《天路导向》双语讲义

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FROM RUBBLE TO REJOICING - Part 3

Section A 甲部

- 1. Hello listening friends. 亲爱的朋友,你好,
- 2. Welcome again to this broadcast. 欢迎你收听我们的节目。
- 3. If you are joining this broadcast for the first time.
 如果这是你第一次收听,
- 4. We have just started a series of messages on Nehemiah. 让我告诉你,我们刚开始讲一系列有关尼希米的信息。
- 5. Nehemiah was a man full of devotion to God. 尼希米是位十分爱神的人,
- 6. He was a man of prayer. 他是一位祷告的人,
- 7. And God used him to do astounding things. 神使用他完成了不起的事。
- 8. I must remind you that Nehemiah was not a priest or a pastor. 请记住,尼希米并不是祭司或牧师,
- 9. He was a layman who wanted his life to be counted for God.
 他是普通人,但愿意奉献自己的生命给神。
- 10. Someone said many years ago. 多年前有人说过,
- Do great things for God because we have a great God.
 为神做大事,因为我们有位伟大的神;
- 12. But before you can make a difference, you have to be different. 但你若想有所作为,必须先改变自己。
- 13. We saw in the last message. 在上次节目里,

- 14. That for four months between December and April, Nehemiah fasted, wept, and prayed before God.从 12 月到 4 月, 尼希米用了四个月的时间, 在神面前悲哀哭泣、禁食祷告。
- 15. Nehemiah did not rush into things but he waited on the Lord. 尼希米没有鲁莽行事他,耐心等候神。
- 16. What was he doing during this time? 在这段时间里他做些什么?
- 17. He was discerning the will of God. 他寻求神的旨意,
- 18. And he was counting the cost. 他计算代价,
- 19. And he was preparing himself in prayer. 他在祷告中预备自己。
- 20. When Jesus commissioned his disciples to preach the gospel to all the world. 当耶稣向门徒颁布往普天下传福音的大使命时
- And before you go out and attempt to do great things for God.
 当你想为神做大事之前,
- 23. You must learn to wait for God's timing. 你必须学习等候神的时间,
- 24. You must learn that God's delay does not mean God's denial. 你必须学会,神的拖延并非祂拒绝了你。
- 25. Sometimes we use the word in-cha-laf as an excuse for doing nothing.
 有时我们用 in-cha-laf 这个字,作为我们无 所事事的借口,
- 26. But Nehemiah was praying day and night. 但尼希米却昼夜祷告。
- 27. Many of us would have quit by the first month. 大多数人可能在第一个月就放弃了,

- 28. For many of us if we did not get the answer immediately.
 如果我们没有立刻获得答复,
- 29. We think that God did not want us to have what we are praying for. 我们就认为神不答应我们的祈求。
- 30. Many of us want overnight success. 许多人都希望一夜成功,
- 31. We don't want to pay the price of sacrifice. 我们都不喜欢有所牺牲,
- 32. But I know from my own personal experience that I had to wait for some answers to pray for 11 years.
 但我个人经历过,祷告等候了 11 年才蒙应允。
- 33. But the Bible also gives us other examples. 圣经还有其它的实例,
- 34. Examples of men of God who persisted in prayer and paid the price. 都是敬畏神的人,他们坚持祷告,并愿付代价。
- 35. In Genesis chapter 18. 创世纪 18 章,
- 36. Abraham renewed his prayer for Sodom 6 times. 亚伯拉罕六次为所多玛城祷告, 跟神讨价还价。
- 37. Each time he apologized with the words, let not the Lord be angry.每次他都求神谅解说,求主不要动怒。
- 38. Abraham would not stop until God granted his petition.
 亚伯拉罕一直求到神答应才罢休,
- 39. And for his sake, Lot was spared. 因着他,罗得才保全了性命。
- 40. In Kings we learn about Elijah and his prayer. 在列王记里,我们学到以利亚的祷告。
- 41. When he prayed for fire to come from heaven he received an immediate answer. 当他求神降下天火,神立刻应允他。
- 42. In the second instance. 但另一次,
- 43. When Elijah prayed for rain he had to wait. 以利亚求雨,他却需要等待。
- 44. He asked his servant to go look for the rain that he had asked for?

