



Do the Work. Make a Difference

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... So they began the good work. **Nehemiah 2:18** NLT

1. Seek God faithfully

¹ Early the following spring, in the month of Nisan, during the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes' reign, I was serving the king his wine. I had never before appeared sad in his presence. ² So the king asked me, "Why are you looking so sad? You don't look sick to me. You must be deeply troubled." Then I was terrified, ³ but I replied, "Long live the king! How can I not be sad? For the city where my ancestors are buried is in ruins, and the gates have been destroyed by fire." ⁴ The king asked, "Well, how can I help you?" With a prayer to the God of heaven, ⁵ I replied, "If it please the king, and if you are pleased with me, your servant, send me to Judah to rebuild the city where my ancestors are buried." ⁶ The king, with the queen sitting beside him, asked, "How long will you be gone? When will you return?" After I told him how long I would be gone, the king agreed to my request. ⁷ I also said to the king, "If it please the king, let me have letters addressed to the governors of the province west of the Euphrates River, instructing them to let me travel safely through their territories on my way to Judah." ⁸ And please give me a letter addressed to Asaph, the manager of the king's forest, instructing him to give me timber. I will need it to make beams for the gates of the Temple fortress, for the city walls, and for a house for myself." And the king granted these requests, because the gracious hand of God was on me.

Nehemiah 2:1-8 NLT

2. Define the vision clearly

3. Make plans carefully

4. Inspire people passionately

¹⁷ But now I said to them, "You know very well what trouble we are in. Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire. Let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem and end this disgrace!" ¹⁸ Then I told them about how the gracious hand of God had been on me, and about my conversation with the king. **Nehemiah 2:17-18** NLT

"Light yourself on fire with passion, and people will come from miles to watch you burn."
~ John Wesley

Next Steps:

- Believe that God has some "Good Work" that he is calling me to
- Commit to pray specifically about the "Good Work" God is leading me to: _____
- Read Nehemiah chapter 2 this week
- Attend all of "The Good Work" (or YouTube channel)
- _____
