

# VISION+

“Action”  
Nehemiah 2  
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## ✧ 6 Actions of Visionary Leaders

### 1. Prayerfully WAIT on God.

*'In the month of Nisan in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes...'* Nehemiah 2:1a (NIV)

*'In the month of Kislev in the twentieth year...'* Nehemiah 1:1 (NIV)

*"The king said to me, "What is it you want?" Then I prayed to the God of heaven, and I answered the king..."*  
Nehemiah 2:4-5a (NIV)

### 2. Thoughtfully PLAN in Advance.

**Purpose:** *'...send me to the city in Judah so that I can rebuild it...'* Nehemiah 2:5 (niv)

**Timeline:** *'...It pleased the king to send me; so I set a time.'* Nehemiah 2:6 (NIV)

**Protection:** *'...they will provide me safe-conduct until I arrive...'* Nehemiah 2:7

**Resources:** *'...timber to make beams for the gates...for the city wall and for the residence I will occupy...'* Nehemiah 2:8a (NIV)

### 3. Openly CREDIT the Lord.

*'And because the gracious hand of my God was on me, the king granted my requests.'* Nehemiah 2:8b (NIV)

*'The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord...When Barnabas arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad...'* Acts 11:21 (NIV)

### 4. Clearly CAST the Vision.

*"Then I said to them, 'You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace.' I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the king had said to me. They replied, 'Let us start rebuilding.' So they began this good work."* Nehemiah 2:17-18 (NIV)

### 5. Bravely FACE the Opposition.

*"But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official and Geshem the Arab heard about it, they mocked and ridiculed us. 'What is this you are doing?' they asked. 'Are you rebelling against the king?'"* Nehemiah 2:19 (NIV)

### 6. Fiercely TRUST the Lord.

*"I answered them by saying, "The God of heaven will give us success. We His servants will start rebuilding, but as for you, you have no share in Jerusalem or any claim or historic right to it."* Nehemiah 2:20 (NIV)