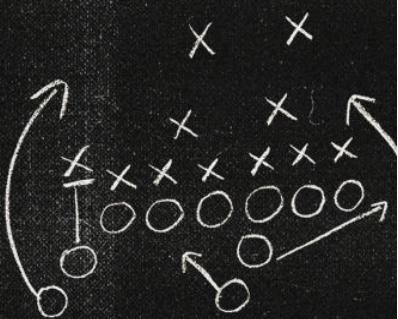


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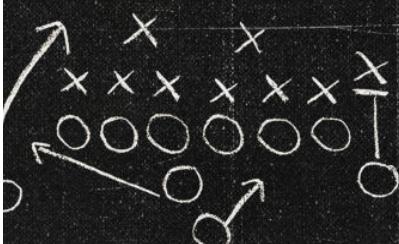


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# **SEVEN DECISIONS GREAT LEADERS MAKE**

THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH



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JANUARY 25, 2026

# WELCOME TO PURPOSE CHURCH!

Are you new to Purpose Church?

We are so glad you are here! We want to meet you, answer any questions you might have, and help you get connected. Come to the Connect Center located in the Lobby after the service to meet our friendly team and pick up a free gift!

## NEXT STEPS AT PURPOSE

We believe every person has a **next step** to take.  
We are here to help you discover and take yours.

Have you decided to follow Jesus?

Do you want to get baptized?

Do you need hope, healing and support?

Are you looking for meaningful community?

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# EVERYONE EVERWHERE FOLLOWING JESUS

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### PRAYER

We would love to pray with you!  
Please stop by the prayer room  
after the service or submit a  
prayer request online.  
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### GIVING

We believe that generous people  
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## DECISION #4: GREAT LEADERS KNOW WHEN TO SAY NO

January 25, 2026 / Pastor Eric Holmstrom

### Godly Leadership Definition:

Godly leaders are people who **influence** themselves and others to fully follow Jesus.

#### #1 - SAY NO TO \_\_\_\_\_

*Distraction #1: Meaningless Meetings*

Nehemiah 6:1-4

*Distraction #2: Being Misunderstood*

Nehemiah 6:5-9

*Distraction #3: Sin*

Nehemiah 6:10-13

James 4:7

#### **Say NO to distractions by making a “Yes List”:**

Make a list of the 5-10 things you should focus on and do in your stage of life and current context then filter out the distractions that don't make the cut.

#### #2 - SAY NO TO \_\_\_\_\_ TIME

Nehemiah 6:16-17

#### **Say NO to wasting time by scheduling out your day the night before:**

Every night make sure your calendar for the next day includes what's most important, so you don't waste your day away.

#### #3 - SAY NO TO ONLY TRUSTING \_\_\_\_\_

Nehemiah 7:1-2

#### **Say NO to only trusting yourself by identifying strengths in another:**

Pick someone you know who is trustworthy, has integrity, and loves God and tell them how you see God using their skills and gifts to help others know and follow Jesus.

## HOW CAN I BEGIN FOLLOWING JESUS?

*Jesus, I **CONFESS** that my sin is a problem I can't fix.*

*I **BELIEVE** that you died on the cross to forgive me.*

*I **TRUST** that you rose from the dead proving you are God.*

*I **RECEIVE** you as my Lord and Savior.*

*Today and every day, I **CHOOSE** to follow you!*

## YOUR NEXT 5 STEPS

#1 - Let us **KNOW**.

#2 - **READ** your Bible.

#3 - **PRAY** daily.

#4 - **JOIN** a Life Group.

#5 - **SHARE** Jesus with someone.

## REFLECT | DISCUSS | PRACTICE

1. **REFLECT:** How did God specifically speak to you through the Bible passages and sermon?
2. **DISCUSS:** Read Nehemiah 6:1-15. Are you usually most distracted by unnecessary meetings, being misunderstood, or the fear of others?
3. **DISCUSS:** Read Nehemiah 6:16-18. What is the biggest time waster in your life right now and how is that getting in the way of you seeking the Lord and doing what He's called you to do?
4. **DISCUSS:** Read Nehemiah 7:1-2. What makes a person trustworthy and what great thing is God calling you to do alongside trustworthy people?
5. **PRACTICE:** This week (1) make a "Yes List" (2) calendar out your priorities the night before (3) and serve or sacrifice in some way alongside a trustworthy person.

*For more life group, reflection, and discussion content, and to join or start a group, visit: [purposechurch.com/groups](http://purposechurch.com/groups)*

**Fill in the blanks:** DISTRACTIONS, WASTING, YOURSELF

