

GOD'S CALL

HE PLANS, POSITIONS & PROVIDES

ONE HOPE **STELLENBOSCH**

NEHEMIAH 2:1-10

Nehemiah Goes to Jerusalem

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Then I was terrified, ³but I replied, "Long live the king! How can I not be sad? For the city where my ancestors are buried is in ruins, and the gates have been destroyed by fire."

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With a prayer to the God of heaven, ⁵I replied, “If it please the king, and if you are pleased with me, your servant, send me to Judah to rebuild the city where my ancestors are buried.”

⁶The king, with the queen sitting beside him, asked, “How long will you be gone? When will you return?” After I told him how long I would be gone, the king agreed to my request.

⁷I also said to the king, “If it please the king, let me have letters addressed to the governors of the province west of the Euphrates River, instructing them to let me travel safely through their territories on my way to Judah.

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⁸And please give me a letter addressed to Asaph, the manager of the king's forest, instructing him to give me timber. I will need it to make beams for the gates of the Temple fortress, for the city walls, and for a house for myself.” And the king granted these requests, because the gracious hand of God was on me.

⁹When 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.

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¹⁰But 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.

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PLANS OUT WHAT HE WANTS
FOR OUR LIVES

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**The heart of a man plans his way,
but the Lord establishes his steps.**

PROVERBS 16:9

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**The steps of a man are ordered by the Lord,
and He delights in his way.**

PSALM 37:23

**Many plans are in a man's heart
but the purpose of the Lord will prevail.**

PROVERBS 19:21

**A man's steps are from the Lord,
so how can anyone understand his own way?**

PROVERBS 20:24

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**I know O Lord that a man's way is not his own;
no one who walks directs his own steps.**

JEREMIAH 10:23

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EPHESIANS 2:10

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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THE LORD, GOD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH
POSITIONS US
FOR HIS PURPOSES

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THE LORD, GOD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH
PROVIDES FOR US
AS WE REACH OUT IN FAITH

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