



# THE BLESSED LIFE

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## Nehemiah 2: 1-2NKJV

And it came to pass in the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, *when wine was before him, that I took the wine and gave it to the king. Now I had never been sad in his presence before.* <sup>2</sup>Therefore the king said to me, “*Why is your face sad, since you are not sick? This is nothing but sorrow of heart.*”

## Nehemiah 2:2-5NKJV

**So I became dreadfully afraid, <sup>3</sup> and said to the king, “May the king live forever! Why should my face not be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers’ tombs, lies waste, and its gates are burned with fire?” <sup>4</sup> Then the king said to me, “What do you request?” So I prayed to the God of heaven. <sup>5</sup> And I said to the king, “If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, I ask that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers’ tombs, that I may rebuild it.”**

**Nehemiah 2:6NKJV**

Then the king said to me (the queen also sitting beside him), “How long will your journey be? And when will you return?” So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time.

## Nehemiah 2:7-8NKJV

**7** Furthermore I said to the king, “If it pleases the king, let letters be given to me for the governors *of the region* beyond the River, that they must permit me to pass through till I come to Judah, **8** and a letter to Asaph the keeper *of the king's forest*, that he must give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel which *pertains* to the temple, for the city wall, and for the house that I will *occupy*.” **And the king granted them to me according to the good hand of my God upon me.**

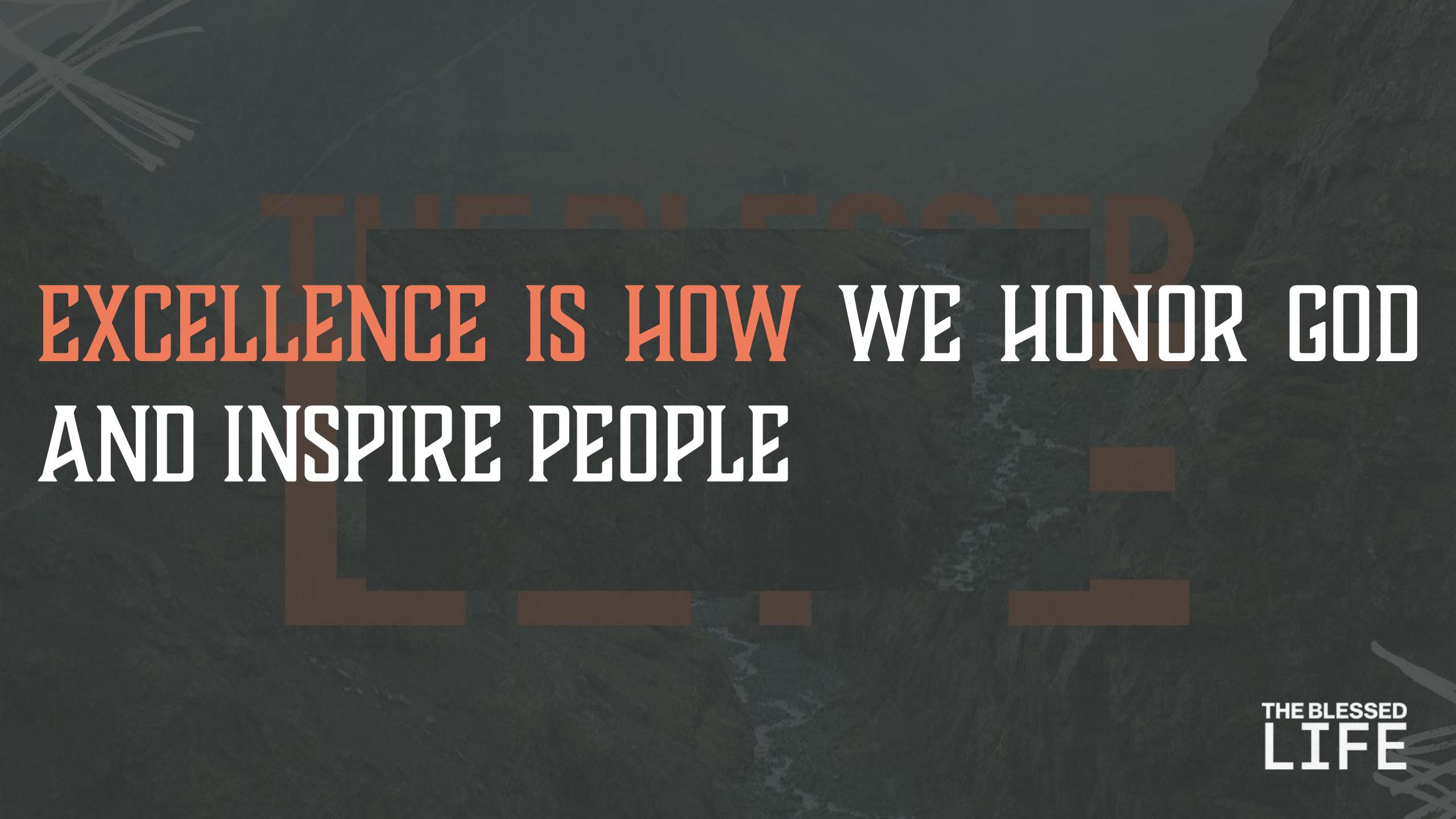
Nehemiah 4:6NKJV

**So we built the wall, and the entire wall was joined together up to half its *height*, for the people had a mind to work.**

# TIFF D. FOOD

## BUILDING COMES FROM AND GENERATES VISION.

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**EXCELLENCE IS HOW WE HONOR GOD  
AND INSPIRE PEOPLE**

**Nehemiah 2:8NKJV**

**And the king granted me what I asked, for the good  
hand of my God was upon me.**



# GOD'S HAND RESTS ON BUILDERS.

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THE MOMENT YOU'VE GOT A DREAM,  
YOU BECOME A TARGET.

# 3 STEPS TO FAILURE

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WHEN YOU'RE IN BUILDING MODE,  
SACRIFICE BECOMES EASIER.

# 3 STEPS TO FAILURE

1. YOU BECOME A MANAGER AND A CARETAKER.
2. YOU START MAKING EXCUSES FOR WHY YOU CAN'T BUILD.
3. YOU START BLAMING AND STOP BUILDING.

YOU CAN'T COMPLAIN AND MAKE  
A DIFFERENCE AT THE SAME TIME.

**Nehemiah 2:17**<sub>ESV</sub>

**Then I said to them, “You see the trouble we are in, how Jerusalem lies in ruins with its gates burned. Come, let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer suffer derision.”** <sup>18</sup> And I told them of the hand of my God that had been upon me for good, and also of the words that the king had spoken to me. And they said, “Let us rise up and build.” So they strengthened their hands for the good work.

Nehemiah 2:19ESV

**But when Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite servant and Geshem the Arab heard of it, they jeered at us and despised us and said, “What is this thing that you are doing? Are you rebelling against the king?”**

CHANGING SOMEONE'S MIND ISN'T BUILDING  
YOUR WALL.

Nehemiah 2:20ESV

Then I replied to them, “The God of heaven will make us prosper, and we his servants will arise and build, but you (the enemy) have no portion or right or claim in Jerusalem.”



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