

Moving Forward

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Series: REBUILD

Text: [Nehemiah 2](#)

I. INQUIRY

Nehemiah – a prayer warrior / prayed for 4 months

Read [Nehemiah 2:1-4](#)

A. Dialogue

We must learn to do 2 things:

1. Weep and pray
2. Wait and pray

3 Statements from Scripture to Learn

1. Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord ([Exodus 14:13](#))
2. Sit still .. until you know how the matter will turn out ([Ruth 3:18](#))
3. "Be still and know that I am God" ([Psalm 46:10](#))

"It is only the man with a crushing sense of burden and responsibility that God can trust with His work." Alan Redpath

"Prayer brings to pass things that would never otherwise occur."– E.M. Bounds

B. Details

Read [Nehemiah 2:5-8](#)

Nehemiah was not only **praying**; he was **planning**.

A Four-Fold Answer

1. He asked King Artaxerxes to appoint him governor of Judah – to rebuild the city walls
2. He gave the king an approximate time he would return
3. He needed letters of introduction that would guarantee safe travel
4. He requested letters of authority that would provide materials to build the walls

II. INVASION

Read [Nehemiah 2:10](#)

The enemies that began their opposition: Sanballat, Tobiah and Geshem

"The door of opportunity swings on the hinges of opposition"

III. INSPECTION

READ [Nehemiah 2:11-16](#)

Sometimes the most spiritual things we can do is ... **nothing**.

A wise leader knows when to **plan**, when to **speak** and when to **work**.

IV. INSPIRATION

Read [Nehemiah 2:17-20](#)

A. His heart ([Nehemiah 2:17](#))

B. God's hand ([Nehemiah 2:18](#))

C. Man's hinderance ([Nehemiah 2:19](#))

When God raises up a man or woman to do a work for Him, Satan always raises up those to hinder

1. Scorning
2. Slandering

Read [Galatians 1:10](#)

"Maturity is moving from a thin skin and a hard heart to a soft heart and a tough skin." –Oswald Sanders

D. Our hope ([Nehemiah 2:20](#))

