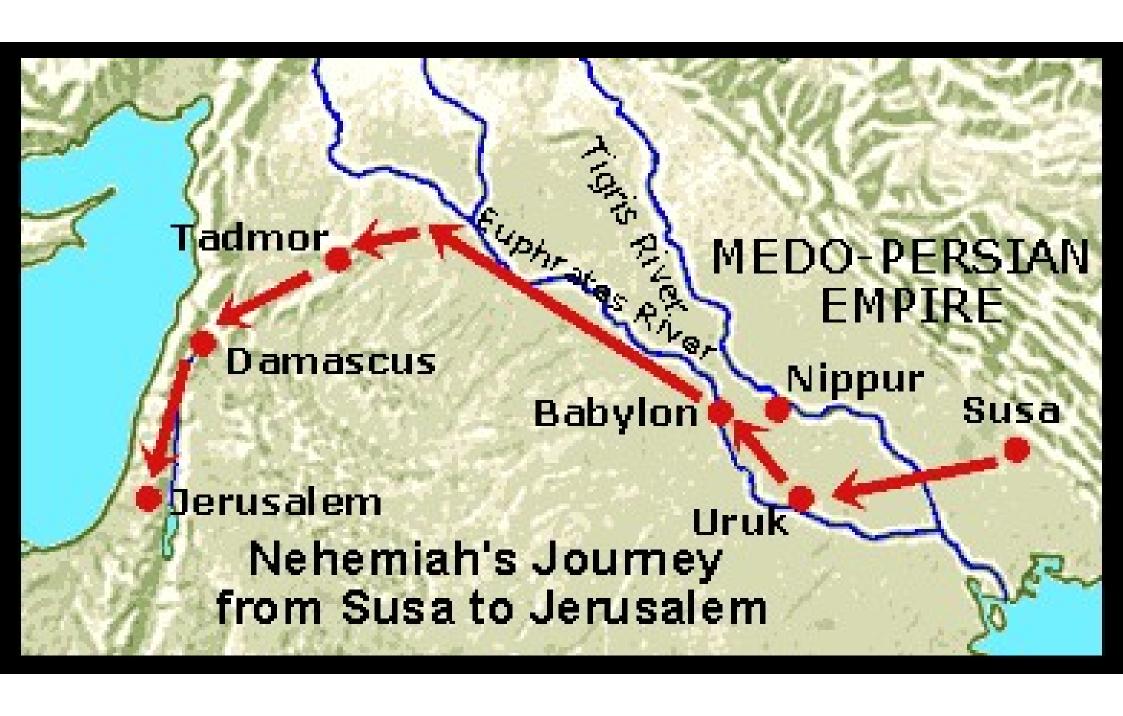
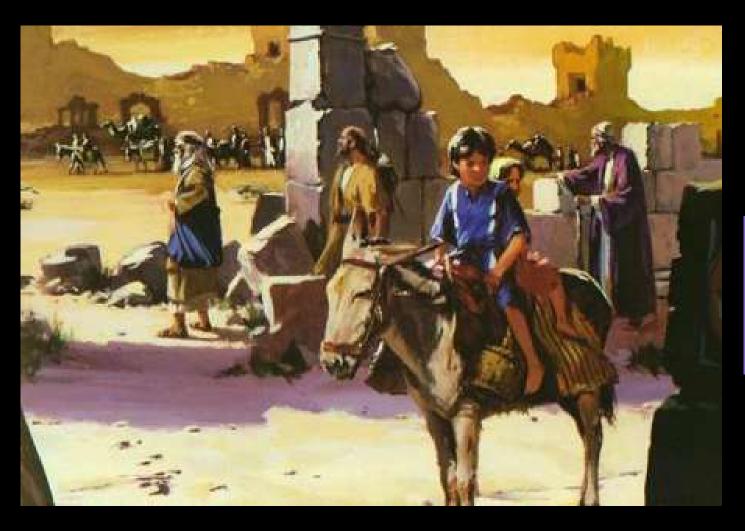
Nehemiah 2: 9-20 (NLT)

