

## **Dreaming with God Part 1: It Begins with Desire**

### **Nehemiah 1:1-11**

Vision brings FOUR THINGS into our lives:

1. DESIRE
2. DRIVE
3. DIRECTION
4. DESTINY

The book of Nehemiah is about REBUILDING JERUSALEMS WALLS to secure ISRAEL, Jesus came to BUILD OUR LIVES and use us for His purposes.

#### **1. Vision Begins with Desire**

You will not get a vision for your life until you desire something different in your life. Vision begins when what we SEE doesn't match what we DESIRE.

When YOUR DESIRES COLLIDE WITH GOD'S HEART... Anything can happen!

Delight yourself in the Lord and HE WILL GIVE YOU the desires of your heart.

#### **2. Vision Bridges the Gap**

There is a gap between what we see and what we desire... how do we bridge the gap? VISION bridges the gap.

Nehemiah had PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITY TO QUIT IN THE GAP

- Distractions
- Oppositions
- Disappointments, etc.

How we respond in the gap is critical.

- We can second-guess
- We can get confused
- We can blame God
- We can engage in self-condemnation
- OR We can humbly trust

Let God's vision BRIDGE THE GAP and KEEP YOU IN THE GAP – TRUST IN GOD'S GRACE, GOD'S GOODNESS, GOD'S FAITHFULNESS, GOD'S PLAN

#### **3. Vision is Born in Your Heart**

Before vision is birthed, it must be conceived, and it's conceived in your heart.

Vision works from the INSIDE/OUT = Fear, Discouragement works from the OUTSIDE/IN (God's vision is conceived in your heart)

Vision STARTS WITH GOD, or else we just FEED OUR EGOS

God's Vision yields LASTING (eternal) RESULTS, instead of TEMPORARY PLEASURE

How a God-given vision is formed:

1. From a Holy Discontentment – Nehemiah 1:1-4a
2. From a Attitude of Faith –Nehemiah:1:4b-10
3. From a Willingness to be Used by God – Nehemiah1:11a
4. From a Sense of Calling – Nehemiah1:11b