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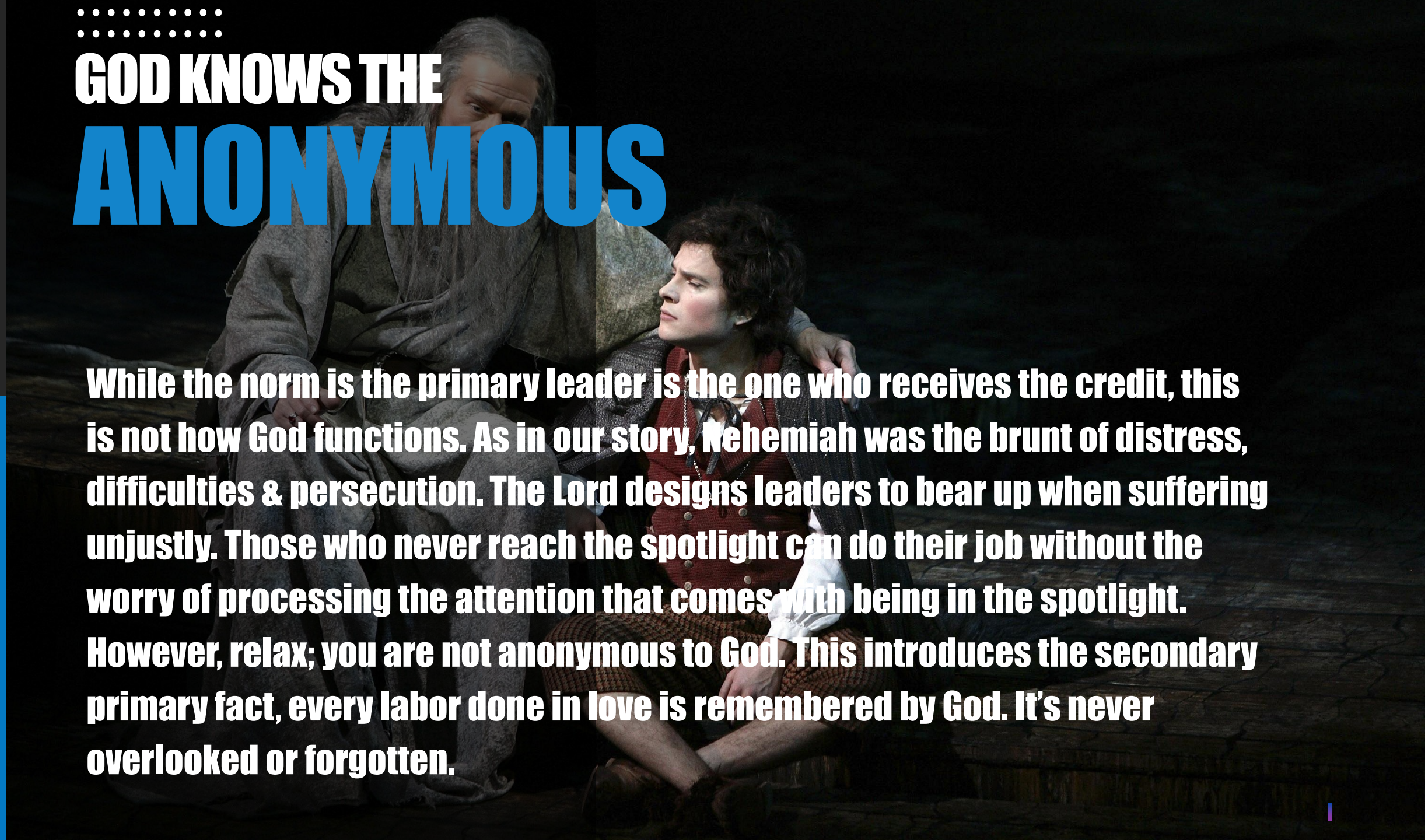
Welcome

Nehemiah Lesson Overview

1. The unsung heroes.
2. God never overlooks the works of the common worker.
3. God honors the non-spotlight workers.
4. God watches for those who refuse to be sluggish.
5. The Lord eagerly rewards those who wish to inherit the promises.

But, beloved, we are convinced of better things concerning you, and things that accompany salvation, though we are speaking in this way. For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints. And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you will not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises. (Heb 6:9-12)

GOD KNOWS THE ANONYMOUS



While the norm is the primary leader is the one who receives the credit, this is not how God functions. As in our story, Nehemiah was the brunt of distress, difficulties & persecution. The Lord designs leaders to bear up when suffering unjustly. Those who never reach the spotlight can do their job without the worry of processing the attention that comes with being in the spotlight. However, relax; you are not anonymous to God. This introduces the secondary primary fact, every labor done in love is remembered by God. It's never overlooked or forgotten.

DEDICATING THE WALL

The Kingdom to Come

In our passage today, the people have gathered to dedicate the recently completed wall. The city is slowly beginning to shape with signs of progress – new homes, new businesses, and the whole gamut of Jerusalem's new successes. However, this doesn't excuse that times were still difficult. But, as any quality leader knows, stopping to celebrate existing successes is needed to ignite the excitement of future progress.

NEVER STOP SINGING

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ. (Eph 5:18-21)

THE SECRET TO JOY

Joy is never dependent on happiness, and joy is dependent on the strength of the Lord. Meaning it does not depend upon outward circumstances but upon inward strength & focus. However, if joy IS dependent on circumstances, it isn't true joy; it's happiness, which comes and goes like the winds of doctrines.

Primary Principles of Our Lesson

Remembering The Top Points of Quality Leadership

1. **ANONYMOUS**

   God honors the anonymous.

2. **DEDICATION**

   Dedicating God's work seals His work in Heaven.

3. **SINGING**

   Who you sing to confesses who gets the credit.

4. **JOY**

   True joy is the evidence of strength.

Remembering

IN CONCLUSION
FINAL NOTE

It is safe to say that the Jews laughed on the wall as they rejoiced over God's provision. They sang together, and their joy flooded the hillside so all could hear and be glad. Had their circumstances changed? No, they had changed, AND so did the land of Jerusalem.

Nehemiah, the Christ Representative of Governorship.

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THE FINAL REFORM

Closing the book of Nehemiah.

So the story of Nehemiah; very remarkable person, very honorable person. I like him. I like his spirit. I like his spunk. I like his dedication to God, his commitment. It would be fun meeting him.

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