

## Week 2: Doing the Work and Making a Difference

**Series:** The Good Work

**Scripture:** Nehemiah 2

**Reader:** James 3:13-18

The thing that tends to \_\_\_\_\_ you will often drive you or compel you into a \_\_\_\_\_ to make a \_\_\_\_\_ in the lives of somebody else.

586 BC	Babylonians conquer Jerusalem
538 BC	Persians conquer Babylonian & issue Edict of Cyrus
516 BC	Complete the rebuilding of the Temple
482 BC	Esther becomes Persian Queen
458 BC	Ezra/Zechariah come on scene
445 BC	Nehemiah

When you have a \_\_\_\_\_ from God about something that \_\_\_\_\_, that qualifies you to make a \_\_\_\_\_.

### How do you do the work and make a difference:

1. You \_\_\_\_\_ God \_\_\_\_\_.
  - *"Then I prayed to the God of Heaven."* (2:4)
  - Nehemiah had long time of dedicated prayer and quick prayers because of his intimacy with God
  - There is nothing too \_\_\_\_\_ for God in prayer, there's nothing too big for God's \_\_\_\_\_, and there's nothing too \_\_\_\_\_ for God's heart.
2. You \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ clearly.
  - *"...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."* (2:5)
  - The bottom line: if you can't \_\_\_\_\_ it, you won't \_\_\_\_\_ it.

3. You make \_\_\_\_\_ .
- A goal without a plan is just a wish.
  - Nehemiah asks specifically for \_\_\_\_\_ and he asks for \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - One of the best plans we can follow is to just do the \_\_\_\_\_ thing.
4. You \_\_\_\_\_ people \_\_\_\_\_ .
- *“Let us rebuild the walls of Jerusalem and we will no longer be in disgrace. I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the King said to me.” (2:17)*
  - The burden that you bear often \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ that you will embrace.

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

- John Wesley