



How Do You Change Your World? (Part I)

Nehemiah 4:6: (NASB) *So we built the wall and the whole wall was joined together to half its height, for the people had a mind to work.*



Everyone wants their world to be better. Everyone has dreams and ideas they see as transformative - even innovative - yet the vast majority of us never do anything about those dreams and ideas to bring them to reality. Why the lack of effort? Because it is hard, because it takes thought, energy and determination and most of us are not convicted enough by our dreams and ideas to be willing to commit all of that effort. Occasionally someone stands apart from this typical reaction and actually thinks, acts, leads and accomplishes their dream or idea. Today we will talk about a little known man in the Old Testament who did just that. His dream was laughable, his mission was ridiculous and his enemies were determined to stop him, yet he focused and fought with all of his being and changed his world in the process!



A new game, *The Secret to Transforming Your Dream into Reality*, Dima Ghawi TEDx



- (Living in Jordan) *I hear my grandmother say in a deep, loving, Arabic voice, "Ya Dima taeal 'iilaa," which means "Dima, come here." I am five years old playing in her home. I put my doll down and run to the kitchen, anxious to find out what my grandmother wants to tell me. As I get there she motions to me to get closer to her, and as I do I watch her as she leans towards the kitchen table. She picks one of her magazines, carefully rolls it and then slowly ties it with a red ribbon. She looks at me and she said, "Today we're going to play a new game. We're going to celebrate the day you graduate from college."*

Who was Nehemiah and when did he live?

(Source: McClintock and Strong Biblical Cyclopedia) Nehemiah was a descendant of the Jewish population that had been taken captive to Babylon in 587-586 BC. In 539 BC, Cyrus the Persian gained control over all of Mesopotamia. He permitted the Jewish exiles to return to the city of Jerusalem. Nearly a century later in Nehemiah's time, the Persian ruler was Artaxerxes I Longimanus (ruled 465-424 BC). Nehemiah was his personal cupbearer...

The character of Nehemiah is easy to determine.

First, he was meticulous in ordering details which would indicate a man who paid very close attention to staying true to truth:

Nehemiah 1:1-4: (NASB) ¹The words of Nehemiah the son of Hacaliah. Now it happened in the month Chislev, in the twentieth year, while I was in Susa the capitol, ²that Hanani, one of my brothers, and some men from Judah came; and I asked them concerning the Jews who had escaped and had survived the captivity, and about Jerusalem.

Second, he was obvious in his loyalty to God and His chosen people. This played an enormous role in his ability to change his world:

³They said to me, *The remnant there in the province who survived the captivity are in great distress and reproach, and the wall of Jerusalem is broken down and its gates are burned with fire.* ⁴When I heard these words, I sat down and wept and mourned for days; and I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven.



Who survived the captivity are in great distress and reproach - The Jews there were being looked down upon by those around them and the city was destroyed. This devastated Nehemiah because Jerusalem was God's city.

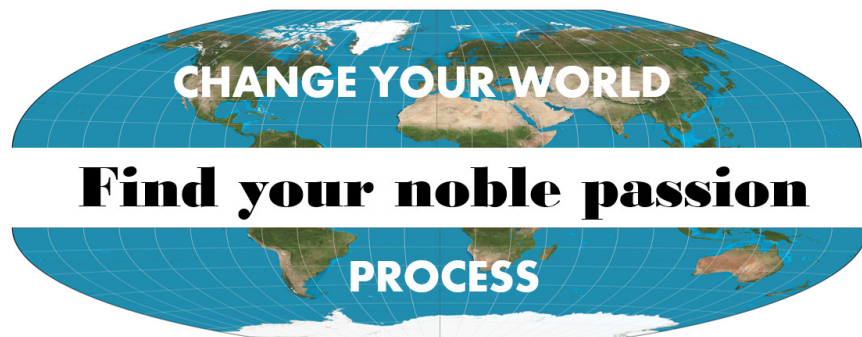
Nehemiah's prayer (below) will further reveal the depth of his already alluded to faithful and godly nature. He was all about God's will, God's way and God's people.

Being the cupbearer to the king was an important job. Nehemiah had to make sure the king's wine was drinkable and healthy.