When I came to the governors of the province west of the Euphrates River, I delivered the king's letters to them. The king, I should add, had sent along army officers and horsemen to protect me. ¹⁰ But when Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official heard of my arrival, they were very displeased that someone had come to help the people of Israel. 11 So I arrived in Jerusalem. Three days later, 12 I slipped out during the night, taking only a few others with me. I had not told anyone about the plans God had put in my heart for Jerusalem. We took no pack animals with us except the donkey I was riding. 13 After dark I went out through the Valley Gate, past the Jackal's Well, and over to the Dung Gate to inspect the broken walls and burned gates. 14 Then I went to the Fountain Gate and to the King's Pool, but my donkey couldn't get through the rubble. 15 So, though it was still dark, I went up the Kidron Valley instead, inspecting the wall before I turned back and entered again at the Valley Gate.

16 The city officials did not know I had been out there or what I was doing, for I had not yet said anything to anyone about my plans. I had not yet spoken to the Jewish leaders—the priests, the nobles, the officials, or anyone else in the administration. 17 But now I said to them, "You know very well what trouble we are in. Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire. Let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem and end this disgrace!" 18 Then I told them about how the gracious hand of God had been on me, and about my conversation with the king. They replied at once, "Yes, let's rebuild the wall!" So they began the good work. 19 But when Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem the Arab heard of our plan, they scoffed contemptuously. "What are you doing? Are you rebelling against the king?" they asked. 20 I replied, "The God of heaven will help us succeed. We, his servants, will start rebuilding this wall. But you have no share, legal right, or historic claim in Jerusalem."







To Investigate

Nehemiah Assessed the Situation (v.11-16)

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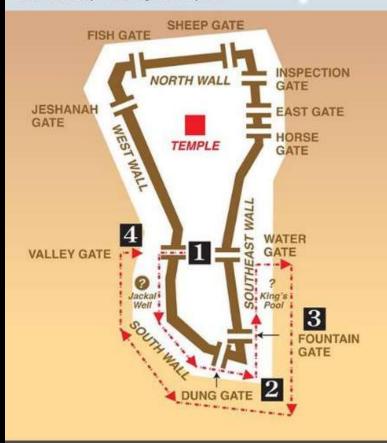
Nehemiah assessed the ruins

Night Rider

Nehemiah 2:13-15

Nehemiah examines Jerusalem

- 1. Through the Valley Gate toward the Jackal Well and the Dung Gate
- 2. From the Dung Gate toward the Fountain Gate and the King's Pool
- 3. From the King's Pool up the valley
- 4. From the valley back through the Valley Gate



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Purpose of the Investigation

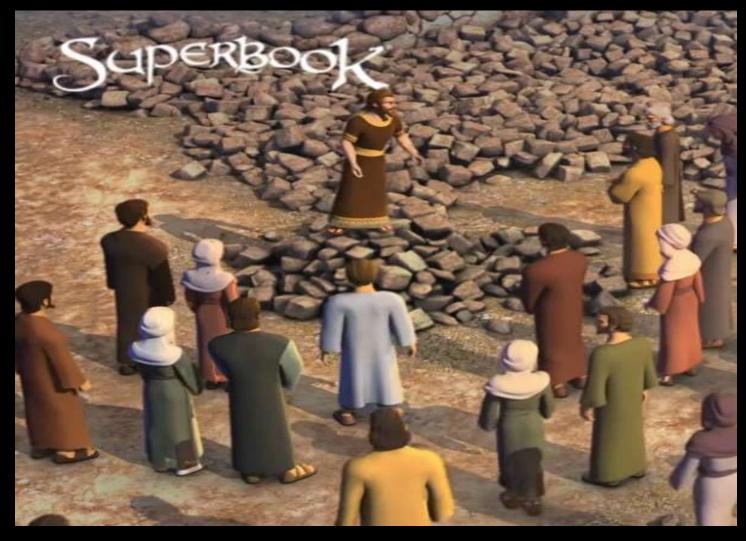
- 1. To be clear about what exactly the task is
 - What are the size, the scope, the parameters and limits
 - What are the goals Long-term, mid-term, and short term
 - What you are aiming at what are you doing; where you are going and what will be involved in getting there.
- 2. To develop a plan of action
 - Based on the condition of the walls
 - Based on the condition of the people
 - Based on the resources that were available

