

# LEADING THROUGH UNCERTAINTY

The Book of Nehemiah

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**NEHEMIAH 2:1-2, 4-5, 12<sup>NIV</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> In the month of Nisan in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was brought for him, I took the wine and gave it to the king. I had not been sad in his presence before, <sup>2</sup> so the king asked me, “Why does your face look so sad when you are not ill? This can be nothing but sadness of heart.”

I was very much afraid,

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<sup>4</sup> The king said to me, “What is it you want?”

Then I prayed to the God of heaven, <sup>5</sup> and I answered the king, “If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor in his sight, let him send me to the city in Judah where my ancestors are buried so that I can rebuild it.”

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<sup>12</sup> I set out during the night with a few others. I had not told anyone what my God had put in my heart to do for Jerusalem. There were no mounts with me except the one I was riding on.

## OUR FOCUS FROM THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH

In every generation, \_\_\_\_\_  
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### 1. GOD EQUIPS

- God equips with a \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 2:1-2, 4-5)
- God equips with a \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 2:12)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ = Faith-activities that endeavor to rightly use the resources God provides (spiritual, financial, physical).
- God equips with a \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 2:4-5)

### 2. SERVANTS

- Leaders must be led. A servant seeks God for direction.

**NEHEMIAH 1:11<sup>NIV</sup>**

<sup>11</sup> Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name.

Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man.”

I was cupbearer to the king.

- Dependence on God permits us to cope with change.
- Dependence on God pushes our priorities into prayer.
  - See Nehemiah 1:4
  - Refer to Luke 11:5-10 on *Prayer*

### 3. EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP

- An effective leader will:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ **a vision.**
  - \_\_\_\_\_ **a plan.**
  - \_\_\_\_\_ **a community.**