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- "I made you a graduation diploma. Just run to me when I call your name." I watched her as she took a few steps backwards. She stood straight, raised her head, was holding the diploma as if it was the most valuable thing that she could give me. And I heard her announce in a loud voice to a large audience, thousands of people in our imagination, and say, "Help me to congratulate the next graduate, Dima Ghawi!" Then she motioned to me to get closer to her, and as I did she firmly shook my hand. I could see tears in her eyes, and then I heard her say in Arabic (speaking in Arabic) as she was handing me that diploma.*



We cannot expect to ever change anything unless we are focused on something of such high value that it dominates our very being. With nobility comes integrity. With integrity comes a bigger picture including the people around you.

This was the kind of passion Nehemiah had going into this prayer:

Nehemiah 1:5-7: (NASB) ⁵*I said, I beseech You, O LORD God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who preserves the covenant and lovingkindness for those who love Him and keep His commandments,*

He started with sincere praise before starting the details.

⁶*let Your ear now be attentive and Your eyes open to hear the prayer of Your servant which I am praying before You now, day and night, on behalf of the sons of Israel Your servants, confessing the sins of the sons of Israel which we have sinned against You; I and my father's house have sinned. ⁷We have acted very corruptly against You and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the ordinances which You commanded Your servant Moses.*



I and my father's house have sinned - he honestly acknowledged they were not worthy of God's honor or blessing. Any passion that captures true nobility is based in *boldly expressed humility*. The greatest leadership comes from the greatest humility.

**Nehemiah is clearly pleading with God.
Is he about to tell God what he wants God to do for him?**

In today's Christian world, it is a common thing for some to go before God with detailed instructions in hand for God's blessing. Nehemiah's boldness was nothing like that. As we will see, Nehemiah was boldly reciting the facts of Israel's sin first, and he will continue to recite the facts of God's promises second.

Nehemiah is laying the groundwork to change the world, to lead multitudes of people to actions that on the outside look ridiculous.

You can't blow an uncertain trumpet. - *Theodore Hesburgh*

People do not respond unless the trumpet is loud, clear and definitive. We will soon see Nehemiah was that trumpet.

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- Years later, I learned the secret behind this graduation game. My grandmother was not permitted to go to school. As a little girl in the Middle East she was expected to stay home and help her mom with housework, to cook and clean all day. But her five brothers went to school every day. They woke up, put on their school uniform, and then after they came back from school they would be sitting - actually she's the one sitting next to them listening to every single word that they said, as if her ears were like magnets wanting to catch every single piece of information. She taught herself the sound and the shape of alphabet. It was very important for her to read magazines and follow her favorite movie stars. Reading represented independence to her and one of those magazines magically transformed in her kitchen to a dream of a formal education, beautifully tied in a red ribbon.*

Having unequivocally found his passion, Nehemiah now seeks to make it his purpose!





We now go back to Nehemiah's prayer. Notice how it deepens in spirituality and personal vulnerability:

Nehemiah 1:8-11: (NASB) *⁸Remember the word which You commanded Your servant Moses, saying, If you are unfaithful I will scatter you among the peoples; ⁹but if you return to Me and keep My commandments and do them, though those of you who have been scattered were in the most remote part of the heavens, I will gather them from there and will bring them to the place where I have chosen to cause My name to dwell.*

Nehemiah knew his Scriptures, quoting **Deuteronomy 30:1-5** back to God. He knew God's promises and the underlying principle that disobedience would mean the people would be scattered.

Scattered were in the most remote part of the heavens - The New International Version says *in the past the farthest horizon, or out of sight. Heavens* in Scripture can represent governments or nations. The idea is they would be scattered, under the control of other people in faraway places. Regathering becomes almost impossible.

Nehemiah reasons before God that action can appropriately be taken without violating His principles so long as the people are willing to go back to God. God had promised He would take them back! This was bold on Nehemiah's part.

¹⁰They are Your servants and Your people whom You redeemed by Your great power and by Your strong hand. ¹¹O Lord, I beseech You, may Your ear be attentive to the prayer of Your servant and the prayer of Your servants who delight to revere Your name, and make Your servant successful today and grant him compassion before this man. Now I was the cupbearer to the king.

