

ACTION

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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; 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, but I said to the king, "May the king live forever! Why should my face not look sad when the city where my fathers are buried lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?" The king said to me, "What is it you want?" Then I prayed to the God of heaven, 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 fathers are buried so that I can rebuild it." Then the king with the queen sitting beside him, asked me, "How long will your journey take, and when will you get back?" It pleased the king to send me; so I set a time. I also said to him, "If it pleases the king, may I have letters to the governors of Trans-Euphrates, so that they will provide me safe-conduct until I arrive in Judah? And may I have a letter to Asaph, keeper of the king's forest, so he will give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel by the temple and for the city wall and for the residence I will occupy?" And because the gracious hand of my God was upon me, the king granted my requests.
Nehemiah 2:1-8 NIV

The king's heart is like a stream of water directed by the Lord; He guides it wherever He pleases. Proverb 21:1 NLT

Truth 1: God Is In The Business Of _____**Truth 2: Praying And Waiting Are A Part Of The****Truth 3: Faith Is Not A _____
For A Plan**

We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps. Proverbs 16:9 NLT

So I went to the governors of Trans-Euphrates and gave them the king's letters. The king had also sent army officers and cavalry with me. When Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official heard about this, they were very much disturbed that someone had come to promote the welfare of the Israelites. I went to Jerusalem, and after staying there three days, I set out during the night with a few men. 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. By night I went out through the Valley Gate toward the Jackal Well and the Dung Gate, examining the walls of Jerusalem, which had been broken down, and its gates, which had been destroyed by fire. Then I moved on toward the Fountain Gate and the King's Pool, but there was not enough room for my mount to get through; so I went up the valley by night, examining the wall. Finally, I turned back and reentered through the Valley Gate. The officials did not know where I had gone or what I was doing, because as yet I had said nothing to the Jews or the priests or nobles or officials or any others who would be doing the work. Then I said to them, "You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace." I also told them about the gracious hand of my God upon me and what the king had said to me. They replied, "Let us start rebuilding." So they began this good work.
Nehemiah 2:9-18 NIV

Truth 4: Casting Clear Vision Leads To

Truth 5: The Call of God Will Result In _____

God places the lonely in families...Psalm 68:6 NLT

Challenge This Week:

Take The Action Step: _____

QUESTIONS FOR GROUPS //

- *Can you recall a time when God changed your heart?*
- *Has God ever answered your prayer to change someone's heart? Explain.*
- *Do you think God would answer any prayer if you just had enough faith? Why?*
- *How do you account for what seems to be unanswered prayer?*
- *Does God require action, or is faith enough? Why?*
- *Read Psalm 68:6 – Why does God do this?*
- *What is the Kitale project? Do you plan on attending a Discovery Session this Sunday?*