



**Dream Again: Part 6 – Nehemiah
Persevering Under Pressure**

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1. A divine dream is a moral _____.

Nehemiah 1:2-4 (NLT), “²Hanani, one of my brothers, came to visit me with some other men who had just arrived from Judah. I asked them about the Jews who had returned there from captivity and about how things were going in Jerusalem.” “³They said to me, “Things are not going well for those who returned to the province of Judah. They are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem has been torn down, and the gates have been destroyed by fire.” “⁴When I heard this, I sat down and wept. In fact, for days I mourned, fasted, and prayed to the God of heaven.”

2. Divine dreams need divine _____.

Nehemiah 1:10 (NLT), “The people you rescued by your great power and strong hand are your servants. ¹¹O Lord, please hear my prayer! Listen to the prayers of those of us who delight in honoring you. Please grant me success today by making the king favorable to me. Put it into his heart to be kind to me.’ In those days I was the king’s cup-bearer.”

Nehemiah 2:4-5; 8b (NLT), “⁴The king asked, “Well, how can I help you?” With a prayer to the God of heaven, ⁵I replied, “If it please the king, and if you are pleased with me, your servant, send me to Judah to rebuild the city where my ancestors are buried.” 8b, “And the king granted these requests, because the gracious hand of God was on me.

Psalms 84:11 (NIV), “For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.”

3. Teamwork makes the _____ work.

Nehemiah 2:11, 16, 18 (NLT), “¹¹ So I arrived in Jerusalem. Three days later. ¹⁶The city officials did not know I had been out there or what I was doing, for I had not yet said anything to anyone about my plans. ¹⁸Then I told them about how the gracious hand of God had been on me, and about my conversation with the king. They replied at once, “Yes, let’s rebuild the wall!” So they began the good work.”

4. A divine dream requires _____.

Nehemiah 2:19-20 (NLT), ¹⁹But when Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem the Arab heard of our plan, they scoffed contemptuously. “What are you doing? Are you rebelling against the king?” they asked. ²⁰I replied, “The God of heaven will help us succeed. We, his servants, will start rebuilding this wall. But you have no share, legal right, or historic claim in Jerusalem.”

Romans 5:3-4 (NKJV), “We also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope.”

Nehemiah 4:1 (NLT), “Sanballat was very angry when he learned that we were rebuilding the wall. He flew into a rage and mocked the Jews.”

Nehemiah 4:18 (NLT), ¹⁸All the builders had a sword belted to their side. The trumpeter stayed with me to sound the alarm.

Nehemiah 4:23 (NLT), ²³We carried our weapons with us at all times, even when we went for water.

Nehemiah 6:15-16 (NLT), “¹⁵So on October second, the wall was finished just fifty-two days after we had begun. ¹⁶When our enemies and the surrounding nations heard about it, they were frightened and humiliated. They realized this work had been done with the help of our God.”