I beseech You, may Your ear be attentive to the prayer of Your servant and the prayer of Your servants who delight to revere Your name - Nehemiah would not be so bold to say this about himself if it were not true. He had a noble passion.

Nehemiah was asking for God to be with him and bless him in his desire for God's people, God's land and God's purposes. Nehemiah wanted to do more and asked for the opportunity to help and show his faithfulness!

God has a way of testing our passion and personal purpose with the passage of time. Often we get a godly idea but we do not follow through. Time went by before Nehemiah could react, but he did not lose the passion.



Symbol and empowerment, *The Secret to Transforming Your Dream*, Dima Ghawi, TEDx

- It was the symbol of empowerment, the challenge to the norm and a desire of a better future starting with me. My grandmother was very aware of the cultural limitations that I was going to face. She understood the expectations that the community has of me, and she was always concerned that just like these limitations stopped her that they would try to stop and discourage me as well. That's why it was so important for her to plant the seed and the belief that I can graduate early on. That's why she kept playing this game with me over and over and over and over again.*





It was about four months later that Nehemiah's actual opportunity came. His passion and purpose were still in place:

Nehemiah 2:1-6: (NASB) *¹And it came about in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, that wine was before him, and I took up the wine and gave it to the king. Now I had not been sad in his presence. ²So the king said to me, Why is your face sad though you are not sick? This is nothing but sadness of heart. Then I was very much afraid. ³I said to the king, Let the king live forever. Why should my face not be sad when the city, the place of my fathers' tombs, lies desolate and its gates have been consumed by fire?*

He honestly tells the king everything, which was a risk. He was sad because God's city lay desolate.



Here was bold humility once again - this time before the pagan king who could open opportunity's door. He was afraid but did it anyway:

⁴Then the king said to me, What would you request? So I prayed to the God of heaven. ⁵I said to the king, If it please the king, and if your servant has found favor before you, send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' tombs, that I may rebuild it. ⁶Then the king said to me, the queen sitting beside him, How long will your journey be, and when will you return? So it pleased the king to send me, and I gave him a definite time.

Four months after hearing the news, the opportunity arises to mention it to the king, who is very magnanimous. *So I prayed to the God of heaven* - he prayed first. Obviously the king had an affinity towards Nehemiah.

I gave him a definite time - how would Nehemiah know how long he would be gone? We aren't sure! Maybe he gave him an estimated span of time, let's say, one year, and then went back to "renew" his time off.

You know your passion is your own personal purpose when you are willing to step out of everything comfortable and walk through the door of uncertainty into the outside world of possibility!

Nehemiah is going! Is this going to be like a fact-finding tour full of observations and information?

Again, if we were to put Nehemiah in today's world it would be all about gathering information. But Nehemiah was not in today's world, and as we are about to see, he was SO MUCH MORE PREPARED ahead of time than we would have imagined! This is an inkling of what it takes to change your world!

Champions aren't made in gyms. Champions are made from something they have deep inside them - a desire, a dream, a vision. They have to have the skill and the will, but the will must be stronger than the skill. - Muhammad Ali

Uncle, friend or foe, *The Secret to Transforming Your Dream*, Dima Ghawi, TEDx

- *My grandmother passed away when I was nine years old, but the belief that she gave me never left, never went away. Years later, right before I finished the Tawjihi, which is our Jordanian high school, my oldest uncle called and he*



said he wanted to talk to me about my future. I immediately felt so anxious; he never talked directly to me before. He's a very wealthy man, successful, respected in our community and family. I remember as we were sitting, my uncle was smoking a cigar, and he said, "I heard that you're interested in graduating from a four-year college, but I also know that there is a big demand in the market for executive assistants. I recommend for you to enroll in a secretarial school, take a few speed-typing courses and then focus on becoming an assistant."

Continuing his conversation with the king, Nehemiah expresses his well thought out needs to accomplish what looks like an impossibility:

Nehemiah 2:7-10: (NASB) ⁷And I said to the king, If it please the king, let letters be given me for the governors of the provinces beyond the River, that they may allow me to pass through until I come to Judah, ⁸and a letter to Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the fortress which is by the temple, for the wall of the city and for the house to which I will go. And the king granted them to me because the good hand of my God was on me.

