

BUILD THE DREAM

- NEHEMIAH IS READY BUT HE HAS A HUGE OBSTACLE IN HIS WAY!

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- Artaxerxes

Emperor of Persia

- 465-424 BC

- What to do?



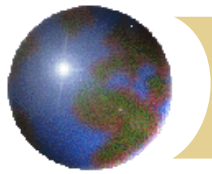
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Welcome from the Kirkland church family!

“Born to belong to each other”



September 8, 2013



***“BE FRUITFUL AND
MULTIPLY”***

Genesis 1:28 & Matt 28: 18-20

**Restoring NT Growth
E-Teams at Kirkland!**

Tonight at 5:00 p.m.

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- Often it is hard to **WAIT**.
 - Abraham & Sarah (Gen. 15-16).
 - Moses rushed in at 40 (Acts 7:25).

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- **NEHEMIAH WAITED UNTIL IT WAS GOD'S TIMING.**
 - King: “Why are you so sad (Neh 2:1-2)?”
 - Nehemiah admits: “Then I was sore afraid” (Neh 2:2b).

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- **WHY WAS HE AFRAID?**
 - To be sad in the king's presence was an insult and **DANGEROUS** (Esther 4:16).
 - Neh. was asking him to **CHANGE** his previously decreed order (Ezra 4:11-23).

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Daniel 6:5

- "Remember, O king, that according to the law of the Medes and Persians no decree or edict that the king issues can be changed." Also: Esther 8:8

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PRAYING TO GOD

Neh 2:4



- **Then the king said to me, "What would you request?" So I prayed to the God of heaven.**

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- Not a formal prayer but an **ARROW PRAYER.**



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HE REQUESTS THREE THINGS:

- **Change your Order (2:5).**
- **Provide Protection (2:8-9).**
- **Provide Provision (Timber) (2:8).**

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Why Agree To This?

- Trusted Nehemiah.
- Counter-balance against Syria.
- **Answered prayer!**

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God touched the King's heart

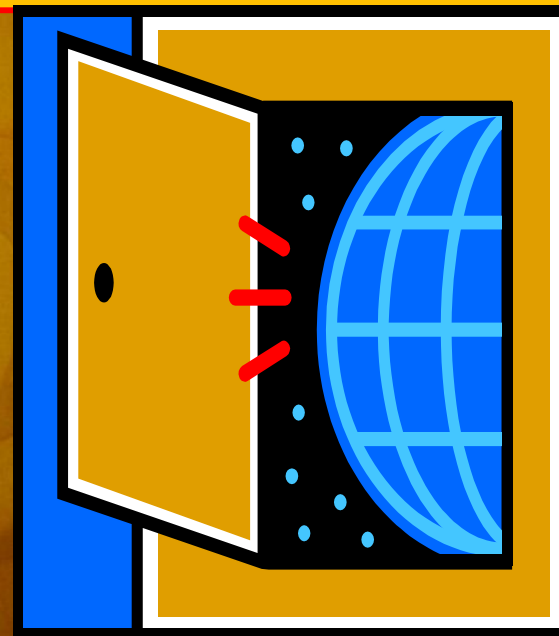
➤ Neh 2:9b “And the king granted them to me because the gracious hand of my God was upon me.”

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**REVIVAL & BUILDING = WALKING
THROUGH THE DOOR!**

- **PRAAYER IS FAITH
EMPLOYED.**
 - **When the closed door is
a person(s), tell God on
them!**



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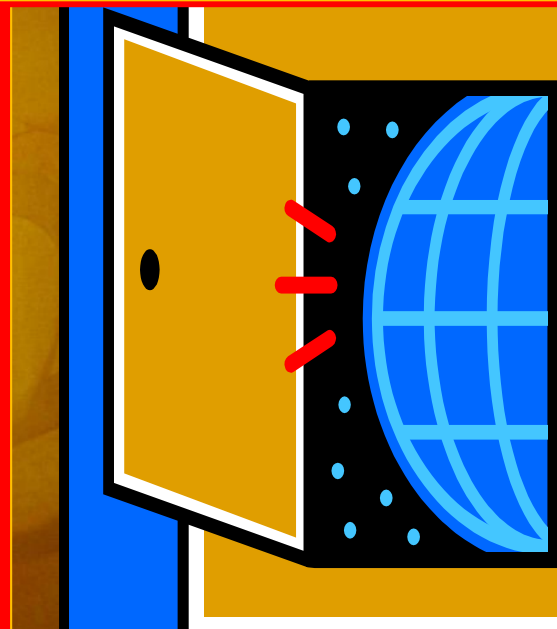
➤ Prov 21:1 “The kings heart is in the hand of Jehovah; like rivers of water He turns it wherever he wishes.”

