

BUILDING BLOCKS OF VISION

Nehemiah 1:1-4

INTRODUCTION:

What is a Vision?

A Belief that **Can** _____, **Should** _____, **Must** _____!

I. A VISION BEGINS AS A CONCERN - Nehemiah 1:1-4

- A. Nehemiah's Conversation raised a Concern
- B. The Answer became All-consuming
- C. The Problem was greater than the person

The immensity of the vision is so great you are forced to wait!

II. A VISION DOES NOT NECESSARILY REQUIRE IMMEDIATE ACTION - Nehemiah 1:1-4

- A. A Vision of God rarely requires immediate action.
- B. A Vision requires patience.
 - 1) Nehemiah prayed
 - 2) Nehemiah fasted
- C. Casting a Vision requires Proper Timing
 - 1) Ever see someone who had a good idea but bad timing?
 - 2) Do you have a vision, but the circumstances have nothing to do with the vision
God is developing?

Some company:

- Joseph reviewed his vision from an Egyptian dungeon.
- Moses spent years following sheep.

- David, the teenage king, spent years hiding in caves.
- Nehemiah was the cupbearer to the king whose ancestors had destroyed the very city he longed to rebuild.

Be encouraged! God has you where He has you for a reason.

III. **PRAY FOR OPPORTUNITIES AND PLAN AS IF WE EXPECT GOD TO ANSWER OUR PRAYERS** - Nehemiah 1:5-11

- A. The problem is that many of us fail to **pray**. 1:5-11
The first chapter is filled with prayer as Nehemiah waits upon God
- B. The problem is that many of us fail to **plan**. 2:5-8
Nehemiah had a plan
 - His plan prepared him to answer the king quickly
 - His plan presented needed supplies and resources for the work
 - His plan paved the initial phase of the vision

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"Connecting Jesus Christ with passion and precision to our communities!"

APPLICATIONS:

- God is creating a concern for His work. Has an area of ministry been brought to your attention?
- What opportunities do you need to begin praying for to become a reality?
- What people are needed to accomplish this vision?
- What changes would need to take place for the vision to become reality?