

BIG Prayers, BIG Plans, BIG Action

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Nehemiah 2:4-5 NKJV

Then the king said to me, “What do you request?” So I prayed to the God of heaven. And I said to the king, “If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, I ask that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers’ tomb, that I may rebuild it.”

BIG Prayers - RECAP

1. What keeps us from Praying BIG Prayers
 - a. Don't believe in God
 - b. Don't believe that God is Big Enough
 - c. Haven't exercised our faith to the point of Big Prayers
 - d. Don't include the Word in our Prayers
2. Nehemiah Petitioned God with a BOLD BIG Prayer - Nehemiah 1:5-11
 - a. A Petition is a legal request presented to the King in the Court Room
 - b. The Petition is public and any opposed can try to kill or alter

the Petition

c. The King's Word is final - It is a Legal Decree

3. The Story of Nehemiah and the King is a picture (foreshadow) of our relationship with God.

a. Nehemiah was a Cupbearer - A Servant with access to the King. We are Bond-Servants with access to the King as a result of the blood of Jesus and the Covenant made with those who accept Him as their Lord and Savior

b. We make our Petitions known through Prayer that is taken before God (THE king of Kings) in the Courtroom of heaven.

c. The Accuser is also there trying to kill or alter the Petition (Prayer)

d. God's Word is Final!

BIG Plans - Nehemiah 2:6-8

1. BIG Prayers need BIG Plans

2. Nehemiah already had a Plan in place and was ready once the King granted his Petition

3. Do YOU have a PLAN in place? Are you Ready once the Petition is Granted?

4. Luke 12:48b, "When someone has been given much, much will be required in return; and when someone has been entrusted with much, even more will be required."

a. When God heals - do you have a Plan?

b. When God restores your marriage - do you have a Plan?

c. When God brings increase to your Ministry - do you have a Plan?

d. When God blesses, restores and increases your finances - do you have a Plan?

5. In Mark's account of the Feeding of the 5,000, it is recorded that Jesus had the followers sit down in groups of fifty or a hundred. Jesus had a plan!

6. When the Israelites left Egypt and traveled to the Promised land, they traveled according to their Tribe and set their tents up nightly in a certain way according to God's direction. God had a Plan!

a. God is a God of order and direction.

b. God requires Good Stewardship

- c. We are Bond Servants - foreigners in a foreign land
 - d. Free Will allows us to leave the kingdom of God anytime we want, but if we are going to stay in the Kingdom, we must understand Kingdom rules and Kingdom mentality.
7. God has plans for YOU! Jeremiah 29:11 NLT, "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord."
 8. DO YOU HAVE A PLAN FOR THE ANSWERED BIG PRAYER?

BIG Prayers need Big Plans followed by BIG ACTION

1. Pastor Ron personal testimony
 - a. As long as I remember I have always been in church
 - b. Growing up, I sat in meeting after meeting, session after session TALKING about Evangelism
 - c. The Problem? - We seldom ever did any Evangelism. It was a lot of talk about possible plans that never received any ACTION.
2. Nehemiah was not a TALKER. He was a man of ACTION! God is looking for men and women of ACTION!
3. If this is GOD'S Answer to your BIG Prayer and you have God's Plan ready, He will use you to do things that seem humanly impossible.
4. Nehemiah was a Cupbearer. But with God's hand upon him, he rallies the People to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. (A Cupbearer just became the chief architect of one of the most important construction jobs in the Bible!)
5. Somewhere along the line, we have been taught and we bought into the notion that God would just answer our prayers and...
 - a. We could just sit back and reap the rewards of heaven
6. Big Prayers with Big Plans require BIG ACTION
7. Not everyone is going to be on board...
 - a. As soon as Nehemiah announced his intentions, he had opposition
 - b. Dreamers, Planners, Entrepreneurs, Giants in the Faith will always have a target on their back.
 - c. People of Action stand for everything Satan Opposes
 1. It's ok to attend church - just don't do anything for the Kingdom
 2. It's ok to claim to be a Christian - just don't do anything with it

3. It's ok to read the Bible - just don't put it into action
4. This is what Satan thinks, but the moment you start ACTION, their will be OPPOSITION!
8. Nehemiah 4:7-18 Half Build, Half Stand Guard
 - a. If you are not Building, STAND Guard
 - b. We need to Have each other's backs!!
9. Nehemiah 6:15-16 in just 52 days, the Wall was finished
 - a. The surrounding nations were frightened and humiliated
 - b. They realized this work had been done with the HELP OF OUR GOD!