

**MAN** 

**[ NEHEMIAH : SESSION 4 : TAKE THE LEAD ]**

# **I AM A MAN.**

**God has called me, gifted me,  
empowered me, and positioned  
me to lead myself, my family,  
& my community.**

## **TODAY I CHOOSE TO . . .**

- **Own It**
- **Ask for Help**
- **Never Quit**
- **Take the Lead**
- **Finish the Job**

# TAKE THE LEAD.

## Go FIRST.

- **8:5** - “Ezra stood on the platform **in full view** of all the people. When they saw him open the Book of the Law, they all rose to their feet. Then Ezra praised the Lord, the great God, and all the people chanted, ‘Amen! Amen!’ as they lifted their hands. Then they bowed down and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.”

**“A leader isn’t the first one to see the problem - a leader is the one that goes first.” - Andy Stanley**

**Q :: Who is waiting for you to GO FIRST?**

## Be CLEAR.

- **8:8** - “They read from the Book of the Law of God and **clearly explained** the meaning of what what being read, helping the people understand each passage.”

**“Tell them what you know and what you don’t know.”**

**“Mean what you say and say what you mean!”**

**Q :: How do you know if you’ve been clear?**

## Speak the VISION.

- **8:9-10** - "Nehemiah said to the people, 'Don't mourn or weep on such a day as this! For today is a sacred day before the Lord your God.' For the people had all been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law. And Nehemiah continued, 'Go and celebrate with a feast of rich foods and sweet drinks, and share gifts of food with people who have nothing prepared. **This is a sacred day before our Lord. Don't be dejected and sad, for the joy of the Lord is your strength!**'"

**Q :: What makes a vision powerful?**

## Call to ACTION.

- **9:5** - "Then the leaders of the Levites - **called out** to the people: 'Stand up and praise the Lord your God, for he lives from everlasting to everlasting!' Then they prayed."
- **9:38** - "The people responded, 'In view of all this, we are making a **solemn promise and putting it in writing**. On this sealed document are the names of our leaders and Levites and priests.'"
- **10:28-29** - "Together with their wives, sons, and daughters, and all who were old enough to understand - joined their leaders and bound themselves with an oath. They solemnly promised to **carefully follow** all the commands, regulations, and decrees of the Lord our Lord."

**Q :: Are you ready to take ACTION?**

**Q :: What is the ONE THING you need to do next?**

# TAKE THE LEAD :: Q&A

Q :: Is there a tension between **empowering** & **leading**?

Q :: What circle of life is the most difficult for me to Lead?

- **myself**
- **my family**
- **my community (company)**
- **why?**

Q :: Who is **waiting** for me to Lead?

Q :: Have I clearly defined a God-Given **VISION**  
for myself? my family? my community?

**Assignment** :: Use the back side of this sheet to start the process of defining a **PERSONAL** Vision / **FAMILY** Vision / **COMMUNITY** Vision. Ask God for specific goals and wins.

# Notes.