From his very first hearing of the broken down city of Jerusalem to the opportunity to find passage and provisions for the job, Nehemiah had his mind and heart fixed squarely on God. It is interesting that when the king said he could go, Nehemiah did not just stop with that. He gave the king a well-thought out list of what was needed to proceed.



From deflated to decisive, *The Secret to Transforming Your Dream*, Dima Ghawi, TEDx

- At that moment, I felt so deflated. I felt very disconnected from my uncle. I was in a crossroad between his advice that would push me to a whole different direction compared to where my heart wanted to go, and to my end, to the belief that my grandmother gave me that I can graduate. I could remember her voice as she was announcing my name so loud to the invisible audience. I remember how much fun it was and the excitement that I felt after I received my "diploma," so I decided not to listen to him. Instead, I decided to apply to the College of Business at the University of Jordan.*

Nehemiah, cupbearer to the king, is off to Jerusalem to survey and begin his work of praise to God:

⁹Then I came to the governors of the provinces beyond the River and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent with me officers of the army and horsemen.

Obviously the king believed in Nehemiah, at the very least as a man of great value and integrity, because the king sent an entourage of army officers and horsemen to assure Nehemiah's safe passage and representation of the king.

¹⁰When Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official heard about it, it was very displeasing to them that someone had come to seek the welfare of the sons of Israel.

The sons of Israel - remember, the people were *downtrodden and under great reproach*. This was the first hint of the absolute danger and difficulty he would encounter with his work.

To be a "Nehemiah" is not a common thing. What do we do if we are not that person? To **PRESS YOUR PASSION INTO PERSONAL PURPOSE** is a task that is not for the faint of heart. Not everyone is necessarily cut out for this kind of role. What do you do if you are not a Nehemiah? You find a "Nehemiah" and



walk and work with that Nehemiah and you CAN change your world! It does not have to be on the scale of a Martin Luther King Jr., but simply within the context of something you are passionate about.

Here is a personal example: Our entire team at Christian Questions are volunteers, including Jonathan and me. Julie is our "Chief Rewinder" and she heads up bringing volunteers in, finding their talents and putting them to work. She is a "Nehemiah" within our loosely organized group of Christians who want to spread the Gospel. She finds those who want to spread the Gospel, too. She talks to them to find out what they are good at and finds a place where they can take those talents and work within the context of all we have going on. That's why we are on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube, for example, because Jonathan and I do not know how to do that! We need "Nehemiahs," and then we need individuals to help those Nehemiahs. Everybody cannot be a Nehemiah, but you can find one!

Nehemiah 2:11-16: (NASB) ¹¹So I came to Jerusalem and was there three days. ¹²And I arose in the night, I and a few men with me. I did not tell anyone what my God was putting into my mind to do for Jerusalem and there was no animal with me except the animal on which I was riding.

Right from the start Nehemiah shared parts of his task with those he could trust. These few individuals helped Nehemiah.

¹³So I went out at night... (to circle the city) inspecting the walls of Jerusalem which were broken down and its gates which were consumed by fire. ¹⁴...but there was no place for my mount to pass.

There was so much refuse and rubble of destruction that his horse could not safely pass through...

¹⁵So I went up at night by the ravine and inspected the wall. Then I entered the Valley Gate again and returned. ¹⁶The officials did not know where I had gone or what I had done; nor had I as yet told the Jews, the priests, the nobles, the officials or the rest who did the work.

Nehemiah's personal purpose was to understand, solve, inform and lead - change the world!

**It is great to have such a passion and purpose,
but how do you get others to buy into your plan?**

The whole idea of changing your world by very definition is predicated on the need for massive effort, cooperation and co-laboring. These things are not common commodities and that is why we need people like Nehemiah to be the first to step up and step out of normal thinking and activity.



Pass your passion and purpose on to the right people



Any truly noble passion for change cannot ever be accomplished without the engaged and dedicated help of others.

