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**Nehemiah
Profile**

Accepting the Challenge to God's Calling

Nehemiah 2:1-8 KJV

[1] And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that wine was before him: and I took up the wine, and gave it unto the king. Now I had not been beforetime sad in his presence. [2] Wherefore the king said unto me, Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? this is nothing else but sorrow of heart. Then I was very sore afraid, [3] And said unto the king, Let the king live for ever: why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, lieth waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire? [4] Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven. [5] And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it. [6] And the king said unto me, (the queen also sitting by him,) For how long shall thy journey be? and when wilt thou return? So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time. [7] Moreover I said unto the king, If it please the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the river, that they may convey me over till I come into Judah; [8] And a letter unto Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which appertained to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into. And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me.

1. HONOR AUTHORITY

Honoring authority honors God because it acknowledges that authority has been placed there by God. Rebelling against authority is disrespecting the sovereignty of God by not accepting his will. God uses people who know how to submit. Honor the position of authority even if you don't respect the person in that position, do this for the Lord's sake.

2. RELY ON THE LORD ALWAYS

Nehemiah knew to rely on God in the most important moments, like before he answered the king (verse 4). Prayer is one of the greatest time saver. God moves obstacles out of the way when you're working in his will, we struggle when we try it on our own. God turns other people to your side and in favor of the goal when we pray and seek his will.

3. SERVE YOUR WAY TO GREATNESS

Stay focused on the fact that God is in control always, you're not the one who is in charge. God promotes and blesses but he also demotes. We are not entitled to any position regardless of our talent and skill. The heart of a servant is humility.

4. KEEP YOUR AGENDA ON THE ALTER

Anything self serving keep before God so your motives will stay pure. Don't get so comfortable with your authority that you begin to neglect the purpose God placed you there to accomplish. God will take care of your needs in all levels of position, don't think you need to pad your own pocket for the future.

5. BE READY WHEN GOD OPENS THE DOOR

When God opens the door for you, don't fear, no man will be able to shut it in the same way, don't try to open a door on your own because you won't be able to and you'll waste your time. Think always and be open for ideas from God so that when says "go" you'll not be caught off guard.

6. ENCOURAGE OTHERS TOWARDS GREATNESS

Always, always encourage others. People sometimes settle for mediocrity because of ignorance, laziness, or self doubt. Be the person who shows another all the greatness God had planned for their life including the gifts God has given to them that they may not realize they have.