## What's the one thing-

# If you were to accomplish it this year

## would change everything

Slides referenced from Andy Stanley

The things I get distracted by are never as important as the thing I get distracted from

## The habit you must break

## The project you must finish

# The relationship you must restore

## The debt you must pay off

# Nehemiah

They said to me, "The remnant there in the province who survived the captivity are in great distress and reproach..."

#### Nehemiah 1:3

and the wall of Jerusalem is broken down and Its gates are burned with fire."

### Nehemiah 1:3

When I heard these words, I sat down and wept and mourned for days; and I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven.

#### Nehemiah 1:4

# Sanballat

Now, when it was reported to Sanballet, Tobiah, to Geshem the Arab and to the rest of our enemies... Nehemiah 6:1

That I had rebuilt the wall, and that no breach remained in it, although at that time I had not set up the doors in the gates,

### Nehemiah 6:1

then, Sanballet and Geshem sent a message to me, saying, "Come, let us meet together at Chephirim in the plain of Ono." Nehemiah 6:2

# But they were planning to harm me.

# So I sent messengers to them, saying...

Immediate over ultimate Want now over value most Optional over essential "I am doing a great work, and I cannot come down.

Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?"

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Why would I lower myself for something of less importance? This is not a scheduling problem. This is not a priority problem.

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#### Nehemiah 6:3

"I am doing a great work, and I cannot come down." "No for now, but not forever"

List

"I am doing a great work, and I cannot come down."

# You are writing the story of your life.

So the wall was completed on the 25<sup>th</sup> of Elul, in 52 days.

When all our enemies heard of it, and all the nations surrounding us, saw it, they lost their confidence;

For they recognize that this work had been accomplished with the help of our God.

# What's your wall?

# What obstacles do you need to remove?

#### What do you need to eliminate?

# l am doing a great work, and l cannot come down.