

Series: The Exile & God's Restoration

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- When God stirs your heart about something broken, don't ignore it. Allow your heart to be broken for His purposes.
- What "broken wall" has God placed on your heart? Will you allow your heart to be broken, or choose comfort?

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- God's work requires both His favor AND your faithfulness. Work with all your heart in your unique section, even if unglamorous.
- What is your section of the wall? How has God SHAPED you for His kingdom work?

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This Week's Application: Identify your "section of the wall" and take one practical step to build it with all your heart. Connect with someone building "next to" you.

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