

How to Turn Your Dream Into Reality

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Then I added this to my request: "If it please the king, give me letters to the governors west of the Euphrates River instructing them to let me travel through their countries on my way to Judah; also a letter to Asaph, the manager of the king's forest, instructing him to give me timber for the beams and for the gates of the fortress near the Temple, and for the city walls, and for a house for myself And the king granted these requests, for God was being gracious to me. The king, I should add, had sent along army officers and troops to protect me!"
Nehemiah 2:7-9 TLB

How to Gain Support for Your Dream . . .

1. Wait for the right time.

There is a right time and a right way to do everything, but we know so little!

Ecclesiastes 8:6 GNT

I went on to Jerusalem, and for three days I did not tell anyone what God had inspired me to do for Jerusalem.

Nehemiah 2:11-12 GNT

For I hadn't told a soul about the plans for Jerusalem that God had put into my heart.

Nehemiah 2:12a TLB

2. Paint a picture of what needs to change.

Then I said to them, "You see the trouble we are in . . . come, let us rebuild."

Nehemiah 2:17a NIV

Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire.

Nehemiah 2:17b NIV

"Let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace."

Nehemiah 2:17c NIV

3. Share your story to inspire.

I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the king had said to me.

Nehemiah 2:18a NIV

They replied, "Let us start rebuilding." So, they began this good work.

Nehemiah 2:18b NIV

Come, let us rebuild the wall . . .

Nehemiah 2:17b NIV

4. Ignore naysayers and expect God's help.

They mocked and ridiculed us. "What is this you are doing?" they asked. "Are you rebelling against the king?" I answered them by saying, "The God of heaven will give us success. We his servants will start rebuilding, but as for you, you have no share in Jerusalem or any claim or historic right to it."

Nehemiah 2:19b-20 NIV

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