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[00:00:00] Hi, it's Tap Hornor. Thanks for tuning in today to the For Your Success podcast, an inspirational program about overcoming the I'm too small mindset, redefining success and growing your lifestyle, business legacy without fear. And now here's your host, my beautiful wife and Christian business mentor, Katie Hornor.

Hello, my friends. Welcome back in. I'm excited to be with you again on the For Your Success podcast and grateful to Norma who left a review. Recently, Norma says Katie always connects with me as her words, teach me and challenge me and pertain to my life, family or business. So Norma, thank you so much for leaving a review.

We appreciate you and appreciate all of our listeners. We love hearing from you and hearing what you're saying. From these shows it's it can be a one-way conversation sometimes. And when you leave us a review on that podcast app or over at For Your Success [00:01:00] podcast.com, it helps so much to remind us of the importance of getting these out here every week for you.

So thank you so much. And we look forward to highlighting some more of you in future episodes. Today, we are talking about Nehemiah and we're actually finishing up the Nehemiah series today. It's day, number 10. My husband's like, where do you pull all this stuff out of this passage? And I was like, I don't know, God just keeps giving me these correlations between business and the story of Nehemiah, similar to what he did with Faith Like Flamingos and how he just keeps bringing up object lessons.

And if you haven't checked out Faith Like Flamingos head over to faithlikeflamingos.com and check out the Christian business guide to walking out your faith in bold color and see all of those fun Flamingo lessons. Today, we're talking about celebration, the celebration aspect of the Nehemiah story, and you can read it for yourself in scripture.

If you head over to the book of Nehemiah, it's not very long, and I would encourage you to read [00:02:00] the book, but when the people who were in charge, when the one with the vision was helping those who didn't have the vision, remember all these people were not qualified. Nehemiah had to enroll them in his vision, and yet, because God was supernatural.

Because God gave the vision to a willing person, even though it was unqualified because he was able to enroll others in the vision, even though they were unqualified the mercy and the wisdom and the community that he gave, these people was enough to get this job done in record time. A job of rebuilding the walls around the city that had been broken down for over 150 years, a job that people had lived in fear of doing a job that people had had anxiety about doing none of them felt technically qualified for, and yet they pulled together.

And with the gracious favor of God, in spite of attacks and criticism, working with their tools in one hand and their [00:03:00] weapons in another, in case they should have to defend themselves through all it. They got it done in record time, 52 days to rebuild the stonewalls of that city. God doesn't mention numbers in the Bible often without it being significant.

And when I think about 52, I think about 52 weeks in the year, I think about the 52 days, it could there be a correlation to the 52 weeks in a year. I don't know why God chose that specific number, but it's interesting. Isn't it? I can't help, but think there may be a reason. What are you going to accomplish in your next 52 days or in your next 52 weeks?

What are you going to do this next week is the first week of the next year. What are you going to do between now and the end of a year from now? What are you going to accomplish? You're in the right place. You're not, you didn't listen to this by accident in case you're wondering. I believe God had this [00:04:00] message for you right now on purpose, because if there ever was a time to get shored up in your marketing, if there ever was a time to get shored up and your vision for your business, this is the perfect time for you to do that.

It's kind of like that saying, when's the best time to plant a tree. The best time was 50 years ago. The second best time is today. And so you're in the right place. God has some amazing things in store for you over the next year. And I'm so excited for you, but what happens when Nehemiah's people finish the wall?

Well, there was a celebration I love celebrating. If you haven't figured that out by now, I haven't done a very good job, right? I love celebrating. I love happy. I love colors. I love fiesta. The flamingos that God has used to teach me so many lessons. I truly believe that you should dress for a party every year.

And so they celebrated when they finished the wall, when they finished the job and they should have, and you and your business also needs to be celebrating every [00:05:00] little win. My weekly coaching clients. We start off every

week with sharing our wins. It's like, Hey, glad to see you. What's your wins. How can we celebrate what God is doing in your life and your business?

It's super important for us to do that because as humans, we're attempted to always focus on the now. Tempted to focus on that one negative comment we got this week instead of the new client tempted to focus on that one thing I didn't get done, instead of all the progress I did make tempted to focus on this or that, or the other thing that appears to be a failure in my life, instead of focusing on the good and the progress and the blessings of what God is doing in our lives and in our businesses, the people who are helping Nehemiah rebuild this one.

What did they do when they got done? They celebrated, this was an amazing feat. It was a job that needed to be done for 150 years. And they pulled together even being unqualified and they did it and they did it in record time and they did it in spite of attacks and in spite of criticism and in spite of [00:06:00] lack of resources and in spite of lack of qualifications and know how they did it.

