

# **REBUILDING THE BROKEN PLACES IN YOUR LIFE**

## **A STUDY OF NEHEMIAH**

### **#2: FORMULATE A PLAN FOR CHANGE**

**NEHEMIAH 2:1-20**

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## **I. GOD HONORS GOOD PLANNING**

Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity, but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty.

Proverbs 21:5 (NLT)

Any enterprise is built by wise planning, becomes strong through common sense, and profits wonderfully by keeping abreast of the facts.

Proverbs 24:3-4 (TLB)

We should make plans—counting on God to direct us.

Proverbs 16:9 (TLB)

## **II. WAYS TO FORMULATE MY PLAN FOR POSITIVE CHANGE – NEHEMIAH 2:1-20**

### **1. Wait for God's timing (v.1-2a)**

Don't be afraid! Stand still and you will see the LORD save you today.

Exodus 14:13 (NCV)

### **2. Move forward despite my fears (v.2b-3)**

You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!

Isaiah 26:3 (NLT)

### 3. Pray through the entire process (v.4)

### 4. Do my homework (v.5-16)

*Five essential components of a worthy plan:*

- **Intention** - What does God want me to do?
- **Motivation** – Why do I want to do this?
- **Duration** – When can I complete the task?
- **Evaluation** – What resources will I need?
- **Cooperation** – Who will I need to help me?

### 5. Enlist the help I need (v.17-18)

**A leader knows the way, shows the way, and goes the way.**

**Dr. John Maxwell**

**Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Thinking together is unity.  
Working together is success.**

**Henry Ford**

### 6. Believe that my God is greater than the obstacles (v.19-20)

You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

1 John 4:4 (NIV)