

CHANGE YOUR WORLD IN 52 DAYS

THE STORY OF NEHEMIAH

THE LEADER IN YOU
NEHEMIAH 2

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Nehemiah 2 is Master Class On Wise and Effective _____.

A Wise Leader ...

1. _____ on God.

“ ^{1a} In the month of Nisan in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes...”

NEHEMIAH 2:1a (NIV)

2. Is _____ When They Come.

“ ^{1b} When wine was brought for him, I took the wine and gave it to the king. I had not been sad in his presence before, ² so the king asked me, ‘Why does your face look so sad when you are not ill? This can be nothing but sadness of heart.’ I was very much afraid, ³ but I said to the king, ‘May the king live forever! Why should my face not look sad when the city where my ancestors are buried lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?’”

NEHEMIAH 2:1b-3 (NIV)

3. Defines the _____ Clearly.

“ ⁴ The king said to me, ‘What is it you want?’ Then I prayed to the God of heaven, ⁵ and I answered the king, ‘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 ancestors are buried so that I can rebuild it.’”

NEHEMIAH 2:4-5 (NIV)

4. Makes Plans _____.

“ ⁶ Then the king, with the queen sitting beside him, asked me, ‘How long will your journey take, and when will you get back?’ It pleased the king to send me; so I set a time. ⁷ I also said to him, ‘If it pleases the king, may I have letters to the governors of Trans-Euphrates, so that they will provide me safe-conduct until I arrive in Judah? ⁸ And may I have a letter to Asaph, keeper of the royal park, so he will give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel by the temple and for the city wall and for the residence I will occupy?’ And because the gracious hand of my God was on me, the king granted my requests. ⁹ So I went to the governors of Trans-Euphrates and gave them the king’s letters. The king had also sent army officers and cavalry with me. ¹⁰ When Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official heard about this, they were very much disturbed that someone had come to promote the welfare of the Israelites. ¹¹ I went to Jerusalem, and after staying there three days ¹² I set out during the night with a few others. I had not told anyone what my God had put in my heart to do for Jerusalem. There were no mounts with me except the one I was riding on. ¹³ By night I went out through the Valley Gate toward the Jackal Well and the Dung Gate, examining the walls of Jerusalem, which had been broken down, and its gates, which had been destroyed by fire. ¹⁴ Then I moved on toward the Fountain Gate and the King’s Pool, but there was not enough room for my mount to get through; ¹⁵ so I went up the valley by night, examining the wall. Finally, I turned back and reentered through the Valley Gate. ¹⁶ The officials did not know where I had gone or what I was doing, because as yet I had said nothing to the Jews or the priests or nobles or officials or any others who would be doing the work.”

NEHEMIAH 2:6-16 (NIV)

5. Shares the Vision and _____.

“ 17 Then I said to them, ‘You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace.’ 18 I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the king had said to me. They replied, ‘Let us start rebuilding.’ So they began this good work.”

NEHEMIAH 2:17-18 (NIV)

6. Remains Focused in the Face of _____.

“ 19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official and Geshem the Arab heard about it, they mocked and ridiculed us. ‘What is this you are doing?’ they asked. ‘Are you rebelling against the king?’
20 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 2:19-20 (NIV)

FOLLOW: Intro Ministry Interest Lunch

AUGUST 11th @ 12:15PM
fbclodi.org/volunteer

Join us Sunday August 11th for our ministry interest lunch. You'll pick your lunch up in the gym at 12:15PM, then join your team's leaders to enjoy lunch together and learn more about the ministry you're interested in.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Our FBCKids team focuses on teaching and nurturing children in their faith through Sunday school classes, midweek kids clubs, and activities and events throughout the year.

AUDIO/VIDEO/LIGHTING TEAM

Manages audio and visual technology during church services and events, ensuring smooth operation of sound, lighting, video, and live-streaming.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Encourages men in their faith journey with Bible studies, community, camps and retreats, and service projects.

PARKING LOT TEAM

Assists with directing parking lot traffic, and providing a welcoming environment for our guests.

SUNDAY SET-UP/TAKE-DOWN TEAM

Prepares and organizes our worship spaces before services and tidies up afterward.

FACILITIES/MAINTENANCE TEAM

Takes care of the church building and grounds, handling repairs and maintenance tasks.

WORSHIP ARTS

Areas include our worship team, choir, and other creative avenues to enhance worship services and special events.

CHILDCARE MINISTRY:

Provides safe and nurturing care for young children during church services, special events, and Bible studies and other groups on campus throughout the week.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Our JHM (Jr. High Ministry) and HSM (High School Ministry) teams provide spiritual guidance and community for middle and high school students through weekly youth groups, mission trips, camps, and other special events.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Offers support, community, and spiritual growth opportunities for women through Bible studies, retreats, and social events.

COMMUNITY GROUP FACILITATOR

This person leads small groups in homes or at the church, creating community and prioritizing spiritual growth and honest discussion.

WELCOME MINISTRY: Welcome Center/Greeter/Usher/Seating Team

Greets visitors and regular attendees, providing information and a welcome to ensure they feel at home in our church community. Helps people find seating, and assists with the flow of the service.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Dedicates time to pray for the church, its members, and their needs.

LANDSCAPING TEAM

Maintains the church's outdoor areas, including gardening, mowing, and beautification projects.

KID'S CHOIR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Leads and coordinates our Made For Praise children's choir practices and performances.

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