



Bible study for the week starting September 27, 2026

Who is someone who gave you an opportunity that you would not have had if it wasn't for them? (First Job, introduction to someone, told you the gospel)

We are not "self-made"...we are products of God's grace in the hands of other people. Who has God used to bless you?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

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

When have you had to courageously step out in faith and you weren't sure of the risk? When have you had an in the moment prayer like Nehemiah? (verse 4) What was the situation and what did your prayer sound like?

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

Sounds like Nehemiah was prepared...and was ready to know what he wanted to ask for. Why is being prepared when asking for something God has placed on your heart important? Who does Nehemiah credit for Artaxerxes kindness? (verse 8)

3. Read [Nehemiah 2:9-18](#)

How did Nehemiah gather a group that would help him carry the burden? Prayer walked... Shared his burden...and inspired others to help) When have you been inspired by someone else's vision?

4. Read [Nehemiah 2:19-20](#)

There were people that opposed the project. But what did Nehemiah say? What other verses does this remind you of? Romans 8:32....Acts 5:38-39

PRAY

Pray for boldness, courage, and the GOOD hand of God to bless His work in the world.



NEHEMIAH: COSTLY COURAGE

Nehemiah 2 (Romans 8:26-28;31-32; Matthew 16:24-26)

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You don't have to be a prophet...or hear God audibly...to have a **BURDEN** on your heart... and a calling on your life... informed by God's **WORD**.

"Tied a **SCARLET** cord in the window." Joshua 2:21

"For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my **HOPE** is from him." Ps. 62:5

Zerubbabel - **TEMPLE** Ezra- **REFORM** Nehemiah- **WALL**

1) Courage can be **COSTLY**...but silence is just as **DANGEROUS**.

"So I **PRAYED** to the God of heaven." (2:4)

2) Success is just the next **STEP**...not the whole staircase.

"The **GOOD** hand God was upon me." (2:8)

WHO HAS GOD USED IN YOUR LIFE? _____

3) **SLOWLY** let others carry the burden **WITH** you.

"And **THEY** said, "Let us rise up and **BUILD**. So they strengthened their hands for the good work. (2:18)

4) Opposition will come...but God is **BIGGER**.

"If God is **FOR US**, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31

"For the **WAGES** of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

"For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will **FIND** it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the **WHOLE WORLD** and forfeits his soul?" Matthew 16:25-26