

Reimagine

The Blessing of God is Within Your Reach

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Blessing—When we experience the hand of God.

Thread: Reimagine, or the blessing may not come.

“They said to me, ‘Things are not going well for those who returned to the province of Judah. They are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem has been torn down, and the gates have been destroyed by fire.’ When I heard this, I sat down and wept. In fact, for days I mourned, fasted, and prayed to the God of heaven.”

Nehemiah 1:3-4 NLT

Inspection

Sitting with God gives me vision to reimagine.

- I have to **see** what you see.
- I have to **hear** what you would say about it.
- I have to **believe** what you believe.

“Then I said, ‘O Lord, God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps his covenant of unfailing love with those who love him and obey his commands, listen to my prayer! Look down and see me praying night and day for your people Israel. I confess that we have sinned against you. Yes, even my own family and I have sinned! We have sinned terribly by not obeying the commands, decrees, and regulations that you gave us through your servant Moses.’” **Nehemiah 1:5-7 NLT**

Assessment

- What is the real scope of the problem?

“Please remember what you told your servant Moses: ‘If you are unfaithful to me, I will scatter you among the nations. But if you return to me and obey my commands and live by them, then even if you are exiled to the ends of the earth, I will bring you back to the place I have chosen for my name to be honored.’” **Nehemiah 1:8-9 NLT**

What is true?

- God’s Word has shown him.
- He does not demand from God, in humility, he appeals to God.

“The people you rescued by your great power and strong hand are your servants. O Lord, please hear my prayer! Listen to the prayers of those of us who delight in honoring you. Please grant me success today by making the king favorable to me. Put it into his heart to be kind to me.’ In those days I was the king’s cup-bearer.” **Nehemiah 1:10-11 NLT**

NOW, I will take action.

You won’t build, until you believe it _____ be built.

You won’t build, until you believe you have the _____ to build.

You won’t start stacking stones unless you _____ God will join you.

You cannot receive THIS blessing unless you _____ in the work God wants to do on your doorstep.

How to build a wall

STEP 1: Decide where to start?

- Two applications
 - My _____, life, family. (No-one else is responsible for my family – not neighbors, nor government, the rich person across the city or the billionaires.)
 - My _____.

Challenge:

- Will I sit with God? To see, hear and believe what He does?
- Will I call for the inspection at my doorstep?
- Will I reach for the obedience that brings about the hand of God?
- Who will encourage you for the work on your part of the wall?

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