

Series: ReSTART: Discovering A Second Chance

Title: *Dreams: Reigniting My Passions*

Text: Nehemiah 2:1-8

Introduction:

Memory Verse

It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

They are new every morning:

great is thy faithfulness. (Lamentations 3:22-23)

Big Idea

A God given _____ must be in place to achieve a God given dream.

Let's look at Nehemiah's seven step planning model to achieve his dream.

I) Step #1 – Pray & Ask For God's _____.

O Lord, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who desire to fear thy name: and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. For I was the king's cupbearer. (Nehemiah 1:11)

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God. (James 1:5)

II) Step #2 – Prepare for an opportunity & _____.

I took up the wine, and gave it unto the king. (Nehemiah 2:1)

Every prudent man dealeth with knowledge: but a fool layeth open his folly. (Proverbs 13:16)

III) Step #3 – Expect _____, But Don't Let it Stop Me.

Now I had not been beforetime sad in his presence. Wherefore the king said unto me, Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? this is nothing else but sorrow of heart. Then I was very sore afraid. (Nehemiah 2:1-2)

A. He admitted His _____.

Then I was very sore afraid, And said unto the king, Let the king live for ever: why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, lieth waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire? (Nehemiah 2:2-3)

B. He prayed quickly _____ speaking.

Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven. (Nehemiah 2:4)

IV) Step #4 – Establish a Clear _____.

And I said unto the king, If it please the king...that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it. (Nehemiah 2:5)

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V) **Step #5 – Set a _____.**

So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time. (Nehemiah 2:6)

VI) **Step #6 – Anticipate the _____ I'll Face.**

Moreover I said unto the king, If it please the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the river, that they may convey me over till I come into Judah; And a letter unto Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which appertained to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into. (Nehemiah 2:7-8)

A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself; but the simple pass on, and are punished. (Proverbs 27:12)

And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? (Luke 14:27-28)

VII) **Step #7 – Trust God to Meet All My _____.**

And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me. (Nehemiah 2:8)

The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD. (Proverbs 16:1)

For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. (James 4:15)

Conclusion:

God given dreams can be obtained if they are met with a _____ given plan.

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Guest Preacher: Jeremy Rowland

Join us next week, Sunday, March 20 @ 11am as we kick off our new preaching series "As You Go" with a message from guest speaker, Jeremy Rowland.

