

Dreaming with God Part 4: Accepting Your Unique Assignment

Nehemiah 2:17-18, Nehemiah 3

Intro: In Nehemiah chapter 3 we have a description of the people and families who helped rebuild the wall and the gates. It's like a roll call of superheroes in this construction project. They are the ones that made it happen.

Your God-dream isn't just about you, it's about OTHERS. Your gifts and callings are given, not to PUFF YOU UP, but to HELP MINISTER TO OTHERS. When we all play OUR UNIQUE PART, we PARTICIPATE in God's work on this earth to make people's lives better, to build a better community, and a better world for generations to come.

So today we want to look at THREE WAYS we can ACCEPT OUR UNIQUE ASSIGNMENT

We accept our unique assignment when we:

1. Realize We Play an Important Role in a Larger Story

In Nehemiah 3, each person, each family, played an IMPORTANT role, but they were not the main character in the story, and the story wasn't about them. It was about GOD'S BIGGER story.

How can we play a vital role in God's story:

- Focus on Purpose over Potential – seeking God's will for your life
- Show Jesus to others by living out the gospel – love, forgiveness, etc.
- Partner with others who may compliment your gifts – we are all different members

2. Reject Comparison by Embracing our Uniqueness

While **all** contributions are **vital**, that does **not imply they are identical**. It's easy to **look at someone else's role and think ours isn't as vital**. We lose when we get caught up in the comparison trap. **Comparison is the thief of joy** and will often **lead to jealousy**. All of this will lead to **wrong motives**.

So how can we escape the comparison trap and embrace our uniqueness?

- Focus on God's work IN US – become the best YOU that God has created you to be
- Understand that you've made a BIGGER IMPACT than you realize
- Learn to be CONTENT with who God has made us to be
- Practice GRATITUDE for what we have and how God has used us
- Leave the results up to God – Faithfulness is the new success!

3. Pick Up Our Tools and Begin to Work

- Use the gifts that you have
- Make the most of the opportunities that you have – look for them
- Feel the urgency for the Kingdom
- Know that you are empowered by the Holy Spirit