And not only that, but look at what God did. Look how God pulled them together, how he pulled all of them who were unqualified to do their own little pieces of this job. And together, they got it done, a testimony to God's grace and his favor, a testimony to God doing the work through them because they were not qualified in and of themselves.

A testimony to community, a testimony to legacy. The people who had come before them had lived 150 years in fear and anxiety over that wall. They didn't dare do anything about it. And these people had the legacy of saying I was there. I stood up and helped rebuild that wall and how Tundras of people so that thousands and thousands and thousands of years later, people are still being protected by that wall.

People are still talking about them. Nehemiah spent three chapters of this [00:07:00] little book, naming the names of the people who were involved in that process. This is their life. They stood up and they did something that was hard. They did something they were unqualified for and they did it together and they did it for the glory of the Lord and for their family and their posterity for their legacy.

And so community was huge, but celebrating the wins was huge too, giving God the glory for what God had allowed them to do together. And so at the end of everything you do at the end of every day, at the end of every week, the end of every month, the end of every quarter, the end of every year, you should be taking stock in the blessings and celebrating the things that God has done.

Even if you feel like it was a failure, it's not a failure if you learn from it. There's so there's no such thing as a failure because you fail. I love that idea of failing forward from my mentor, Jeff Walker, or because even if you trip and fall, when you stand back up, you're further ahead on the path [00:08:00] than you were when you fell.

Have you ever thought about that? Even falling when you fall forward and stand back up your feet are now on the pavement further ahead than where they were when you tripped and fell. And so what happened. You're further ahead than when you were standing before. Nothing is a failure when you're doing it for the Lord.

When it's a lesson you can learn from when you're making positive progress. I tell my people all the time, it's not about being better than someone else. It's about being better than you were yesterday. And celebrating that progress. Every step in the right direction is positive progress. And that's what this is all about.

You fail forward, you fall forward, you keep going in the right direction. Even if you're crawling, don't go backwards, go in the right direction and celebrate every single success. And so as you come in to this week, wherever you're listening to this, I want to challenge you to take some time to take stock in what God has [00:09:00] done in your life and in your business in the last six months, what were the blessing?

Take five minutes and just sit down with pen and paper and write down all the good things that have happened in your life. Personally, professionally spend some time in gratitude to the Lord for his blessings and in praising him for what he's done in your life. Some of the things that he's done for us in the last six months is getting our stage ready to do our handprint legacy live event in June.

Last year, we did that event twice from the bedroom of our home, our old colonial home here in Mexico, because we had no other space to do it in. So we moved our mattresses out at night and presented the content and taught everyone from the stage in our bedroom and moving our mattress back into the stage floor to sleep on at night, got up in the morning and moved it back out so we can do two.

And it worked. But this year, after three years of working on a little rental apartment in our backyard, God finally allowed us to get to the point where that apartment was finished and could be our studio apartment and [00:10:00] stage

for our yearly event. So I got to sleep in my own bed during that event without having to move it around.

And that was a huge praise. That was a huge milestone for us, that God was letting us get to see some of those finishing touches on that process, letting us see some of the fruits of our labor. And it was beautiful and presenting to those people. Now that space is going to be used for hosting friends, right family for potentially another stream of income.

As we turn it in to a rental, it's the first of the many rooms to come, hopefully, and our restored bed and breakfast that we're working towards. It's just exciting to see what God has done last year for that event. You know, we all, we had limited tech this year. We were able to invest in more tech and upgrade the way that we produce that event and the way that we served our needs.

Last year, we had limited team this year. We had more team members. It's just so amazing to see how God has blessed at every step in obedience, to what he was leaning us to [00:11:00] do. And we've enjoyed celebrating those wins. We recently celebrated our 18th wedding anniversary tap and I, and we're able to take some time away to just.

Enjoy each other, and to enjoy reminiscing about all the things that God has led us through and all the wonderful blessings that he's allowed through the hard times and the good times in our 18 years of marriage. And it's just been absolutely amazing to see. And so I want to challenge you again, as we finish up this episode to take some time.

Five minutes, even just five minutes, just sit quiet with the Lord and just write out a list of all of those blessings, all of those good things that have happened in your life personally, or professionally, spend some time thanking him and praising him for what he's doing. Get your heart right before him, because that prepares you with anticipation.

For the things that he's going to do in the future. When we rehearsed to ourselves, all of God's works in the past. It gives us anticipation and [00:12:00] excitement for the things that we can expect from the same faithful God in the future. There's amazing things ahead of you, my friend, you are right where you need to be, and you walk in the favor of God as my friend Samantha says, and I want you to enjoy all that that has for you.

And so until next week, I hope that you'll be counting your blessing. And I'm praying. God's favor over you. As you walk with him in your life and in your business.

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