old Testament narrative that got our attention. It became a battle cry for us. It got us through the early parenting years and the busyness of ministry. It kept us out of ditches financially. Barely a week goes by that one of us doesn't reference it. It's found in the book of...]

Nehemiah

[He was a Jewish exile living in Persia serving...]

King Artaxerxes I of Persia
444 BC