

ENLISTING SUPPORT FOR YOUR DREAM

Building a Better Future
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Nehemiah 2:8-20

- **NO DREAM IS BUILT WITHOUT** _____
"I asked the King to help me by giving me permits for safe travel through the territories on my journey to Jerusalem . . . I also asked him to supply the timber for building from his royal forest . . . The king gave me everything I asked for because God's gracious favor was with me . . . The King even sent army officers and soldiers on horses to escort me!" Nehemiah 2:7-9
- **NO DREAM IS BUILT WITHOUT** _____
"Now when Sanballat and Tobiah heard I was coming to assist the welfare of the Jews in Jerusalem, they became very upset and disturbed."
Nehemiah 2:10

HOW TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR YOUR DREAM

1. _____
"There is a right time and right way to do everything." Ecclesiastes 8:6 (GNT)

"When I arrived in Jerusalem, I stayed quiet for 3 days." Nehemiah 2:11

While Waiting: Reenergize! Pray! Observe! Learn! Build curiosity!
2. **MAKE SURE** _____
"It's stupid and shameful to decide before knowing the facts!" Proverbs 18:13

"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 Dragon well and the Dung Gate, TO INSPECT all the broken-down walls of Jerusalem, and all the city gates which had been destroyed by fire."
Nehemiah 2:12-13

"Then I moved on to the Fountain Gate and the King's Pool, but there was so much rubble there wasn't enough room for my donkey to get through; so I went up the valley by night, EXAMINING the wall. Finally, I turned back and reentered at the Valley Gate." Nehemiah 2:14-15
3. _____
"There is a time to be silent and a time to speak." Ecclesiastes 3:7

"The local officials did not know where I'd gone or what I was doing, because I had said nothing YET to the people or priests or nobles or officials or anyone else who would be doing the work." Nehemiah 2:16

"I had not told anyone what my God had put in my heart to do."
Nehemiah 2:12

WHAT TO SAY TO ENLIST SUPPORT

4. _____
"Now I said to them, 'You can see the trouble WE are in . . . Come, let US rebuild.'" Nehemiah 2:17
5. **PAINT A PICTURE** _____
"I told them, 'You CAN SEE the TROUBLE we're in: Jerusalem lies in RUINS and our gates have been DESTROYED with fire!'" Nehemiah 2:17
6. **APPEAL** _____
"Let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, so we will no longer be living in disgrace."
Nehemiah 2:17 "end our humiliation" "no longer ashamed"
7. _____
"I also told them about how God had been with me and graciously helped me in my conversation with the king in gaining his support." Nehemiah 2:18

"They all responded, 'LET US start rebuilding now!' So together they began this good work." Nehemiah 2:18
8. _____
"Come, let us rebuild the wall now!" Nehemiah 2:17
9. _____
"When Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem heard this they mocked and ridiculed us. 'What do you think you are doing?' they asked. 'Are you rebelling against the king?' I simply replied, 'The God of heaven will give us success! We're his servants and we WILL rebuild this city but you have no claim or right to it.'"
Nehemiah 2:19-20

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