

For David...served the purpose of God in his own generation. Acts 13:36

### Mission

Send me to (Jerusalem) that I may rebuild it. Nehemiah 2:5

### Process

1. **PAUSE** - So I went to Jerusalem and was there three days. Nehemiah 2:11
  - a. **For Timing** - I took up the wine and gave it to the king. Nehemiah 2:1
  - b. **For Prayer** - I continued fasting and praying. Nehemiah 1:4  
So I prayed to the God of heaven. Nehemiah 2:4
  - c. **To Recruit Allies** - The queen sitting beside him. Nehemiah 1:6
2. **TEAM** - Then I arose in the night, I and a few men with me. Nehemiah 2:12
3. **IDENTIFY**
  - a. **Problems** - I went out by night by the Valley Gate to the Dragon Spring and to the Dung Gate, Nehemiah 2:13
  - b. **Resources** - ...the Jews, the priests, the nobles, the officials, and the rest who were to do the work. Nehemiah 2:16
4. **PLAN**
  - a. **Problem** - You see the trouble we are in, how Jerusalem lies in ruins with its gates burned. Nehemiah 2:17
  - b. **Solution** - Come, let us build the wall of Jerusalem. Nehemiah 2:17
5. **LAUNCH** - I told them of the hand of my God that had been upon me for good, and also of the words that the king had spoken to me. Nehemiah 2:18

### Opposition

They jeered at us and despised us. Nehemiah 2:19

### Response

God will make us prosper, and we will arise and build. Nehemiah 2:20

### Let's Connect

What's the biggest disaster you have ever experienced?

### Let's Talk About It

In Nehemiah 2, we read from Nehemiah's journals how he developed his plan and rallied the people to rebuild the wall surrounding Jerusalem. The remainder of the book will show that Nehemiah's plan worked to such an extent that what others had failed to do in 70 years, Nehemiah accomplished in 52 days. Chapter two reveals the key aspects of Nehemiah's rebuilding plan. Similarly, Grace Honolulu has been looking for a new home for 36 years and we believe now is the time to finish that task!

Nehemiah 2; Acts 13:36

- Which part of the message made an impact, caught your attention or challenged you?
- Read Nehemiah 2:5-8. Nehemiah had a habit of *pausing* to wait for the right timing, to pray, and to recruit allies. Are there any of these three areas for which you feel the need to take a strategic pause?
- Read Nehemiah 2:11-12. Initially, Nehemiah only shared his true intentions and plans with a few men. Who is in your inner circle?
- Read Nehemiah 2:13-20. Nehemiah rallied the people to build the wall in response to Jerusalem laying in ruins. What do you see as the need Grace Honolulu is responding to by rallying together to *Build for Tomorrow, Today*?
- God's part in this plan was to prosper the people and their part was to arise and build. What do you see as God's part in *Building for Tomorrow, Today*? What do you see as the church's part? What do you see as your part?

### Take a Step

- Spend time this week considering who is or might be on your core team and how they might partner with you in the mission God's given you.
- SOAP reading: **Day 1:** Psalm 97, Matthew 5; **Day 2:** Psalm 109, Matthew 6; **Day 3:** Psalm 127, Matthew 7; **Day 4:** Psalm 140, Matthew 8; **Day 5:** Psalm 15, Matthew 9; **Day 6:** Psalm 35, Matthew 10; **Day 7:** Psalm 52, Matthew 11

### Here's My Prayer

- Father, thank You for the passions You've given each of us. Help us to use these passions to serve You and others. Shape our vision for the work You would have us do and guide us as we plan for the future. Allow others to see our passion, so they might be inspired to serve as well. Amen.
- Heavenly Father, thank you for miraculously bringing us to *The Willows* property. Please increase our faith and courage as we focus on You and move forward together in the process of taking possession of *The Willows*.