

Name: _____

Reading: Nehemiah 2:11,12

Topic: Vision & Dreams

For

The Work

of God

INTRODUCTION: All great things that have been accomplished began with a _____ or a vision to _____ something accomplished and effective for both now and the future.

I. THE BURDEN OF NEHEMIAH:

A. He Realized The Need:

1. Nehemiah was one of the captives in a strange land but he had a good _____ and an important position in the _____ of the king. Neh. 1:1
2. He was inquiring about his homeland and about the _____ of Jerusalem from which he and the other captives had been taken and he found out that the city and its _____ were in ruins. Neh. 1:

2,3

B. He Began To Pray:

1. Once Nehemiah realized the need, his response was to begin to fast and pray and _____ the face of God concerning this _____ situation. Neh. 1:4
2. In his prayer, he began to recall the words of the Lord that were written by _____ concerning the situation that they _____ themselves in and he searched for an answer. Neh. 1:8-11

II. THE DREAM OF NEHEMIAH:

A. It Came Into His Mind:

1. In the mind of Nehemiah, he imagined how sad that the _____ of Jerusalem must look, and it caused him to be troubled so much that his _____, the king noticed and asked him why. Neh. 2:1,2
2. Nehemiah felt directed to open up the situation to the _____, so he poured out his heart and his _____ before him. Neh. 2:3

B. It Came Into His Heart:

1. When Nehemiah shared his _____ with the king, a surprising thing happened, and the king said what would you like to _____ about this situation? Neh. 2:4
2. Nehemiah did again what he had been doing regularly – he _____ to the Lord, asking for some direction and God gave him the _____ to say. Neh. 2:5
3. When Nehemiah and his entourage arrived back in their home land and got a _____ of the city in ruins it was a disastrous _____ to behold with broken down walls and burned gates.
4. For Nehemiah, this was not a hopeless _____ because God had put something into the _____ of that man and it led him to spring into action. Neh. 2:11,12

C. It Brought About A Miracle:

1. The _____ and the vision of Nehemiah led to a uniting of a group of people behind a leader who

had something that God had put in his _____ to accomplish. Neh. 2:17,18

2. In spite of much opposition and intimidation of their adversaries the _____ accomplished a work so speedily that it amazed _____ their enemies. Neh. 6:15,16

III. VISION FOR THE WORK OF YOUR MINISTRY:

A. Through Prayer:

1. A true _____ and dream for any ministry begins with seeking God, both in our regular daily prayer time and in special times when searching for _____ from God.
2. God will give a plan and a _____ to a leader for the advancement and growth of a ministry or a _____ and following that plan will lead to progress and results.

B. Write It Down:

1. Once God gives a vision and a _____ to any leader or minister, it is important to write it down in some form, either on _____ or on an electronic device so it will not be forgotten. Ex. 34:27
2. The plans that God gave to Moses on Mount Sinai were not _____ out immediately, but over a period of _____ they were accomplished. Ex. 40:16-18

C. Take Steps To Accomplish It:

1. Plans on paper or on a _____ do not go anywhere by themselves so there must next be a plan of action to accomplish and fulfill the _____ and the vision. I Ki. 8:17,18
2. Though King David did not get to finish the _____ of building the House of the Lord, he did take steps to prepare the beginning of it and later his son Solomon completed the _____. I Ki. 8:19

D. Vision & Dream Planning:

1. What would I like to see accomplished in the ministry that I am involved in?

a. In the next Year

b. In the next two years

c. In the next five years

2. What resources will I need to be able to fulfill what I have written down?

a. In the next year

b. In the next two years

c. In the next five years

CONCLUSION: It is important to remember that after prayerfully _____ God for direction and _____, and after receiving that word and _____, it will take time, patience and work to fulfill the dream, so never give up when things get difficult – keep pressing on!