

# EVER CHANGING, NEVER CHANGING

A Series through Ezra and Nehemiah  
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**01.** God has a providential plan for our lives and for our church (Ezra 1)

**02.** Everyone “whose heart God moves” will GO (Ezra 2)

**03.** Everyone “whose heart God moves” will GIVE (Ezra 2)

**04.** Everyone “whose heart God moves” will GET INVOLVED (Ezra 2)

**05.** We will keep JESUS the priority (Ezra 3)

**06.** We will keep worship the practice (Ezra 3)

**07.** We must not let memories of the past rob us of seeing what God is doing in the present (Ezra 3)

**08.** We should expect some opposition (Ezra 4-6)

**09.** We must stay humble and broken over sin (Ezra 7-10)

**10.** We must always have a heart for people who are troubled and disgraced; having compassion for them and helping them because of their broken condition (Neh. 1)

**11. SHEEP GATE:** Jesus (Neh. 3)  
We must continue to present Jesus as the only way to be saved

**12. FISH GATE:** Evangelism (Neh. 3)  
We must continue to “cast the net” so that others might come to faith in Jesus

**13. OLD GATE:** Truth (Neh. 3)  
We must continue to live by, stand for, and share with others absolute, biblical truth in a time when “truth” is becoming increasingly subjective and relative

**14. VALLEY GATE:** Trials (Neh. 3)  
We must continue to present the hope of Jesus to those experiencing the lows of the valley

**15. DUNG GATE:** Sin (Neh. 3)  
We must continue to deal with sin in our own lives personally, and address sin in the life of the church corporately

**16. FOUNTAIN GATE:** the Holy Spirit (Neh. 3)  
We must continue to seek Jesus and believe in Him so that we might experience the soul-quickening satisfaction of His Spirit

**17. WATER GATE:** the Bible (Neh. 3)  
We must continue to keep the Bible central to all that we do, and to teach it as the inspired, inerrant, infallible Word of God that changes hearts and lives

**18. HORSE GATE:** Spiritual Warfare (Neh. 3)  
We must be aware of an unseen battle that rages around us, resisting the devil and standing firm in the faith

**19. EAST GATE:** The Second Coming of Christ (Neh. 3)  
We must always be prepared for the Second Coming of Christ

**20. INSPECTION GATE:** The Final Judgment (Neh. 3)  
We must each be ready to give an account of our lives before God

**21.** We must fight to defend our families in PRAYERFUL and PRACTICAL ways (Neh. 4)

**22.** We must continue to be an others-oriented church (Neh. 5)

**23.** We must persevere through opposition (Neh. 6)

**24.** We must continue to build up the “spiritual walls” of our lives (Neh. 7-10)

**25.** We must never let time erode our values, convictions, or principles. We must always remain true to the Lord and to His Word (Neh. 13)