



Unlocking Vision

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NEHEMIAH

1. He was in the wrong _____.
2. He had the wrong _____.
3. He was the wrong _____.
4. He had the wrong proficiencies.
5. He had the wrong financial _____.

THE NEHEMIAH FACTOR

1. Nehemiah violates all of the _____ ideas about leadership. He defies it all – he doesn't measure up or meet the qualifications of a leader. He defies every leadership standard.
 - a. He possessed none of the _____ people associate with leadership: power, position, and privilege.
 - b. He led even though he was not on the _____ of anyone's organizational chart.
2. Nehemiah teaches us a critical lesson.
 - a. Never disqualify yourself from leadership because you do not possess the _____ society holds so dear.
 - b. Remember _____ is capable of positioning you in the right place at the right time regardless of what the world thinks.

“WHERE DO YOU SEE YOUR LIFE AND YOUR MINISTRY IN FIVE YEARS?”

Proverbs 29:18 Where there is no vision, the people perish: KJV Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; NIV When people do not accept divine guidance, they run wild. NLT

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future

Habakkuk 2:2-3 Then the LORD replied: “Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. ³For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.

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1. Vision is _____ in the secret place of the Most High.
 - When our future seems bleak and hopeless it is an indicator we haven't been spending time with Him.
2. A God ordained vision will begin as a _____. It's an inability to accept things the way they are.
 - a. Something will bother you.
 - b. You will be consumed with the tension between _____ and _____.
 - c. Vision forms in the heart of those who are dissatisfied with the status quo
 - d. Over time that dissatisfaction matures into a clear picture of what could be done fueled by the conviction that it should be done.
3. Vision is the ability to see God's _____, walk in God's presence, and function in God's _____ in spite of obstacles.
4. Vision evokes _____ and emotion!
 - There is no such thing as an _____.
5. Vision gives _____ and significance.
6. Vision provides _____.
 - a. It makes the menial and trivial task have value.
 - b. Our maintenance guys are a part of the vision at RFC!
7. Vision sets _____.
8. Vision _____!
9. Vision will prioritize your _____.
10. Every God ordained vision appears to be _____.
 - a. If the vision is bigger than us it means we have to put our faith in HIM.
 - b. The key is not the size of our faith but the size of what we put our faith into.
 - c. MOTTO: "I want to do something so BIG it's destined to fail without you Lord. Something so BIG it takes a miracle to do!"

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11. Many visions die in the time between _____ and _____.

When “how” seems out of sight, it is tempting to put “what” out of mind.

12. What God _____, He orchestrates.

- a. We are not responsible for figuring out how to pull off God’s vision.
- b. We are responsible for playing our part in the symphony.

13. Faith is the _____ to pursue a divine vision.

14. Prayer and planning are the _____ for the vision to become a reality.

PRAYER

- a. It keeps us looking.
- b. It keeps the burden fresh.
- c. It keeps our eyes and heart fresh.
- d. We are not trying to force God’s hand but keep on the lookout for His _____.

Nehemiah 1:11 O 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.”

- e. Our tendency is to pray for miracles. But in most situations it is more appropriate to pray for an _____.

PLANNING

- a. Assuming you had all of the time, resources, and people what would you do?
- b. Planning and preparation are what lazy people call being lucky.
- c. Nehemiah needed to be ready to go if and when God granted him the opportunity to cast his vision before the king.
- d. Why should God bring an opportunity your way if you are not in a position to take advantage of it?

15. Success or failure is determined by your willingness to take the first _____ and take a _____.

If it was easy, everyone would make it to the top.

The path of least resistance is what makes rivers and people crooked.

Every great accomplishment is the result of taking great risk.

“No one really knows why they are alive until they know what they'd die for.” — Martin Luther King Jr.

*****Don't expect others to take greater risks or make greater sacrifices than you have!