Give to us clear vision that we may know where to stand and what to stand for - because unless we stand for something, we shall fall for anything. - Peter Marshall

Now Nehemiah lays out the reality, the plan and the overruling of God Almighty:

Nehemiah 2:17-20: (NASB) ¹⁷Then I said to them, You see the bad situation we are in, that Jerusalem is desolate and its gates burned by fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem so that we will no longer be a reproach. ¹⁸I told them how the hand of my God had been favorable to me and also about the king's words which he had spoken to me. Then they said, Let us arise and build. So they put their hands to the good work.

Nehemiah's passion must have been palpable! He engages others who had influence with three simple steps:

Three Simple STEPS

- 1** He lays out the hopelessness and therefore the challenge - the walls of God's city are in ruins.
- 2** He lays out the bold initiative - let **us** rebuild them and remove reproach from God's city.
- 3** He lays out why this impossible task is possible - God has blessed him and the king is on board!



Father's Interference, *The Secret to Transforming Your Dream*, Dima Ghawi, TEDx

- The first semester one day, I was less than 10 minutes late to my 4pm curfew, and my father was so mad. He said, "You're not allowed to complete your education. Stay home and I'll find you a husband." My father was not comfortable with the fact that I was attending a co-ed university. Just the image that I'm surrounded by young men disturbed him. He is educated, he's a medical doctor, but he never understood the significance of education to me. So, I started begging and begging and begging, day and night continued to beg and he agreed, finally. But the threats never ended, and most of the time for no logical reason.*



Someone once said “no good deed goes unpunished.” In the midst of the planning and prep stages, the enemies of God once again rise up to threaten and stifle the effort:

¹⁹But when Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official, and Geshem the Arab heard it, they mocked us and despised us and said, What is this thing you are doing? Are you rebelling against the king?

Literally, they threatened, ridiculed and disdained Nehemiah and company. This was the start of a big challenge he would have to deal with.

²⁰So I answered them and said to them, The God of heaven will give us success; therefore we His servants will arise and build, but you have no portion, right or memorial in Jerusalem.

Nehemiah speaks a powerful answer - God has this, you have no authority and Jerusalem is not yours! He originally told his Jewish allies that his (Nehemiah's) God was with this task. Here he tells his enemies that THEIR God (He and his believing Jewish kin) will see them through. Nehemiah understood the power of the right people to execute the purpose.

(Dima's father insisted she be married at age 19 to a 30-year-old. They moved to California, and she fought through MANY challenges to succeed in a new country.)

 Graduation, *The Secret to Transforming Your Dream*, Dima Ghawi, TEDx

- *It was my graduation day! I was standing in line. I was next to receive my diploma. My heart was beating. I was so excited, and as I heard the announcers say, “The next graduate, Dima Ghawi.” I could hear my grandmother as she was announcing my name, and as I took the first step to walk towards the dean to accept my diploma. I remember how I was running in her kitchen, and as I shook the hands of the Dean and I heard him say congratulations, I could hear my grandmother telling me in Arabic and congratulating me (speaking in Arabic), which means congratulations, I am so proud of you. My belief became my reality. I graduated and I graduated again with a master's degree.*

The work very specifically begins with those who have deeply committed themselves:

Nehemiah 3:1: (NASB) *Then Eliashib the high priest arose with his brothers the priests and built the Sheep Gate; they consecrated it and hung its doors. They consecrated the wall to the Tower of the Hundred and the Tower of Hananel.*

Why this particular family first? Why start here?

(Source: Biblical commentary by John Gill) *Eliashib* - This was the grandson of...Joshua the high priest, his father's name was Joiakim, Nehemiah 12:10, being high priest, and rising first, he set a good example both to the priests and to the people, and served no doubt greatly to animate and encourage them.

He had the high priest doing this work first to make a statement. This is the one whom the locals already looked up to and respected before Nehemiah arrived, and he was thoroughly on board.

(Source: Biblical commentary by Matthew Poole) *They builded the sheep-gate* - where the sheep were washed, and then brought to the temple to be sacrificed.

Anything of spiritual value, for us as Christians, has to be built around the will of God through Jesus Christ. John 1:29: (KJV) *Behold the Lamb of God, which*



taketh away the sin of the world. What a beautiful illustration of Jesus! He first rebuilt the Sheep Gate because that is where the sheep are washed and brought for sacrifice. Without that gate, that process, we have nothing.

