

God's Blueprint For Rebuilding His Church & Your Life

Being Ready When Opportunity Strikes

Nehemiah 2:1-8

Nehemiah is made aware of a PROBLEM that needs a SOLUTION.

Nehemiah Turns to GOD for HELP.

Today, we'll see FIVE WAYS Nehemiah is MADE READY for the Task Set Before him.

1. PREPARE OUR HEARTS.

- We are to PRAY Passionately & PRAY Consistently.
- PRAYER keeps our Burdens REAL & keeps our Heart EXCITED.
- Nehemiah Expected GOD to DO something when HE was Good & Ready.

2. BLOOM WHERE YOU'RE PLANTED.

- God MASTERMINDS our Circumstances.
- What Position has God placed YOU in?
- WAITING Time is NOT WASTED Time.
- We need to TAKE ADVANTAGE of Opportunities.

3. PRAY BREATHE PRAYERS.

- When the Door swings OPEN...We gotta' TRUST GOD. (v.4)
- "Pray without Ceasing"
- When the Time Comes, We must ACT Boldly, EVEN if we're SCARED.
- Nehemiah's FAITH was Greater than his FEAR.

4. DEVOTE EFFORT TO PLANNING.

- The PRESENCE of Faith does NOT MEAN an ABSENCE of Organization.
- We must Think Through ALL that must be DONE.
- Be Prepared for OPPOSITION.
- Just Because God gives Vision, DOESN'T MEAN it will BE EASY.

5. TRUST GOD'S OMNISCIENT PROVIDENCE.

- Nehemiah Discovers that he was the man "for such a TIME as this."
- No matter how it may SEEM...GOD IS WORKING.
- What you're Doing, Where you're Located, at This Point in your life, is NO ACCIDENT...You've been "PLACED."
- "Dreamers dream about Things BEING Different...Visionaries see Themselves MAKING a Difference."

- *When God Calls for a CHANGE, Will you be READY to be Used by God to MAKE the difference?
(Ezekiel 22:30)*