

Rebuilding Through Preparation

Nehemiah 2

The king said to me, "What is it you want?" Then I prayed to the God of heaven, 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 fathers are buried so that I can rebuild it." "The God of heaven will give us success. We his servants will start rebuilding." (2:4-5, 20)

God Prepared Nehemiah 2:1-3

Over four months 1:1
Through sadness Esther 4:1-2; Jer 15:5
Through fear 4:21-23; Esther 4:17; Dan 6:8
With a wise plan Pr 16:9

God Prepared King Artaxerxes 2:4-9; Pr 21:1

Gave permission to go to Jerusalem as GOVERNOR 5:14
Gave protection by Military Escort
Gave provision through Home Depot

God Prepared the Way 2:10-20

Through their enemies - Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem
Through Nehemiah's ministry
 Introspection - 3 days
 Inspection of the wall
 Inspiration - Let's rebuild - God will give us success 2:20
Through the people's response - They began the good work! 2:18

My Next Steps

Am I depending on God through prayer?
What is God placing on my heart?
Am I starting to rebuild without seeing the end?
Do I believe God will give me success?