

REBUILD

Do the Work. Make a Difference.

Key Scriptures

... I had not been sad in his presence before, so the king asked me, "Why does your face look so sad when you are not ill? This can be nothing but sadness of heart." ... 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 ancestors are buried so that I can rebuild it." Then the king, with the queen sitting beside him, asked me, "How long will your journey take, and when will you get back?" It pleased the king to send me; so I set a time. I also said to him, "If it pleases the king, may I have letters to the governors of Trans-Euphrates, so that they will provide me safe-conduct until I arrive in Judah? And may I have a letter to Asaph, keeper of the royal park, so he will give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel by the temple and for the city wall and for the residence I will occupy?" And because the gracious hand of my God was on me, the king granted my requests. Nehemiah 2:1-2, 4-8 NIV

Then I said to them, "You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace." I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the king had said to me. ... Nehemiah 2:17-18 NIV



- What's something that bothers you? Not just a pet peeve—something you see as a real injustice or need.
- Why is seeking God faithfully before starting the most important place to begin?
- Read Nehemiah 2:5-8. How can a clear vision and careful planning help us as we start to embrace our call?
- Why is passion for our REBUILD important? How can it help us?
- When REBUILDING, we're called to seek God faithfully, define our vision clearly, make plans carefully, and inspire people passionately. How can you do one of those things this week?
- How can you encourage others to believe that God can empower them to do something that matters?

Father, thank You for the passions You've given each of us. Help us to use these passions to serve You and others. Shape our vision for the work You would have us do and guide us as we plan for the future. Allow others to see our passion, so they might be inspired to serve as well. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

- ***Share a passion God has given you with someone you know this week and encourage them to share their God-given passion as well.***