

**HOW ARE LEADERS TO MOTIVATE GOD'S SERVANTS TO DO HIS WORK?
LEARNING FROM NEHEMIAH'S EXAMPLE OF GODLY LEADERSHIP
Nehemiah 2:9-20**

- I. **Review: YOU MUST FIRST PERSONALLY STEP OUT WHERE THE LORD IS TRULY LEADING:** After much prayer, Nehemiah, led by the Lord to help the Jews, stepped out in faith (CH 1 & 2)

- II. **EXPECT OPPOSITION TO THE LORD'S WORK:** It was a great evil to Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite when they hear of Nehemiah's coming to help the Jews (9-10)

- III. **WISELY ANALYZE THE SPECIFIC WORK NEEDED IN LIGHT OF EXPECTED OPPOSITION:** Nehemiah secretly inspected the walls, being careful to not tip off his enemies that they might discourage the people before he could encourage them to do this good work the Lord was putting on his heart (11-16)

- IV. **ENCOURAGE THE LORD'S PEOPLE TO JOIN HIS GOOD WORK WITH YOU:** At the right time, Nehemiah reiterates Jerusalem's bad situation, invites the Jews to rebuild, testifies of God's favor through the king, and they agree and begin the good work (17-18)
 - A. Reiterate the biblical need (17a)
 - B. Invite the body to work with you (17b)
 - C. Testify of God's favor upon this work (18a)
 - D. Go to work (18b)

- V. **As you are opposed, TRUST COMPLETELY IN THE LORD TO ACCOMPLISH HIS WILL THROUGH YOU AND HIS PEOPLE:** Nehemiah exhibits faith as he rebukes the arising opposition (19-20)
 - A. When the opposition heard about it, they mocked, despised, and threatened (19)
 - B. Nehemiah responded in faith: 'God will give us success, so we will arise and build, and you are not part of this' (20)