

Stepping Into...

Godly Leadership

“Be faithful in small things
because it is in them that
your strength lies.”

Mother Teresa

God Interrupts Us...

Neh. 1:2-4 NLT

² Hanani, one of my brothers, came to visit me with some other men...

³ They said to me, “Things are not going well for those who returned to the province of Judah. They are in great trouble and disgrace. **The wall of Jerusalem has been torn down, and the gates have been destroyed by fire.**” ⁴ When I heard this, I sat down and wept. In fact, for days I **mourned, fasted, and prayed** to the God of heaven.

God Positions Us to Respond...

Neh. 1:11 NLT

¹¹ O Lord, please hear my prayer! Listen to the prayers of those of us who **delight in honouring you**. Please grant me success today by making the king favourable to me. Put it into his heart to be kind to me.”

In those days I was **the king's cup-bearer**.

God Navigates the Timing...

Neh. 2:1-3 NLT

¹Early the **following spring**, in the month of Nisan, during the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes' reign, I was serving the king his wine. I had never before appeared sad in his presence. ² So the king asked me, "Why are you looking so sad? You don't look sick to me. You must be deeply troubled." **Then I was terrified,** ³ but I replied, "Long live the king! How can I not be sad? For the city where my ancestors are buried is in ruins, and the gates have been destroyed by fire."

God Opens Doors & Provides Resources

Neh. 2:4-5 NLT

⁴ The king asked, “Well, how can I help you?”

With a prayer to the God of heaven, ⁵ I replied, “If it please the king, and if you are pleased with me, **your servant**, send me to Judah to rebuild the city where my ancestors are buried.”

Leaders Overcome Opposition

Neh. 2:9-10 NLT

⁹ When I came to the governors of the province west of the Euphrates River, I delivered the king's letters to them. The king, I should add, had sent along army officers and horsemen to protect me. ¹⁰ But when **Sanballat the Horonite** and **Tobiah the Ammonite** official heard of my arrival, **they were very displeased** that someone had come to help the people of Israel.

“We are all faced with a series of
great opportunities brilliantly
disguised as impossible situations.”

Chuck Swindoll

Exceptional Outcomes

Neh. 6:15-16 NLT

¹⁵ So on October 2 the wall was finished—**just fifty-two days after we had begun.** ¹⁶ When our enemies and the surrounding nations heard about it, they were frightened and humiliated. They realized this work had been done **with the help of our God.**

"A man who would not die for something is not fit to live."

Martin Luther King Jr.

Jesus - Ultimate Leadership Example

Mark 14:22-24 NLT

²² As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, “Take it, for **this is my body.**”

²³ And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. ²⁴ And he said to them, “**This is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice for many.**”

Luke 22:42 ESV “...not my will, but yours, be done.”

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