# “Remembering Our History” - Nehemiah 7:1-73 (April 28, 2019)

Old Testament genealogies just seem like a long list of names that modern readers can’t pronounce and have very little relevance to our life. In reality, when carefully read within the context of each particular book in the Bible, we understand God’s heart toward His people and the blessing and hope that He wants to instill in us. After rebuilding the walls, Nehemiah draws on the genealogical list of the first wave of returnees in order to remind the present generation of the faithfulness of God (as the source of blessing) and the faithfulness of their ancestors (an example to imitate) so as to motivate the people to willingly make personal sacrifices in order to live out God’s blessing for their day.

1. **Faithful and God-fearing overseers need to be appointed to ensure that God’s work is guarded by His people**
2. **The end goal of God’s blessing is worship**
3. **Every generation needs to learn the history of the faithfulness of God and His people to encourage faith and sacrifice for God’s work today**