Nehemiah not only gets the work started, but he chooses the right person, the one whom the locals already respected. Then he chooses the right gate - the one that gave the most power, because it was about Temple sacrifices. The priority of serving God cannot be underestimated, and Nehemiah made sure his team saw that.

This was a MASSIVE job!

How did Nehemiah set the people up to work with the greatest efficiency?

The changing of one's world is never small or easy. Remember the piles of rubble? Think about the mass and height the wall would require to be secure. Nehemiah seems to be moving forward with a steady confidence in God's will, brilliant foresight, an energy that is contagious and a wisdom for the ages. He was definitely the right man for the job!

Again, everybody cannot be a "Nehemiah." But you can *find* a Nehemiah and attach yourself to a noble, godly passion, pouring yourself into it. Allow your Nehemiah to help you help him or her change the world around you by elevating godliness and spirituality.



One of the very hardest aspects of changing your world is to engage others with the same ownership that you have. Nehemiah used some very simple and godly principles to accomplish this: Family and ownership.



Belief to reality, *The Secret to Transforming Your Dream*, Dima Ghawi, TEDx

- I learned that as a dream becomes a belief, it becomes unstoppable. It's one thing to tell others to dream, but it's a whole different thing to help them believe that they can achieve that dream. And a powerful way to do that is to help them by making it tangible, by helping them to see it, feel it, experience it over and over and over again, then it becomes so powerful that it would allow them to take actions - difficult actions - and it would become their reality.*

Nehemiah 3 is a long and detailed list of who did what. We will soon drop in on this list here and there to see the strategy that Nehemiah employed to maintain the urgency required to succeed.



The people who shape our lives and our cultures have the ability to communicate a vision or a quest or a joy or a mission. - Anthony Robbins



Dream come true, *The Secret to Transforming Your Dream*, Dima Ghawi, TEDx

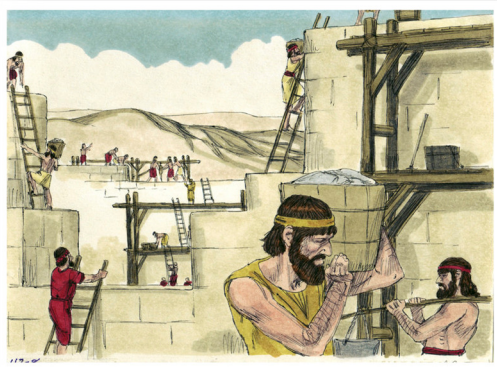
- *My grandmother would be so proud to learn that every single woman in our family that came after me graduated from college, and many with a master's degree. It's not even a question in our family right now if women should get an education. It is our new norm. It is the healthy norm. It is my grandmother's dream come true. My grandmother would also be proud of one more thing. She loved to read, read her magazines cover to cover. She would never have imagined to one day open one of those magazines and see an article about me, about that work that I'm doing to empower others, just like she empowered me. But the best part: she wouldn't just see my picture; she would see her picture, too.*

Dima's life is built around empowering others to find a way to become educated to have choices in life. She is giving what she was given and that is the power of changing her world. She honored her grandmother for giving her the vision; Nehemiah honored God for everything that has taken place.

The first element of the strategy was to attain and maintain urgency and quality:

Nehemiah 3:2-5: (NASB) ²Next to him the men of Jericho built...³Now the sons of Hassenaah built the Fish Gate; they laid its beams and hung its doors with its bolts and bars....And next to him Zadok the son of Baana also made repairs. ⁵Moreover, next to him the Tekoites made repairs, but their nobles did not support the work of their masters.

These are the men of Jericho. Nehemiah put people to work with their families and associates, people they already knew. This way efficiency and cooperation came more easily, because they cared about each other.



Second element to keeping the urgency:

Nehemiah 3:17-18: (NASB) ¹⁷After him the Levites carried out repairs under Rehum the son of Bani. Next to him Hashabiah, the official of half the district of Keilah, carried out repairs for his district. ¹⁸After him their brothers carried out repairs under Bavvai the son of Henadad, official of the other half of the district of Keilah.