- 以利亚差他的仆人去观看他所求的雨水降下 了吗?
- 45. The servant came back with the report that there is no sign of rain. 仆人回报说,毫无下雨的迹象。
- 46. Elijah gave him a faith inspiring command to go again. 以利亚满有信心地吩咐仆人再去观看,
- 47. Only after 7 glances heaven-ward was Elijah's perseverance rewarded. 在七次向天观看之后,以利亚的坚持得到了结果。
- 48. Nehemiah knew the value of taking the time to discern the will of God. 尼希米明白,耐心等候神彰显祂的旨意是值得的。
- 49. Nehemiah knew that these are important lessons in leadership. 尼希米知道,这是作为领袖的重要训练。
- 50. You cannot lead if you have never been a follower. 你若没成为跟随者,你就不懂如何作领导;
- 51. You cannot succeed if you have never been a servant. 你若没做过仆人,你不会成功;
- 52. You cannot be over if you have never been under.你若从未处于在下的,就不能作在上的;
- 53. You cannot give if you have not received. 你若未曾接受过,你就不能给予。
- 54. You cannot motivate if you always criticize. 如果你只会批评,你就不能鼓励人;
- 55. You cannot speak effectively if you have not listened carefully. 你若未曾仔细聆听,你就毫无说服力。
- 56. So Nehemiah spent four months in prayer before he could see that God was answering his prayer. 尼希米用四个月的时间祷告,直到神应允他。
- 57. During these four months Nehemiah was sad. 在这四个月中,尼希米心里忧伤。
- 58. Why? 为什么?
- 59. Because he knew that he could be walking into his own funeral.因为他知道,他很可能是去送死的。

- 60. And he learned the lesson that Jesus taught. 他学会了主耶稣所教导的,
- 61. If you want to save your life then lose it. 凡要救自己生命的,必丧掉生命;
- 62. If you want to be great then be servant to all. 谁愿为首,就必作众人的仆人;
- 63. That the way up is down. 自卑的,必升为高。
- 64. Nehemiah came to the place of death. 尼希米这时已濒临死地,
- 65. What does that mean. 这是什么意思?
- 66. Nehemiah came to the place of death to self. 他将"自我"置之死地;
- 67. Death to personal ambitions. 他将"野心"置之死地;
- 68. And death to future security. 他将"安逸的前途"置之死地;
- 69. Nehemiah also came to the place of death to self-gratification and comfort. 尼希米也把"自我的满足"和"舒适的生活"置之死地。
- 70. For four months he prayed persistently and faithfully.
 他不断忠心地祷告了四个月,
- 71. And finally one day the burden that God had laid on his heart. 终于有一天,神放在他心头的负担,
- 72. Began to show up on his face. 呈现在他脸上,。
- 74. So much so that the king noticed it. 连国王都察觉到了。
- 75. In verse 2 of chapter 2 of the book of Nehemiah, the king asked him what was wrong. 尼希米记第二章第二节,王问他说,
- 76. He said why does your face look so sad when you are not ill, this can be nothing but sadness of heart.
 你既没有病,为什么面带愁容呢?这不是别的,必是你心中愁烦。
- 77. Now this was Nehemiah's golden opportunity. 这正是尼希米最难得的机会,

- 78. But notice Nehemiah's honesty. 但请注意尼希米的诚实。
- 79. In the second part of verse 2 of chapter 2 he said the following. 在第二章第二节的下半部,他说,
- 80. I was dreadfully afraid. 我甚惧怕。
- 81. When the king asked Nehemiah what was wrong, Nehemiah was frightened. 当王问尼希米到底有什么事?尼希米十分惧怕,
- 82. His knees began to knock. 他的膝盖僵硬,
- 83. And his heart began to pound. 心跳加速,
- 84. And his hands began to shake. 双手颤抖,
- 85. The drinks that he was carrying on the tray began to shake and spill. 他奉给王的酒摇晃地溅了出来,
- 86. His mouth became so dry he could hardly talk. 他喉干舌燥,几乎说不出话来。
- 87. My listening friends, you need to understand this. 亲爱的朋友,你必须明白,
- 88. Just because someone does great things for God does not mean that he never feels fear.

