

KITES RISE \_\_\_\_\_ THE WIND – NOT WITH IT!

## MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS:

- ✓ I will memorize **Proverbs 18:13 (LB)**
- ✓ I will accept Christ for the first time
- ✓ I will join the New Life church family
- ✓ I will sign up for the next baptism

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# Self-Leadership

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Nehemiah 2:10 20

## I. EXPECT \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 10)

*"When Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official heard about this, they were very much disturbed that someone had come to promote the welfare of the Israelites."*

**Nehemiah 2:10 (NIV)**

*"I will stay here in Ephesus until the day of Pentecost. There is a real opportunity here for great and worthwhile work, even though there are many opponents."*

**1 Corinthians 16:8–9 (GNB)**

**\*THERE IS NO \_\_\_\_\_  
WITHOUT OPPOSITION**

## II. WAIT FOR THE RIGHT \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 11)

*"...after staying there three days I set out..."*

*"A time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak." **Ecclesiastes 3:7b (NIV)***

*"There is a right time and a right way to do everything, but we know so little!" **Ecclesiastes 8:6 (GNB)***

### III. GET THE \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST (vs. 12-16)

*"I set out during the night with a few others. I had not told anyone what my God had put in my heart to do for Jerusalem. There were no mounts with me except the one I was riding on. By night I went out through the Valley Gate toward the Jackal Well and the Dung Gate, examining the walls of Jerusalem, which had been broken down, and its gates, which had been destroyed by fire. Then I moved on toward the Fountain Gate and the King's Pool, but there was not enough room for my mount to get through; so I went up the valley by night, examining the wall. Finally, I turned back and reentered through the Valley Gate. The officials did not know where I had gone or what I was doing, because as yet I had said nothing to the Jews or the priests or nobles or officials or any others who would be doing the work."*

**Nehemiah 2:12-16 (NIV)**

**\* Leaders protect their plans from premature death!**

*"Get the facts at any price, and hold on tightly to all the good sense you can get!"* **Proverbs 23:23 (LB)**

#### MEMORY VERSE:

*"What a shame yes how stupid to decide before  
knowing the facts!*

**Proverbs 18:13 (LB)**

*"Only a simpleton believes what he is told. A prudent man checks to see where he is going."* **Proverbs 14:15 (LB)**

**\* GOOD LEADERS DO THEIR OWN \_\_\_\_\_**

### IV. IDENTIFY WITH YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 17a)

*Then I said to them, "You see the trouble we are in..."*

**Nehemiah 2:17a (NIV)**

**\* THE BEST IDEAS ARE NOT "MINE" OR "YOURS" BUT " \_\_\_\_\_ "**

### V. PROVIDE A \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK (vs. 17)

*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."*

**Nehemiah 2:17 (NIV)**

### VI. ASK FOR A SPECIFIC \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 17b)

*"Come let us rebuild the wall!..."*

**\* LEADERS SEE BOTH THE \_\_\_\_\_ AND THE \_\_\_\_\_**

### VII. ENCOURAGE WITH A \_\_\_\_\_ TESTIMONY

#### Nehemiah's Story: Vs 18a

*"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 2:18 (NIV)**

**WHEN AM I READY TO BE A LEADER? WHEN PEOPLE CAN SEE  
GOD'S HAND ON YOUR \_\_\_\_\_**

### VIII. ANSWER THE OPPOSITION QUICKLY AND \_\_\_\_\_

*"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)**

**Nehemiah's Response (vs. 20): HE REFUSED TO \_\_\_\_\_**

*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)**

*"Don't be surprised my brothers if the world hates you."*

**1 John 3:13 (NIV)**