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Part 4: I Cannot Come Down

INTRODUCTION

We all have these areas of our life where we haven't arrived at where we eventually want to be. It's this in-between, transitional state called Liminal Space. And sometimes in that liminal space, we have to find a way to endure – to lead ourselves and others to a better outcome. But in order to do so, we have to lean into the 4th brick of leadership and say to ourselves: "I'm doing a great work and I cannot come down."

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

1. Talk about any good or bad habits that arose as a result of being quarantined at home.
2. When was a time in your life where you had to "endure" something (lighthearted or serious)?
3. What comes to mind for you when you hear about *Liminal Space*? Where have you found yourself in *Liminal Space* before? What has that felt like to you?
4. Nehemiah's big statement was: "*I'm doing a great work and I cannot come down.*" What comes to mind for you when you hear that? Is there an area of life that you need to start saying that?
5. Nehemiah had clarity on his "WHY." Do you feel like you have enough clarity on your purpose in the different aspects of life you lead? Where do you need to "start with the end in mind?"
6. Nehemiah knew that pain is part of the process. Where do you potentially find yourself forgetting this truth and running to what is easy or comfortable? What does it look like for you to lean into the pain in your life and trust that you'll learn or grow from it?
7. Eugene Peterson says: "*Perseverance is not the result of our determination; it is the result of God's faithfulness.*" Have you ever found yourself trying to control every outcome through your determination instead of remembering God's faithfulness? If so, where? What can you do differently?

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THIS WEEK

Write down "I'm doing a great work and I cannot come down." After that, jot down a few areas of your life where you need to be reminded of this. Put this piece of paper or sticky note somewhere where you'll see it throughout your day.

"So I sent messengers to them with this reply: "I am carrying on a **great work** and **cannot go down.**"

Nehemiah 6:3, NIV