 —个为神做大事的人也会感到害怕。
- 89. The question is not whether you experience fear. 但关键不在于你是否害怕,
- 90. But the question is whether you let your fear paralyzes you. 关键在于你是否容许恐惧制服你,
- 91. Or whether you allow that fear to motivate you to place all of your reliance on God. 或者让恐惧驱策你来完全依靠神。
- 92. Nehemiah was afraid but he prayed out his fears. 尼希米虽然害怕,但他祷告。
- 93. Initially he let out a quiet scream to the Lord, Help.

 一开始他就默默地向神呼救,
- 94. But because Nehemiah's life was already connected to God for the last four months. 但因为在过去四个月中,尼希米紧紧地靠近神,

- 95. The answer came within seconds. 神的回答立刻临到。
- 96. Nehemiah said to the king. 尼希米对王说,
- 97. Now you have heard about the laws of the Meads and the Persians. 陛下最清楚波斯玛代的法律,
- 98. Nehemiah meant by this statement that he knew that the laws could not be changed. 尼希米这么说,表示他很清楚法令是不能更改的。
- 99. Now my listening friends, I want you to understand this. 亲爱的朋友,你要知道,

Section B

乙部

- 1. Earlier on that same king himself had issued an order that the rebuilding of the wall must stop. 不久前这位波斯国王刚下过一道禁令,叫重建城墙的工程停工。
- And what Nehemiah was asking was for the king to reverse his decision. 尼希米在这里却要求国王推翻自己的命令,
- 3. Nehemiah was saying in effect. 其实尼希米的意思是,
- 4. King, I know you made one of those Meads and Persian's rules for the wall not to be built. 陛下,你定下了波斯玛代的法令禁止重建城墙,
- 5. But I actually disagree with you. 但我不同意你的做法。
- 6. Nehemiah could never have spoken to the king of Babylon in this way if he had not been in intimacy with the King of Kings? 尼希米若不是和万王之王关系密切,他怎么胆敢跟巴比伦国王唱反调?
- 7. The king could have thrown him out of the palace.
 国王大可以赶他出宫,
- 8. Or more likely had him killed. 更可以处死他。
- 9. But instead the king startled him. 然而王却出乎意料地,

- 10. He said to him. 对他说,
- 11. What do you want? 你要求什么?
- 12. And Nehemiah probably said to himself I never thought you would ask. 可能尼希米心里想,真没想到你会这么问。
- 13. Let's look at Nehemiah chapter 2 verses 6 to 8. 让我们看尼希米记二章 6-8 节,
- 14. What was Nehemiah saying here? 尼希米说些什么?
- 15. He said I want time off. 他说,我要请假。
- 16. He said I want a leave of absence from the palace with full pay.
 他要求离开皇宫,但照常支薪,
- 17. Then I want you to give me a decree that you want the wall rebuilt. 并且要求国王准许建造的圣旨。
- 18. But that's not all. 不仅如此,
- 19. Nehemiah said I want your personal guards to go along with me for protection. 尼希米还要求国王派御林军护送他。
- 20. But that's not all. 还有呢,
- 21. Nehemiah said I want you to give me unlimited funds to buy all the timber we need for the temple gates.
 尼希米要求无限量的建筑材料费去建圣殿的
- 22. Then he said I want all the money it will take to rebuild the city wall.又要求造城墙的所有经费。
- 23. I sometimes think that the king had to be impressed.我想,国王必定印象深刻。
- 24. My listening friends, you must understand this. 亲爱的朋友,你必须明白,
- 25. During four months while Nehemiah was praying and crying. 过去那四个月,当尼希米哀哭祷告时,
- 26. He was not doing all of the talking. 他不仅发出他的哀求,

