NEHEMIAH 1:1 · NEHEMIAH 2:1

FOUR MONTHS OF NOTHING

In the month Chisleu...
in the month Nisan.

— NEHEMIAH 1:1, 2:1 (KJV)




THE HEART
BEFORE THE WALL
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THAT WAS ME.
CHICAGO
BULLS


JEREMIAH 17:9
OLD HEART
NEW WALL
THIS IS WHY IT KEEPS FALLING
"The heart is deceitful above all things: who can know it?"
— JEREMIAH 17:9 (KJV)
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PROVERBS 4:23
WHAT'S IN YOU
COMES OUT IN WHAT YOU BUILD
"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."
— PROVERBS 4:23 (KJV)


A POISONED HEART
ISN'T YOUR PERSONALITY
SOMETHING ELSE IS IN THERE
"Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts." — MATTHEW 15:19 (KJV)
1:52

POISONED HEART

WHAT CAME OUT

- DEFIANCE
- REJECTION OF AUTHORITY
- REJECTS CORRECTION
- CONTROL THROUGH REBELLION
- AGGRESSION / ATTITUDE
- INDIFFERENCE / DOESN'T CARE
- WITHDRAWS / ISOLATES
- REFUSES HELP

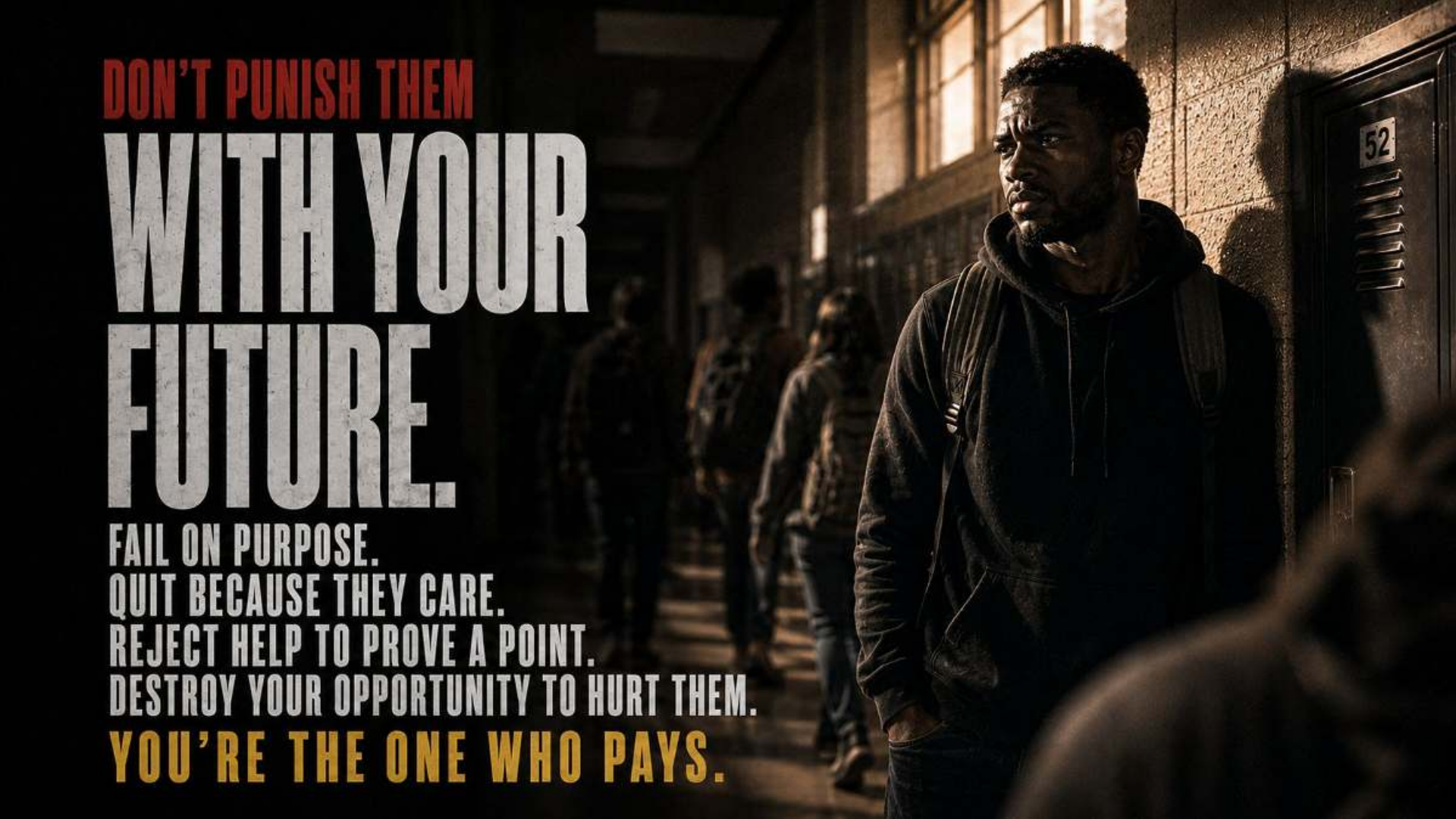


POISONED HEART

WHAT IT DESTROYED



- UNDERPERFORMS ON PURPOSE
- SELF-SABOTAGES
- RUNS FROM OPPORTUNITY
- STAYS INCONSISTENT
- DESTROYS OPPORTUNITIES
- HURTS SELF TO HURT OTHERS
- USES POTENTIAL AS A WEAPON
- SABOTAGES WHAT MATTERS MOST


DON'T PUNISH THEM
WITH YOUR FUTURE.
FAIL ON PURPOSE.
QUIT BECAUSE THEY CARE.
REJECT HELP TO PROVE A POINT.
DESTROY YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HURT THEM.
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO PAYS.
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CORRECTION
ISN'T REJECTION.
TEACHER CORRECTS YOU –
DON'T SHUT DOWN.
PARENT SETS A BOUNDARY –
DON'T TURN IT INTO REBELLION.
COACH PUSHES YOU –
DON'T UNDERPERFORM TO GET EVEN.
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND –
