

GOD HAS A VISION FOR YOU

IMPLEMENTING VISION: BEGINNING STEPS NEHEMIAH 2

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Vss. 1-8 Confirming Vision

It is Gold or Brass?

Heavenly Vision or Death Valley

Inspiration or Indigestion

Miracle or Mirage

Go Preach or Go Plow

Consistent with Characteristics

Compelling

Change

Conflict (within and without)

Consolation (Favor of God)

Identify Resources

Boldness in speaking the vision

Demon of last minute self-doubt

Failure of others to see vision

Preparation of proclamation

Prayer for guidance and courage

Think through as well as pray through

Art of proclamation

Specificity

Boldness in asking for big things

Risk of proclamation

Be prepared for rejection

Be prepared to proceed anyhow

Vss. 9-10 Early emergence of opposition

Investment of status quo

Change is personal threat

To Laziness

To Power

To Wealth

To Pride and Ego (All legitimate visions must come from me)

Vision Blindness

Jealousy

Vss. 11- 16 Clarify vision

Surveying territory/When reality sets in

Do not broadcast a vision to the public before its time

A few trusted souls

- People with vision or who want something themselves
- People who have loyalty to visionary
- People who are secure in themselves
- People who know how to keep their mouths shut
- People who also know when to speak up
- People who are secure in their relationship with leader
- People who have their own relationship with God
- People who have identifiable gifts

Ministry of a few trusted souls

- Help with strategy

- Encourage heart of leader

- Provide various resources

- Assist in articulating and cascading the vision

Initial group may not be established leadership

Vss. 17-20 Time to go public

- When we have a sense of the scope of the vision

- When we secured our own support group

- When we are absolutely sure that God is with us

- When we are prepared to start

- When we are prepared to defend the vision publicly and answer opposition