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**The Birth Pains of Passion**

*Nehemiah 1:1-4 Hanani, one of my brothers, came from Judah with some other men, and I questioned them about the Jewish remnant that had survived the exile, and also about Jerusalem. 3 They said to me, "Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire." 4 When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven.*

### **The Passion Process**

See the **significance of the problem.**

Tip #1 : Ask the **right questions.**

*v.1 I questioned them about the Jewish remnant that had survived the exile, and also about Jerusalem*

Tip #2 : Feel the **pain.**

*v. 4 When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven.*

Sense how God **wants me to a part of the solution.**

Tip #1 : **Intensify** my prayer.

*Neh. 1:11 Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man."*

Tip #2 : **Identify** my passion.

*v. 11 ".....your servants who delight in revering your name."*

Seize the **opportunity to serve.**

*Neh. 2:1-2 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, 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...*

Tip #1 : Be willing to **let the vision complicate my life.**

Tip #2 : Be willing to **lead out through sacrifice.**

Sell the **vision to investors.**

*Neh. 2:3-6 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?" 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.” 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.*

Tip #1 :       **Show my heart.**

Tip #2 :       **Prepare my plan.**

Survey the **work to be accomplished.**

*Neh. 2:13 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.*

Tip #1 :       Get **a close up view of the dirty details.**

Sell the **vision to workers.**

Tip #1 :       Make **the ask.**

*Neh. 2:17 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.”*

Ask them to **influence** for the vision.

Ask them to **give** to the vision.

Ask them to **serve** in the vision.

Tip #2 :       Tell **the story of God’s favor.**

*Neh. 2:18 I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the king had said to me.*

*v. 18 They replied, “Let us start rebuilding.” So they began this good work.*

**Additional Study:**

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| Monday    | Nehemiah 1 and 2 |
| Tuesday   | Nehemiah 3       |
| Wednesday | Nehemiah 4       |
| Thursday  | Nehemiah 5       |
| Friday    | Nehemiah 6       |