From Languishing to Thriving! The Best is Yet to Come (You ain't seen nothing yet)! Part 2 January 15, 2023 Pastor Lane Olson New Song Community Church

Truth in a Nutshell:

- 1. What makes you mad or what makes you sad can be an indication of a situation that God wants you to address.
- 2. God doesn't call the qualified, but He still qualifies the called.
- 3. A God-sized vision cannot be accomplished in our own strength.
- 4. If you want to see miracles in your life, you have to be in a place where a miracle is required.

Text: Nehemiah 1:1-11 (NLT)

A. Symptoms of Languishing

- 1. Feelings of hopelessness...a feeling of helplessness and a sense that the best of your life is behind you.
- 2. Not interested in anything, lack of passion for life. (Apathy)
- 3. When you become indifferent to the indifference.

B. Characteristics of Flourishing

- 1. Attitude of inner joy. (Wake up in the morning laughing)
- 2. Self-esteem.
- 3. Strong sense of meaning for your life.
- 4. Passion for life.

C. Moving from Languishing to Flourishing

- 1. Notice what makes you mad, and what makes you sad.
 - Those emotions can be indicators of how God speaks into our lives
- 2. God knows our sorrows and sees our tears.

Psalms 56:8

- 3. Notice what puts a smile on your face.
 - i. What do you love to do.
 - ii. What are you good at?
- 4. What Lights a fire in your life?

Psalms 37:4-5

5. Clear vision releases passion.

D. Moving in the direction of Flourishing

- 1. Get involved in serving other people.
- 2. Ask God to make you open to His Vision for your life.
 - Is there not a cause?
- 3. Take the step of Faith.
 - Dream Big, Pray hard, think long.
- 4. Let God restore your passion.

Conclusions:

- 1. Nehemiah had No qualifications to do what God called him to do...just passion and vision.
- 2. Faith partnership with God will bring success.
- 3. A God-sized vision requires the power of God working in your situation.
- 4. Don't be afraid of the call.
- 5. By Faith the best is yet to come.

Next Steps: Today I am:

- 1. Committing/recommitting my life to Christ.
- 2. Open to God for a "God-Sized" vision.
- 3. Ready to pursue my God-sized Vision.
- 4. Willing to be placed in the Miracle Zone.