Put the people to work where they have authority. Officials were put to work on the portion of the wall outside of their own district. This yields a greater sense of value to your own section. This difficult and tedious work would mean something to those individuals.

Third element to keeping the urgency:

Nehemiah 3:23,28-30: (NASB) After them Benjamin and Hasshub carried out repairs in front of their house. After them Azariah the son of Maaseiah, son of Ananiah, carried out repairs beside his house. ²⁸Above the Horse Gate the priests carried out repairs, each in front of his house. ²⁹After them Zadok the son of Immer carried out repairs in front of his house. And after him Shemaiah the son of Shecaniah, the keeper of the East Gate, carried out repairs. ³⁰After him Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph, repaired another section. After him Meshullam the son of Berechiah carried out repairs in front of his own quarters.



Put the people to work where the wall protects their own house. This insured high quality work!

Think of all the questions Nehemiah would have had to ask in order to know where to put the people to work. Where are you from? What do you do? Where do you live? Do you have any authority? He did all the work ahead of time (without a database!), talking to all of these people. The greatness of his desire to change the world engaged every single person in a unique way. He put his own purpose of urgency into their hearts. Brilliant!

What do we have so far? We have a mighty crew of workers, each with their own motivation to repair Jerusalem for the sake of God first and for the sake of their own heritage and protection second. What's coming? Threats, fear, doubt, internal strife - typical issues that come with changing your world!



Find your noble passion

Press your passion into personal purpose

Pass your passion and purpose on to the right people

Practice your passion and purpose with urgency



Nehemiah set himself to be successful by understanding the work, understanding the people, praying at every turn to focus on God's will. Together they will do a miraculous thing!

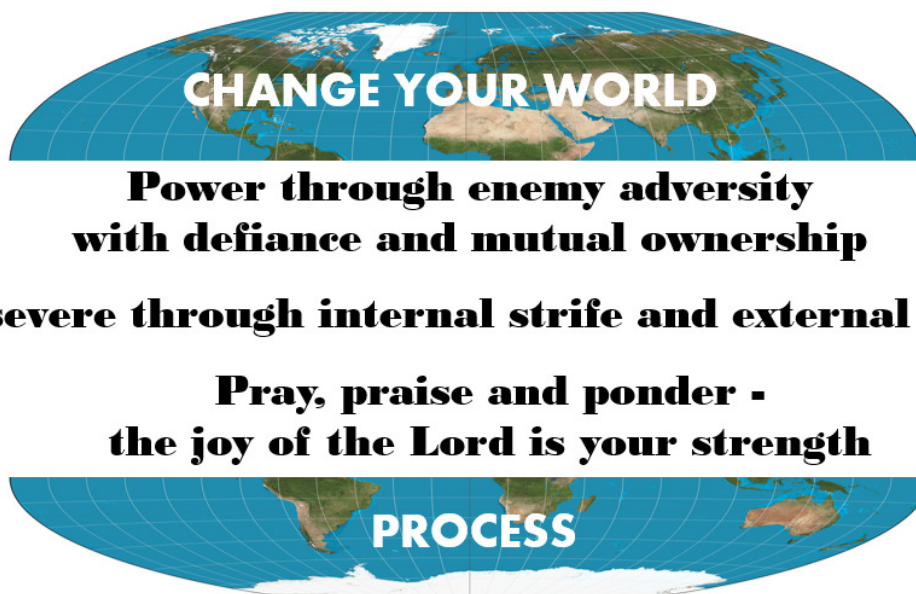
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Coming in Part II:



The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it. - Michelangelo

In a climate of uncertainty and fear, without strong and visionary leadership, people panic. - Patrick Dodson

It is not enough to stare up the steps, we must step up the stairs. - Vaclav Havel

Leaders are visionaries with a poorly developed sense of fear and no concept of the odds against them. - Robert Jarvik

Look at the detail of Nehemiah chapter three as Nehemiah set the work in motion:

Nehemiah 3:1-32: (NASB) ¹Then Eliashib the high priest arose with his brothers the priests and built the Sheep Gate; they consecrated it and hung its doors. They consecrated the wall to the Tower of the Hundred and the Tower of Hananel. ²Next to him the men of Jericho built, and next to them Zaccur the son of Imri built. ³Now the sons of Hassenaah built the Fish Gate; they laid its beams and hung its doors with its bolts and bars. ⁴Next to them Meremoth the son of Uriah the son of Hakkoz made repairs. And next to him Meshullam the son of Berechiah the son of Meshezabel made repairs. And next to him Zadok the son of Baana also made repairs. ⁵Moreover, next to him the Tekoites made repairs, but their nobles did not support the work of their masters. ⁶Joiada the son of Paseah and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah repaired the Old Gate; they laid its beams and hung its doors with its bolts and its bars. ⁷Next to them Melatiah the Gibeonite and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon and of Mizpah, also made repairs for the official seat of the governor of the province beyond the River. ⁸Next to him Uzziel the son of Harhaiah of the goldsmiths made repairs. And next to him Hananiah, one of the perfumers, made repairs, and they restored Jerusalem as far as the Broad Wall. ⁹Next to them Rephaiah the son of Hur, the official of half the district of Jerusalem, made repairs. ¹⁰Next to them Jedaiah the son of Harumaph made repairs opposite his house. And next to him Hattush the son of Hashabneiah made repairs. ¹¹Malchijah the son of Harim and Hasshub the son of Pahath-moab repaired another section and the Tower of Furnaces. ¹²Next to him Shallum the son of Hallohesh, the official of half the district of Jerusalem, made repairs, he and his daughters. ¹³Hanun and the inhabitants of Zanoah repaired the Valley Gate. They built it and hung its doors with its bolts and its bars, and a thousand cubits of the wall to the Refuse Gate. ¹⁴Malchijah the son of Rechab, the official of the district of Beth-haccherem repaired the Refuse Gate. He built it and hung its doors with its bolts and its bars. ¹⁵Shallum the son of Col-hozeh,



the official of the district of Mizpah, repaired the Fountain Gate. He built it, covered it and hung its doors with its bolts and its bars, and the wall of the Pool of Shelah at the king's garden as far as the steps that descend from the city of David. ¹⁶After him Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, official of half the district of Beth-zur, made repairs as far as a point opposite the tombs of David, and as far as the artificial pool and the house of the mighty men. ¹⁷After him the Levites carried out repairs under Rehum the son of Bani. Next to him Hashabiah, the official of half the district of Keilah, carried out repairs for his district. ¹⁸After him their brothers carried out repairs under Bavvai the son of Henadad, official of the other half of the district of Keilah. ¹⁹Next to him Ezer the son of Jeshua, the official of Mizpah, repaired another section in front of the ascent of the armory at the Angle. ²⁰After him Baruch the son of Zabbai zealously repaired another section, from the Angle to the doorway of the house of Eliashib the high priest. ²¹After him Meremoth the son of Uriah the son of Hakkoz repaired another section, from the doorway of Eliashib's house even as far as the end of his house. ²²After him the priests, the men of the valley, carried out repairs. ²³After them Benjamin and Hasshub carried out repairs in front of their house. After them Azariah the son of Maaseiah, son of Ananiah, carried out repairs beside his house. ²⁴After him Binnui the son of Henadad repaired another section, from the house of Azariah as far as the Angle and as far as the corner. ²⁵Palal the son of Uzai made repairs in front of the Angle and the tower projecting from the upper house of the king, which is by the court of the guard. After him Pedaiah the son of Parosh made repairs. ²⁶The temple servants living in Ophel made repairs as far as the front of the Water Gate toward the east and the projecting tower. ²⁷After them the Tekoites repaired another section in front of the great projecting tower and as far as the wall of Ophel. ²⁸Above the Horse Gate the priests carried out repairs, each in front of his house. ²⁹After them Zadok the son of Immer carried out repairs in front of his house. And after him Shemaiah the son of Shecaniah, the keeper of the East Gate, carried out repairs. ³⁰After him Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph, repaired another section. After him Meshullam the son of Berechiah carried out repairs in front of his own quarters. ³¹After him Malchijah, one of the goldsmiths, carried out repairs as far as the house of the temple servants and of the merchants, in front of the Inspection Gate and as far as the upper room of the corner. ³²Between the upper room of the corner and the Sheep Gate the goldsmiths and the merchants carried out repairs.