

Nehemiah: A Miracle

Nehemiah 2:1-20

Miracles then and now

[Nehemiah 1:4](#); [Nehemiah 2:1-5](#); [Nehemiah 2:2, 4-5, 2:5-10](#)

Principles from today's text

[Nehemiah 2:11-16](#); [Nehemiah 2:17-20](#)

Considerations for the week

Nehemiah both had faith and planned. Both are seen as appropriate in today's text. Consider whether you might understand this to be a contradiction. Also consider whether there are circumstances in which both may not be an appropriate response.

God instructs us to pray and we do, but then His answers may not come when it seems like they should. What factors play into this? See [Colossians 4:2](#) and [1 Thessalonians 5:16-18](#). Delayed answers can be puzzling, sometimes disheartening. How are we to manage?

What did Nehemiah do while he was waiting on God for an answer?

Miracles are recorded throughout the Bible. Analyze some that come to mind . . . did each involve human effort or not? Consider whether there may be commonalities or discernable patterns distinguishing when they do and don't.

God works in miraculous ways throughout history and today. Pause to consider the works He is doing at RTBC. Comment upon any you consider miraculous.

We are members of the body of Christ and coworkers in what God is doing here. See [1 Corinthians 12:26-28](#). Find a way to encourage someone this week and to accept graciously any encouragement that may be given to you.

Please use these considerations for personal reflection, small group discussions, and with friends and family.



And I told them of the hand of my God that had been upon me for good, and also of the words that the king had spoken to me. And they said, "Let us rise up and build." So they strengthened their hands for the good work. – Nehemiah 2:18, ESV

Scripture read today during worship:

[Psalm 28:6-7](#)

[Romans 12:1-2](#)

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We're glad you came.

Today's order of service

Prelude

It Took a Miracle/ I Believe in Miracles

Call to worship

Hymn 51 in the hymnal

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Confession and assurance

Hymn, *Way Maker*

Hymn

There's Nothing That Our God Can't Do

Offertory

Reading

Hymn, *Our God Can*

Message

Hymn of response, *O Church Arise*

Benediction

Postlude, *Your Grace is Enough*

Weekly events

Today after benediction, Cookies & Coffee, in parlor

Young adults fellowship, Monday at 6:45pm. Dinner and discussion for those in college or starting careers

Mom's Day Out, Tuesday and Friday, 9am – 2pm
pre-registration required

Women's Bible study, Tues. at 10 am or Thurs. at 7 pm

Wednesday

Kids' Music Class, 5-6 pm

Dinner served 5:30-6:30 pm. This week: meatballs
with mushroom gravy, potatoes, salad, dessert

Prayer, 6:30 pm in the prayer room

BLAST! Children's Bible study and fun, 5:30 pm

Ladies' international Bible class (Zoom), 6:45 pm

Sermon discussion on Zoom, 7 pm

Choir rehearsal, 7:45 pm

Joy Program, Thursday, 9am-noon, conversational
English classes, Bible study, crafts, and handbells

Men's Bible study, Thursday, 7 pm

Young internationals Bible study, Saturday at 7 pm

Sunday morning

Adult Bible study, 9:30 am

Worship, 10:45 am

Children's Church at sermon time

The church office has information on events.

Phone: 713.559.6875 Email: office@rtbchurch.org

The office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9am-4pm

Magnificat House

Help with lawn care.
Saturday, October 5

rtbc
online giving



Our Journey Forward

An open space retreat
Friday, Sept. 27, 7 – 9:30 pm
Saturday, Sept. 28, 9 am – 2 pm
Here at the church
Dinner and breakfast served
Childcare provided

CCSC Volunteers are needed October 8-10 to
help register clients for Jingle Bell Express.

Templegram Our weekly update and news-
letter comes to us by email, usually on Tuesdays.
If you'd like to receive it, please send an email
(office@rtbchurch.org) to let us know.

Please be advised that our services are livestreamed to the internet. Your participation in the service serves as your consent to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your participating minor children.