

Dreaming with God Part 2: Divine Design

Nehemiah 2:1-10

Intro: Chapter 1 took place in the Hebrew month of Kislev, and chapter 2 takes place in the month of Nisan. In those 4 months Nehemiah was CRAFTING HIS VISION

There are 3 things that we can derive from what happened these 4 months:

- Prayer – Nehemiah spent time in prayer seeking God’s will
- Opportunity – Nehemiah realized there was an opportunity to help
- Planning – Nehemiah had spent time coming up with a plan of action
- People – Nehemiah knew he would need help from other

1. The Foundation of Vision is Crafted Through Divine Revelation

A divine vision must come through God revealing it to us. “Where there is no vision, the people perish”

Your vision will fall in line with who God has created you to be.

- Jeremiah – before I formed you I knew you
- David – I killed a lion and bear
- Moses – Growing up in Pharaoh’s house

You are created (fearfully/wonderfully), purposed, called, qualified, and equipped - 2 Timothy 1:9

2. The Blueprint of Vision is Crafted Through Divine Opportunities

Vision is crafted when we recognizing and seizing Divine Opportunities that are before us.

So how can we recognize opportunities:

- Open our eyes and look around – be aware of the needs
- Let God speak to you through his Word – his word will bring light into your life.
- Listen for God’s voice – promptings, thoughts/ideas that won’t go away
- Wait for open doors – don’t force opportunities, be patient, Nehemiah waited for King Artaxerxes to open the door
- Use discernment – what is a divine opportunity and what is a distraction
- Be bold to step out in obedience – every bible Character had the opportunity to say ‘no’

3. The Construction of Vision is Crafted Through Divine Strategy

There was intentional and strategic Planning on the part of Nehemiah. He knew how long this was going to take and he knew what materials and what help he would need for his journey.

The divine strategy is the ‘how’ I’m going to make the vision reality

You may not know every DETAIL, but you do know the DIRECTION. Count the cost. Determine what you need. Ask God for help and favor. Part of the strategy is PLANNING but the other part is ACTION

4. The Implementation of Vision is Crafted Through Divine Connections

Notice also that people are a part of the strategic plan – Nehemiah could not do this alone. It would take the help of a lot of people.

God places people in your path to help you progress and to prosper. Ironically enough, the enemy will put people in your path to cause you problems.

Nehemiah prayed that God would give him favor with people.

God will put you before the right people, in the right place, at the right time to accomplish his purpose.