

Know The Vision For Your Life

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How Do You Rebuild A Life That Matters?

Know Your PURPOSE

Genesis 1:27, *So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them.*

Exodus 19:5, *Now if you obey Me fully and keep My covenant, then out of all nations you will be My treasured possession. Although the whole earth is Mine, 6 you will be for Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' ...*

Realize WHERE YOU FALL SHORT

Nehemiah 1:3, *They said to me, "Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire."*

Bring Your SHORTCOMINGS TO GOD

Nehemiah 1:4, *When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of Heaven.*

• Nehemiah's 4 Step Prayer Process:

1) PRAISEWORTHY DECLARATION

Nehemiah 1:5, *Then I said: "Lord, the God of Heaven, the great and awesome God, Who keeps His covenant of love with those who love Him and keep His commandments..."*

2) HONEST CONFESSION

Nehemiah 1:6, *Let Your ear be attentive and Your eyes open to hear the prayer Your servant is praying before You day and night for Your servants, the people of Israel. I confess the sins we Israelites, including*

myself and my father's family, have committed against You. 7 We have acted very wickedly toward You. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws You gave Your servant Moses.

3) BIBLICAL REDIRECTION

Nehemiah 1:8, *"Remember the instruction You gave Your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations, 9 but if you return to Me and obey My commands, then even if your exiled people are at the farthest horizon, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place I have chosen as a dwelling for My Name.'* 10 *"They are Your servants and Your people, whom You redeemed by Your great strength and Your mighty hand.*

Deuteronomy 30:1, *When all these blessings and curses I have set before you come on you and you take them to heart wherever the Lord your God disperses you among the nations, 2 and when you and your children return to the Lord your God and obey Him with all your heart and with all your soul according to everything I command you today, 3 then the Lord your God will restore your fortunes and have compassion on you and gather you again from all the nations where He scattered you. 4 Even if you have been banished to the most distant land under the heavens, from there the Lord your God will gather you and bring you back. 5 He will bring you to the land that belonged to your ancestors, and you will take possession of it. He will make you more prosperous and numerous than your ancestors.*

4) HUMBLE SUBMISSION

Nehemiah 1:11, *Lord, let Your ear be attentive to the prayer of this Your servant and to the prayer of Your servants who delight in revering Your Name. Give Your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man." I was cupbearer to the king.*

Begin REBUILDING!

Nehemiah 2:1, *In the month of Nisan in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was brought for him, I took the wine and gave it to the king. I had not been sad in his presence before, 2 so the king asked me, "Why does your face look so sad when you are not ill? This can be nothing but sadness of heart." I was very much afraid, 3 but I*

said to the king, "May the king live forever! Why should my face not look sad when the city where my ancestors are buried lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?" 4 The king said to me, "What is it you want?" Then I prayed to the God of Heaven, 5 and I answered the king, "If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor in his sight, let him send me to the city in Judah where my ancestors are buried so that I can rebuild it."

➔ Rebuild With CLARITY

Nehemiah 2:6, Then the king, with the queen sitting beside him, asked me, "How long will your journey take, and when will you get back?" It pleased the king to send me; so I set a time. 7 I also said to him, "If it pleases the king, may I have letters to the governors of Trans-Euphrates, so that they will provide me safe-conduct until I arrive in Judah? 8 And may I have a letter to Asaph, keeper of the royal park, so he will give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel by the temple and for the city wall and for the residence I will occupy?" And because the gracious hand of my God was on me, the king granted my requests.

➔ Rebuild QUIETLY

Nehemiah 2:11, I went to Jerusalem, and after staying there three days 12 I set out during the night with a few others. I had not told anyone what my God had put in my heart to do for Jerusalem. There were no mounts with me except the one I was riding on. 13 By night I went out... 16 The officials did not know where I had gone or what I was doing, because as yet I had said nothing to the Jews or the priests or nobles or officials or any others who would be doing the work.

Nehemiah 2:17, Then I said to them, "You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace." 18 I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the king had said to me. They replied, "Let us start rebuilding." So they began this good work.

➔ Rebuild EXPECTANTLY

Nehemiah 2:9, So I went to the governors of Trans-Euphrates and

gave them the king's letters. The king had also sent army officers and cavalry with me.

Nehemiah 2:10, *When Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official heard about this, they were very much disturbed that someone had come to promote the welfare of the Israelites... 19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official and Geshem the Arab heard about it, they mocked and ridiculed us. "What is this you are doing?" they asked. "Are you rebelling against the king?" 20 I answered them by saying, "The God of Heaven will give us success. We His servants will start rebuilding, but as for you, you have no share in Jerusalem or any claim or historic right to it."*

"Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God." – William Carey