

## Victory 2023: Growing Into Our Future

*“After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, “Don’t be afraid of them. **Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes.**” Nehemiah 4:14*

### I. Introduction

#### Four key observations:

- ✓ The men bought into \_\_\_\_\_ before anything else
- ✓ They were inspired by a \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ They were motivated and challenged to think \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ They were energized by a \_\_\_\_\_ --not merely a \_\_\_\_\_

### II. The Power of Vision---Exploring the Impact and Distinctive

*“Where there is no vision, the people perish: but God blesses everyone who obeys His Law.”*  
**Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)**

*“If people can't see what God is doing (accomplishing His vision), they stumble all over themselves; but **when they attend to what He reveals, they are most blessed.**” Proverbs 29:18 (KJV & MSG)*

#### Key Differences between Need and Vision

<u>Need</u>	<u>Vision</u>
Need is <b><u>NOW</u></b> —(short term view)	Vision is future--- (long term view & thinking)
Need is urgent	Vision is important
Need gets smaller response	Vision gets greater response
Need appeals to lower-level thinkers	Vision appeals to higher-level thinkers
Need centers around “Bail-outs”	Vision mainly centers around creating opportunities
People generally “give” to needs	People choose to excitedly “invest” in vision

### III. What Can Our Larger Building Better Facilitate?

- ✓ Target-specific Classes (Domestic skills, ESL, etc.), and Bible Studies made possible

- ✓ Dance classes, art classes, music instruction classes, sound production classes, etc.
- ✓ Higher-level opportunities for GriefShare, DivorceCare, Celebrate Recovery, etc.
- ✓ To become a hub for distribution of food, supplies, etc. for the community.
- ✓ To fully become the hub and resource center consistent with the Biblical Antioch church model.
- ✓ To generate a greater presence and working partnership with the civic communities around us.
- ✓ To construct safe, healthy, devoted spaces where our children's and Youth ministries can safely and securely flourish, thrive and grow!
- ✓ To be able to design and build with purpose, vision and the future clearly in mind.  
*And so much more!!!!*

**Like Esther, we all have been brought into the Kingdom and now have the privilege to become a part of building a facility that will be multi-generational, multi-cultural and multi-faceted. Take joy in knowing that what we do---and how we each respond to the Holy Spirit's trumpet call of faith---will directly create transformation and Kingdom impact. What we need to understand is that God is calling us to rise to this incredible, historic---once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, to let's do it together for the Glory of God. This indeed a great faith-challenge that presents us with an unprecedented opportunity to become a vital, strategic part of a provisional miracle of God!**

#### **IV. If *VISION* draws *PROVISION*, then exactly how are we proposing to approach this building project?**

- CAPITAL CAMPAIGN WITH DR. ROD ROGERS
- BRIEF EXPLANATION GENERAL CAMPAIGN DETAILS
- INTRODUCE OUR INTERNAL TEAM MEMBERS
- DISPLAY BUILDING IDEAS FROM OUR CHILDREN

#### **V. Concluding Thoughts**

##### **Biblical observations to consider:**

1. **It's** a privilege to get called to be a part of something great that God is in (***Esther 4:13-17***)
2. We must realize that this is God's thing, and He gives us the opportunity to partner with Him (***Exodus 35:4-35; Exodus 36:1-7---Construction of Moses' Tabernacle***)
3. Every member is called by God to do their part---and own their share of a legacy (***Haggai 1:2-11; Ephesians 4:16***)
4. Every faith challenge is uncomfortable and it is designed to stretch us. But afterward, it becomes our personal and corporate "Ebenezer"---our life-changing Memorial stone! (***See I Samuel 7:1-12***)
5. When we do our very best, the Lord promises to miraculously show up on the scene (***e.g., Boy with loaves and fishes-John 6:5-13, Widow of Zarepheth-I Kings 7:8-24***)

*"Even with all that interference, the wall was soon finished. It was the 25th day of Elul. The work had been accomplished in 52 days. When our enemies heard the work was complete and the surrounding nations saw our wall, their confidence crumbled. Only one possible conclusion could be drawn: it was not just our efforts that had done this thing. That this great work had been done with the help of our God." Nehemiah 6:15-16*

**VICTORY FAMILY, LET'S DO THIS TOGETHER---COMMIT TO BE PART OF A MIRACLE!**

## **ANSWER KEY:**

### **I. Introduction**

#### **Four key observations:**

- 1. Nehemiah's leadership**
- 2. mission that God ordained**
- 3. Multi-generationally**
- 4. vision----need**