

THE GOOD HAND OF GOD

Nehemiah 2

1. Even in times of great **SADNESS** and **FEAR**, we need to be **BOLD**. (Matthew 11:28-30; Deuteronomy 31:6; Joshua 1:9; Psalm 56:3-4; Isaiah 41:10; Matthew 28:10; Mark 11:28; Acts 4:13, 31; 2 Corinthians 3:12; Ephesians 3:12; 2 Timothy 1:7; Hebrews 4:16)
2. Nehemiah made his **REQUEST** known, and the king **GRANTED** it! (Matthew 7:7-8; James 4:2-3; Matthew 8:5-13, 14:30; 1 John 5:14-15; Philippians 4:6-7; Ephesians 3:20; Ezra 3:7; 1 Kings 3:5-14; Luke 18:1-8)
3. The enemy hates it when God's people are being **BLESSED** in **ANY** way! (Matthew 4:1-11, 5:10-12; John 16:33; 1 Corinthians 16:9; Esther 10:3; Galatians 6:2,9; 2 Thessalonians 3:13; Isaiah 58:10; Exodus 23:22; 1 Peter 5:8; Genesis 3:1)
4. May God help me have **DISCERNMENT** and use **DISCRETION** before going live and loud with what He has put upon my **HEART** to do. (James 1:5,19; Proverbs 2:3-5, 10:19, 13:3, 17:27,28; Matthew 10:16; Luke 14:28-32; John 7:24; Colossians 1:9; 1 Thessalonians 5:21; Psalm 119:125; 1 Kings 3:9; 1 John 4:1)
5. As God moves in my life, **INSPIRE** and **INVITE** others to **JOIN** me! (Hebrews 10:24-25; 1 Timothy 4:12; 2 Timothy 2:2; Titus 2:7; 1 Corinthians 3:9, 11:1; Psalm 34:3; Acts 2:46-47; Matthew 4:19; Ecclesiastes 4:9; Philippians 1:5; Proverbs 27:17)
6. When the enemy presses in hard, be confident in the **POWER, PLAN**, promises, prosperity, and **PEACE** of God. (2 Corinthians 12:9; Psalm 4:8, 9:10, 20:7, 28:7, 46:10; Jeremiah 17:7-8; Proverbs 3:5-6,26, 14:26; Romans 15:13; Philippians 1:6; 1 Corinthians 10:13; Isaiah 26:3; John 14:27)



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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. When the king asked Nehemiah why he looked so sad, Nehemiah was afraid (vv.1-2). Why?
3. Prayer wasn't Nehemiah's last resort but his first action and response. Why is prayer often not our first action, even at times an afterthought? We know Nehemiah prayed for months about returning to Jerusalem, but what do we learn about quick, spontaneous prayers (v.4)?
4. In what ways did God provide for Nehemiah and the effort to rebuild? In what way(s) recently has God provided for you above and beyond (has the good hand of God been upon you)?
5. Nehemiah's mission a threat to Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem. Why? In what ways should our mission (our life in Christ) be a threat to the enemy? Despite how it might feel, is all opposition bad? Why/why not?
6. Nehemiah waited 3 days before inspecting the wall. He went at night. He told no one. Why the secrecy and discretion? What can we learn from this?
7. Nehemiah inspired the people with what he said, and he invited them to join him. How can we put these into practice in the life of the Church, the Body of Christ? How can we practice this with unbelievers in our community?