

The Heart of a Leader

The Kind of People God Uses

Nehemiah 1:1-11

Big Idea

God uses ordinary people who align with His heart and priorities – and who pray, plan, and then do something.

1. God Uses Ordinary People Like You and Me

- Nehemiah was a wine steward, not a priest.
- Most Biblical heroes were not priests or theologians.
- If you follow Jesus, you are a royal priest (1 Pet. 2:9).
- Don't believe two of Satan's favorite lies:
 1. The "_____ " Myth
 2. The "_____ " Myth

2. God Uses People Who Care About What He Cares About

- "Seek first His kingdom (Matthew. 6:33) means that God's priorities win my fork-in-the-road decision points.
- Not every need has your name on it.
- Two key questions:
 1. What needs has _____ put in front of me?
 2. What am I _____ qualified to help with?
- Nehemiah had access to the to the king and the resources.

3. God Uses People Who Pray, Plan, and Then Do Something

- Nehemiah prayed for four months before acting.
- God's will always has a _____ and a _____.
- Passion without wisdom = a train wreck.
- Action without a plan = a dumpster fire.
- Proverbs 21:31: "The horse is prepared for battle, but victory belongs to the Lord."

Closing Challenge

What is God putting in front of you that you are uniquely positioned to step into?
That is your **Nehemiah Assignment**.



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