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- **PRAAYER IS FAITH
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 - **When our problems are
too big, our God is too
small!**

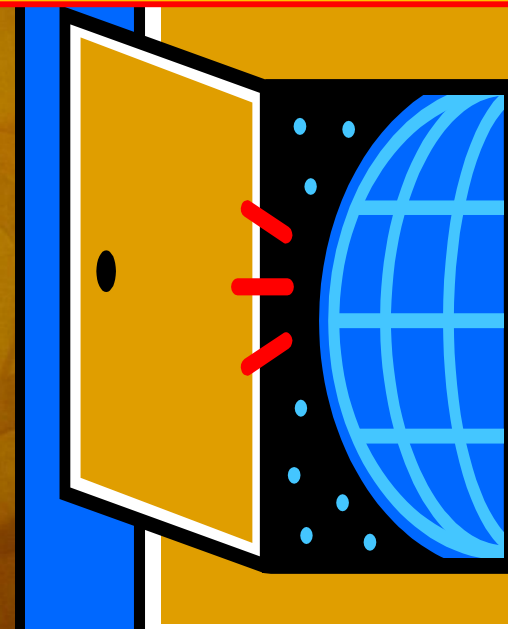


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- PATIENCE IS FAITH EVIDENCED.
 - “He who sins *hastens* with his feet” (Pro. 19:2).



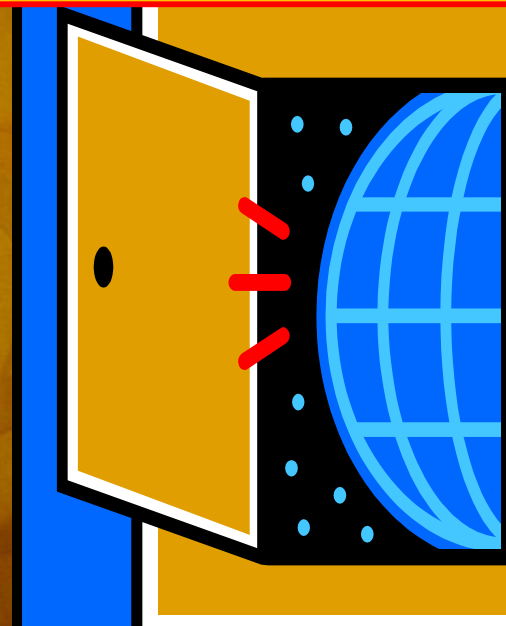
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**God most often tests us
with waiting.**

➤ **Even Jesus had to wait
until he was 30.**

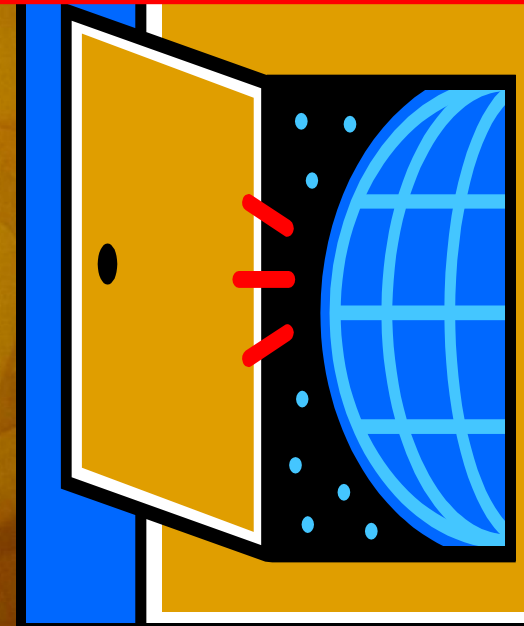


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- **PREPARATION IS
FAITH EXERCISED.**
 - Faith is not a substitute
for careful **PLANNING.**

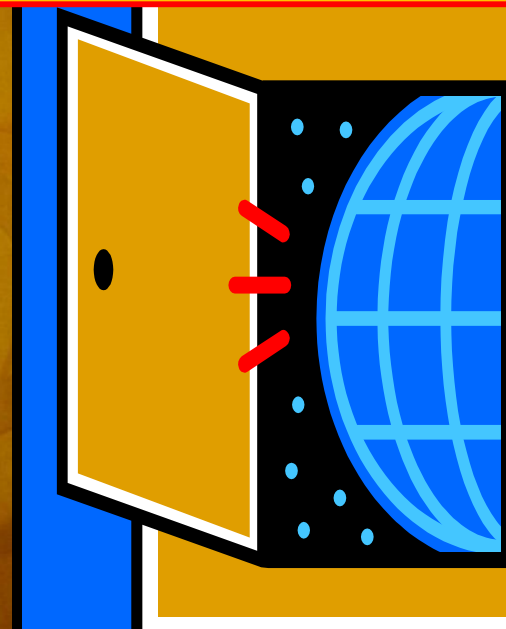


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- Will you ask God to open doors for you?
- Then prepare and walk through!



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**EVERY OPPORTUNITY BRINGS
OPPOSITION!**

- **“When Sanballat and Tobiah heard about it, it was very displeasing to them that someone had come to seek the welfare of the sons of Israel” (Neh 2:10).**

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**EVERY OPPORTUNITY BRINGS
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- **The Devil will always oppose positive plans to defeat his agenda!**

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**“Keeping the
Dream Alive”**

Neh 2:11-20

**Sun AM.
2/16/14**

Building Today for a Better Tomorrow

Isaiah 40:31



Yet those who **wait upon the LORD**, will **gain new strength**; they will mount up with *wings like eagles*, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary!