

# Sacrifice For Others

When I saw their fear, I rose and spoke to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people: "Do not be afraid of them; remember the Lord who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives and your houses."

Nehemiah 4:14 (NASB)

## Observation

In life you can sacrifice to make your own life better, but the most meaningful things done in life are for others. The word sacrifice should immediately bring to mind other people. When we think of the sacrifice Jesus made, it was **all** about others. That is when sacrifice is most powerful and most rewarding for us **also**, when it is done for the benefit of others.

Nehemiah, as a leader, believed the same thing. He told the people why they were fighting and sacrificing. It was for their brothers, sons, daughters, wives and the other people around them. The sacrifice they made was to make everyone's life better, including their own. When we take our eyes off of ourselves and begin to sacrifice for others, our lives get better too. Jesus modeled this servant leader attitude on the cross for us. He did not come to earth for us to sacrifice for Him; He came that He might

sacrifice for us. Remember today why you make sacrifices. It is for the people we are yet to reach. We commit to Open: Next Chapter as a sacrifice - so other people can meet Jesus.

## **Application**

Today, remind yourself whom you are sacrificing for - the next generation and for those who need to meet Jesus. Take time today to pray for the people who have yet to know Christ. Take time to return to the place you went on Day 1, and pray with the vision and faith you have gained since then. Notice how your prayers have changed. Ask Jesus to remind you again what this faith journey is **all** about. It is about people.