

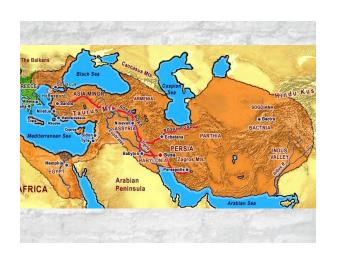
- Most of the time God uses people—plain and ordinary saints—to accomplish His will on the earth.
- Nehemiah was able to be used by God because he was a man with a clear vision and a sure faith.

I. The Opportunity

- Do not be afraid to use your position to advance the cause of God from where you are.
- We should be people of prayer even when things are falling into place.

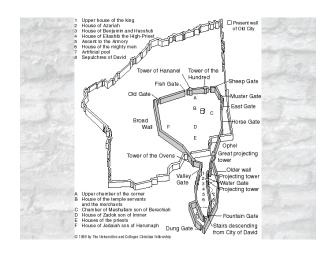
II. The Plan

- "That I may rebuild it (Jerusalem)"
- We would do well to respect those who are over us when we carry out God's plan.



III. Assessing the Need

 Nehemiah teaches us that it is critical to understand our surroundings so that we can execute our plans effectively.



IV. Communicating His Vision

 The greatest motivation we have in inspiring people to join us in eternal purposes is to invite them to God's power at work in our lives.

V. Overcoming Opposition

 Serving God means that you will face opposition. The only way you can overcome opposition is to continue to hold onto His power and promises. So what is the difference between having a "good idea" and a "God idea"?

- Pursuing a good idea takes a great deal of time and energy.
- With a "God idea", there's a sense in which you stand back and watch it happen.

God Knows:

- How to reach your husband/wife/boss/neighbor.
- How to protect your children.
- How supply your needs.
- How to get you over hurt.
- How to put your marriage back together.
- How to start a ministry.