

**VISION.....is
seeing from God's
perspective....**

**“It is a terrible thing to see and
have no vision”**

Helen Keller

VISION.....is

“Vision without action is merely a dream.

Action without vision just passes the time.

Vision with action can change the world.”

[Joel A. Barker](#)

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NEHEMIAH chapter 2 v. 11-22

1.Nehemiah prepares himself for God's call.

**Four months of personal preparation;
seeking the Lord, listening to His voice,
responding to His call.....**

Preparation and dialogue are crucial

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2. Gaining perspective on what lies ahead..

“The vision must be followed by the venture.

**It is not enough to stare up the steps - we must
step up the stairs.”**

Vance Havner

**Nehemiah went to see what the task was..he
did not rely on the mis-communication or
mis-information of others.**

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2. Gaining perspective on what lies ahead..

**What did he see....defeat, shame, despair and
failure....OR**

The potential of victory, renewal, joy and success.

Broken walls, charred gates, defeated people..

**Renewed identity, renewed confidence, restored
national pride.**

Gaining the correct perspective re-aligns vision.

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3. Casting the Vision.

**Nehemiah gathered the people together,
related his personal experiences of the Lord,
the King and his journey.**

**Encouraged and enthused the people to work
alongside him.**

He had a plan from God to complete the wall.

**No renegades here, pulling together, seeing
together**

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4. Opposition can narrow vision.....

**Sanballat and Tobiah....enemies that taunted,
mocked and denigrated Nehemiah's efforts.**

**Others frequently do not see nor understand
your vision, which is why visionaries are
often misunderstood.**

How well do you articulate your vision???

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5. Realising the vision and owning it.

Nehemiah was unafraid to rebuke his enemies.

**He took authority, and laid down the
parameters of what was acceptable.....**

and what was not!!!!

**“Leadership is the capacity to translate vision
into reality.”**

Warren G. Bennis

His team work was exemplary!!!!