27. Nehemiah was listening to God and receiving detailed plans for what God wanted him to accomplish.

他也在聆听神告诉他完成任务的计划。

28. And I believe Nehemiah's boldness must have honored the king. 我相信尼希米大胆的请求,必定使王感到很有面子。

- 29. My listening friends, this is also true of us. 朋友,对我们来说也是如此。
- 30. God is honored by our boldness. 当我们大胆直求时,就是荣耀神。
- 31. Our King of kings has unlimited resources at his disposal.
 万王之王拥有无穷尽的资源让我们使用,
- 32. When we ask half-heartedly or timidly God is not honored. 如果我们半信半疑、吞吞吐吐的祈求,其实是羞辱神。
- 33. Sometimes I try to imagine what's going on in heaven when a child of God comes to God in prayer and asks? 有时我会想象,当神的儿女来到天父面前祈求时,在天上的情景是如何的呢?
- 34. Oh God. 神啊,
- 35. Do something great for your name. 为你的名行大事,
- 36. Use me in a mighty way. 求你大大使用我。
- 37. Then I can imagine the Lord telling the angels. 我想象神对天使说,
- 38. Boys get ready to go down to answer this prayer. 去吧! 到人间去成全这祷告。
- 39. And then I can imagine when the faint-hearted saints begin to say. 我又想象那些小信的人祷告说,
- 40. Well Lord if you don't want to do it I think I understand. 主啊,如果你不答应,我会了解的。
- 41. But Lord if you could only give me half of this that would be fine.
 主啊,如果你只赐给我所求的一半,也不错。

- 42. And then I can imagine God saying to the angels. 我想神会对天使说,
- 43. As you were. 待着吧! 不用出动了。
- 44. Nehemiah asked boldly for security for safety and for protection. 尼希米大胆要求安全保护,
- 45. Nehemiah also asked boldly for horsemen and soldiers and for timber. 尼希米大胆要求军长、马兵和建筑材料。
- 46. Why? 为什么?
- 47. Because our God is able to do exceedingly great things beyond all that we ask or think. 因为神的大能远远超过我们所求所想,
- 48. Our God is ready to give abundantly. 神乐意多多地赏赐。
- 49. When you pray according to his will. 当你按照祂的旨意祈求时,
- 50. God will give you more than what you ask for. 神的赏赐将会超越你所求的。
- 51. The last words in verse 8 of chapter 2 says it all. 第二章第八节总结说,
- 52. And the king granted them to me according to the good hand of God upon me. 王就允准我,因我神施恩的手帮助我。
- 53. As I conclude I want you to notice something very important.
 在结束前请留心以下的重点,
- 54. You notice who gets the credit? 你注意到这一切该归功给谁吗?
- 55. The credit belongs to God, not to Nehemiah nor the king.是神的功劳,不是尼希米,也不是国王。
- 56. When you are about to give the credit to your hard work or to your intellectual ability. 当你想要归功于自己的才干和辛劳时,
- 57. Remember Nehemiah. 想想尼希米。
- 58. He said the credit belonged to the good hand of God.
 他说,是神的功劳,神施恩的手帮助他。
- 59. Nehemiah did not boast saying, look at what I did 他没有夸口说,都是我干的。

- 60. Rather he boasted about God. 他却以神夸口。
- 61. Do you ever boast about God to your friends? 你曾否向你的朋友夸耀神吗?
- 62. The good hand of God was upon me he said. 尼希米说,神施恩的手帮助我。
- 63. Commitment to God has it's rewards but it also has a price. 委身于神会得到赏赐,但也需要付代价。
- 64. And next time I'm going to tell you all about the price of commitment. 在下次节目中,我将和你谈到委身的代价,
- 65. Please tune in so that we can look at that very important subject. 这是很重要的课题,请务必收听。
- 66. Until next time I wish you God's richest blessing. 愿神大大地赐福给你,下次节目再会。