



MESSAGE NOTES

PRACTICAL TEACHING FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

Title: **A Call to Action**
Series: **Moving Forward Together**
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HOW TO GO FROM VISION TO ACTION?

1. _____ THE BURDEN GOD PLACES ON YOUR HEART

*In the month of Nisan in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, 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.**” (Ne 2:1–2).*

*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?**” (Ne 2:2–3).*

2. _____ GOD’S HELP - PRAY PRAY PRAY

*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.**” (Ne 2:4–5).*

3. _____ PROVISION FOR THE ASSIGNMENT

*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.** (Ne 2:6).*

*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?” (Ne 2:7).*

*And because **the gracious hand of my God was on me,** the **king granted my requests.** (Ne 2:8).*

God supplied: Time, Authority, Resources, Protection

4. _____ THE REALITY

*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. (Ne 2:11–12).*

*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. (Ne 2:13).*

*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. (Ne 2:16).*

5. _____ THE PEOPLE AROUND A COMPELLING VISION

*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**. (Ne 2:17–18)*

*They replied, “**Let us start rebuilding**.” So they began this good work. (Ne 2:19)*

6. _____ THE OPPOSITION WITHOUT LOSING FOCUS

*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. (Ne 2:10).*

*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?” (Ne 2:19).*

*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.” (Ne 2:20).*