

BRICK BY BRICK

Part 1: Start with Your Why

INTRODUCTION

Part 1 of this new series unpacks why it is so important to start with your *why* when you're feeling stuck, when you notice a gap, or your lacking leadership in an area of your life.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

1. How would you define leadership?
2. Where have you seen great leadership and where have you seen poor leadership? What were the defining characteristics of each?
3. John Maxwell said, "Everything rises and falls on leadership." Do you agree with this? Why or why not?
4. Using John Maxwell's definition of leadership, "Leadership is influence – nothing more, nothing less," what areas of your life do you assume a leadership role?
5. As you think about the life of Nehemiah, what are one or two observations you have? How do those impact how you view leadership?
6. If you start the why-how-what process in an area of your life where you are stuck, what might be the why behind where you want to get unstuck?

THIS WEEK

Spend some time ruminating about the area where you feel you may need more leadership in your life. After you have established the why behind the impetus to change, write out the "how" and "what" factors that you'll need to put in place. Invite God into this conversation.

"But a nation will be **strong** and **endure**
when it has intelligent, sensible **leaders.**"

Proverbs 28:2