

Finishing Well A Leader's Courage

I. Courageous Leaders are Always Preparing.

Why did God make Nehemiah wait 4 months for an answer?

What are the questions you should ask yourself as you are waiting and praying?

"The will to win is not nearly as important as the will to prepare to win."

II. Courageous Leaders Feel Fear and Move Forward Anyway. Verses 1 – 8

Verse 2: What does this say about Nehemiah's self-control and emotional maturity?

Courage is not the absence of fear; it's obedience despite it.

Verse 3 – 4 note how Nehemiah responds.

Verses 5–6 tell us that Nehemiah had been preparing.

When the king grants his request, who does Nehemiah give the credit to?

III. Courageous Leaders Face Reality before Casting Vision. Verses 11 – 16

What is the first thing Nehemiah does when he arrives in Jerusalem?

IV. Courageous Leaders Publicly Invite Others into the Work. Verses 17 – 18

6 Reasons Why Building a Healthy Church Is the Hardest Job on the Planet.

V. Courageous Leaders Set Boundaries against Opposition. Verses 19 – 20

Verses 9 – 10

Courageous leadership includes the willingness to be misread and mischaracterized.

What can you do to minimize gossip and criticism during the transition from me to the new senior pastor?