A plan that was conceivable, inspiring and achievable



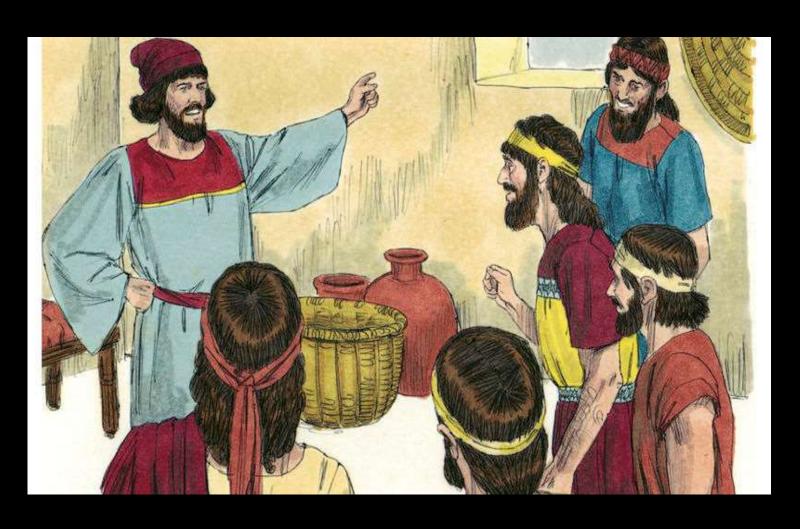
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Nehemiah clearly defined the problem



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Nehemiah clearly presented the solution



Nehemiah Rallied the People (v.17-18)

Nehemiah was open and honest



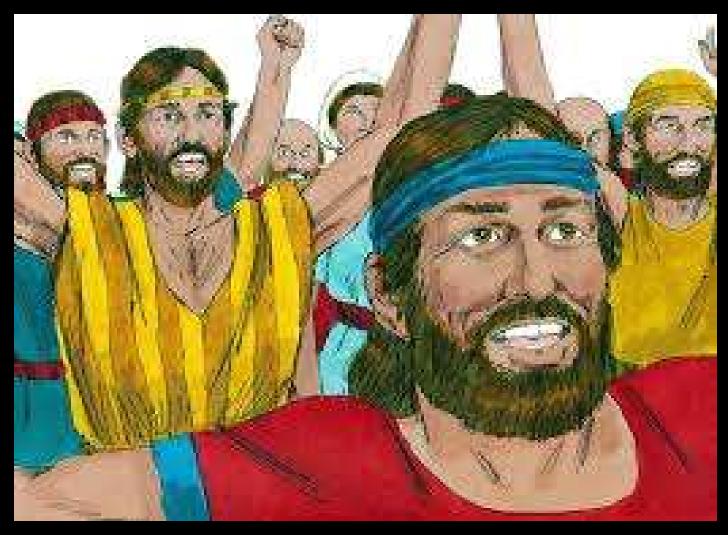
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Nehemiah testified of God's favor



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Nehemiah presented a plan of action



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"Yes, let's rebuild the wall!"



To Stand

Nehemiah faced the Opposition (v.19-20)

Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem the Arab

Tactics: Ridicule and Intimidation

To Stand

Nehemiah faced the Opposition (v.19-20)

Expect Challenges When Doing God's Will

- There are problems to solve; there are difficulties to overcome, EVEN when you are doing God's will.
- God's work is hard work. It does not mean that since it is God's will, everything will be smooth and easy.
- It does not mean also that if we face difficulties, then the work must not be God's will.
- Ministry is challenging. It is a spiritual warfare we are engaged in (Ephesians 6:12).
- God did not promise to do the work FOR us but WITH us. We have to LABOUR with Him.