ASK FOR HELP BEFORE YOU DISAPPEAR.
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HEALED HEART

WHAT HE COULD BUILD

- TRUST
- DISCIPLINE
- CONSISTENCY
- HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS
- PURPOSE
- HOPE
- PEACE
- FREEDOM



HEALED HEART

WHAT GOD CHANGED

- FORGIVENESS
- ACCEPTANCE
- PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY
- TEACHABILITY
- HUMILITY
- ACCOUNTABILITY
- VULNERABILITY
- SELF-CONTROL




A HEALED HEART
LOOKS DIFFERENT
AT SCHOOL.
I SHOW UP.
I DO THE WORK.
I ACCEPT CORRECTION.
I OWN MY MISTAKES.
I ASK FOR HELP.
I DON'T QUIT BECAUSE I'M HURT.

NEHEMIAH 1:4

HE BUILT THE BUILDER BEFORE HE BUILT THE WALL

"I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed."

— NEHEMIAH 1:4 (KJV)




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THEN THE
HEART WORK BEGAN
The fear of the LORD
is the beginning of wisdom.
— PROVERBS 9:10 (KJV)
7:52


HE DOESN'T REPAIR IT
HE REPLACES IT
"I will take away the stony heart...
and give you an heart of flesh."
— EZEKIEL 36:26 (KJV)


IT WAS NEVER YOUR DREAM
IT WAS HIS PLAN THROUGH YOU
"Ye thought evil against me;
but God meant it unto good."
— GENESIS 50:20 (KJV)


GOD, BUILD
THEIR HEARTS.
BEFORE THE GRADES.
BEFORE THE DREAMS.
BEFORE THE FUTURE.
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H
– HONEST
Say what's really in there.
E
– EMPTY
You can't clean what you won't let go of.
A
– ASK
Create in me a clean heart. Every day.
R
– REPLACE
Let God's way in. Let the old way out.
T
– TEND
It won't stay clean on its own.
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HEART FIRST.
THEN ARISE AND BUILD.
"The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build."
— NEHEMIAH 2:20 (KJV)
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