Hearing From God

Week 1

**Prayer:** Upcoming elections, healing for the sick,

**Intro:** Starting the “Hearing From God” series, Using Journals, Invitation to fast and pray

**Nehemiah**

Nehemiah saw the reality around him

1:1-3

The mission was evident based on reality and the call of God

 Hearing God doesn’t always mean a burning bush like Moses experienced

God choose Nehemiah and invited him into the process through the words of his friend

(Chapter 1:1-4)

 The Bible doesn’t say that God told Nehemiah what to do.

 The vision was personal

 He accepted the invitation

His heart was moved to pray

In prayer, the main thing was established; relationship with God

1:4-11

Confession allows us to fully accept the reality of the current situation

1:6,7

God brought an opportunity

2:1-2

Nehemiah put his neck on the line by asking the king for help

2:3

 Nehemiah took personal responsibility

 If we don’t step out, Jerusalem will remain in ruin

 God’s will, will be done

 Will it be done through you?

God allowed favor

2:4,5

 A powerful person stepped in to help

 Yet, king Artaxerxes wasn’t the one building the wall

 Nehemiah asked the king to, “Send Me”

Nehemiah was ready to ask for what he needed

 He asked for letters to local rulers

 He asked for building supplies

 He asked for a house to live in

 He didn’t leave his plans in prayer, he planned!

 He didn’t plan to pray, He prayed and planned!

2:6-9

There was still adversity (VS.10)

 There will always be adversity when we engage in something amazing

How will you respond?

 Look around at the reality of our community

 Pray

 Establish your relationship with God

 Look for the opportunity

 Stick your neck out

 Accept God’s favor

 Be ready to ask

 Don’t expect someone else to do what you are supposed to do

 Face adversity knowing you are highly favored of God

 Take this one step at a time

The Practical Steps Regarding Building Hope

Take the commitment card

Pray through the journal

Pray about your place in giving

Consider the three-year track

Email me questions about the process

Email me with ideas you have to build hope