

# NEXT LEVEL BLESSINGS:

5 HABITS OF HIGHLY BLESSED PEOPLE



## THE CHALLENGE OF EXECUTING THE PLAN

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**Nehemiah 1:1-4** – The words of Nehemiah son of Hakaliah:

In the month of Kislev in the twentieth year, while I was in the citadel of Susa, <sup>2</sup> Hanani, one of my brothers, came from Judah with some other men, and I questioned them about the Jewish remnant that had survived the exile, and also about Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup> They said to me, “Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire.”

<sup>4</sup> When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven.

### THE 4<sup>TH</sup> HABIT – HIGHLY BLESSED PEOPLE ... DELIVER THE **RESULTS**

#### ❶ PRAY TO GOD AND ASK FOR A **PLAN**

**Nehemiah 1:11** – Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man.” I was cupbearer to the king.

#### ❷ ONCE YOU HAVE A PLAN ... ASK FOR **HELP**

**Nehemiah 2:5,6** – Then I prayed to the God of heaven,<sup>5</sup> and I answered the king, “If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor in his sight, let him send me to the city in Judah where my ancestors are buried so that I can rebuild it.”

<sup>6</sup> Then the king, with the queen sitting beside him, asked me, “How long will your journey take, and when will you get back?” It pleased the king to send me; so I set a time.

#### ❸ HIGHLY BLESSED PEOPLE DELIVER THE RESULTS BECAUSE THEY...“**WORK** THE PLAN!”

**Nehemiah 3:5** – The next section was repaired by the men of Tekoa, but their nobles would not put their shoulders to the work under their supervisors.

OUR 5<sup>TH</sup> CORE VALUE HERE AT TRINITY CHURCH SIMPLY SAYS.... “SERVANT LEADERSHIP IS OUR **IDENTITY**”

IF YOU'RE TOO BIG TO SERVE THEN YOU'RE TOO SMALL TO **LEAD**.

NOTHING WORKS IF I DON'T WORK. YOU MUST **WORK** SO PEOPLE WILL SEE HOW TO DO IT!

**Nehemiah 5:15-16** – But the earlier governors—those preceding me—placed a heavy burden on the people and took forty shekels of silver from them in addition to food and wine. Their assistants also lorded it over the people. But out of reverence for God I did not act like that. <sup>16</sup> Instead, I devoted myself to the work on this wall. All my men were assembled there for the work; we did not acquire any land.

#### ❹ HIGHLY BLESSED PEOPLE MUST **FIGHT** THE GOOD FIGHT

**Nehemiah 4:17b** – Those who carried materials did their work with one hand and held a weapon in the other, <sup>18</sup> and each of the builders wore his sword at his side as he worked. But the man who sounded the trumpet stayed with me.

**Nehemiah 6:16** – <sup>16</sup> When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God.

#### ❺ HIGHLY BLESSED PEOPLE ALWAYS **GIVE** GOD THE GLORY AFTER THE PLAN HAS BEEN EXECUTED.

**Nehemiah 8:6** – Ezra praised the LORD, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, “Amen! Amen!” Then they bowed down and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.