

# HOW TO FULFILL A D.R.E.A.M.

## BUILD THE DREAM – PART 7

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*“These are the memoirs of Nehemiah son of Hacaliah. In late autumn, in the month of Kislev, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes’ reign, I was at the fortress of Susa. Hanani, one of my brothers, came to visit me with some other men who had just arrived from Judah. I asked them about the Jews who had returned there from captivity and about how things were going in Jerusalem. They said to me, “Things are not going well for those who returned to the province of Judah. They are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem has been torn down, and the gates have been destroyed by fire.”” (Nehemiah 1:1–3, NLT)*

## **D**ESIRE

*“When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven.” (Nehemiah 1:4, NIV)*

*“O Lord, please hear my prayer! Listen to the prayers of those of us who delight in honoring you. Please grant me success today by making the king favorable to me. Put it into his heart to be kind to me.” In those days I was the king’s cup-bearer.” (Nehemiah 1:11, NLT)*

*“Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.” (Psalm 37:4, ESV)*

## **R**ESPONSE

*“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 fathers are buried so that I can rebuild it.” (Nehemiah 2:5, NIV)*

*“I told the [leaders of Jerusalem] how God was supporting me and how the king was backing me up. They said, “We’re with you. Let’s get started.” They rolled up their sleeves, ready for the good work.” (Nehemiah 2:18, The Message)*

## **E**VALUATION

*“I set out during the night with a few men...By night I went...examining the walls of Jerusalem, which had been broken down, and its gates, which had been destroyed by fire... (Nehemiah 2:12-13, NIV)*

*“We should make plans—counting on God to direct us.” (Proverbs 16:9, The Living Bible)*

*"The LORD guides people in the way they should go and protects those who please him."  
(Psalm 37:23, GNB)*

## **ADJUSTMENT**

*"When Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, he became angry and was greatly incensed. He ridiculed the Jews..." (Nehemiah 4:1, NIV)*

*"Meanwhile, the people in Judah said, "The strength of the laborers is giving out, and there is so much rubble that we cannot rebuild the wall.'" (Nehemiah 4:10, NIV)*

*"So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up." (Galatians 6:9, NLT)*

## **MIRACLE**

*"So the wall was completed...in fifty-two days. When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God." (Ne 6:15-16, NIV)*

*"It cost God plenty to [save you]...He paid [for you] with Christ's sacred blood..." (1 Peter 1:18-19, The Message)*

*"Give generously ... and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to." (Deuteronomy 15:10, NIV)*

### **Action Steps:**

**GIVE A CASH OFFERING  
MAKE A 3 YEAR PLEDGE**