

OUR PLANS AND GOD'S HAND

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Main point: God works as we pray, plan and act courageously in faith.

- I. Prayer: [Context] Nehemiah prayed God would give him favor with the king about Jerusalem (Nehemiah 1:3-4, 11).
 - God hears as we pray humbly with His glory as our goal.
 - A burden or desire can be God prompting us to meet a need.

- II. Courage: When the king asked Nehemiah why he was sad, he boldly asked to be sent to rebuild the wall (2:1-5).
 - When we pursue God's will, we can boldly ask for help.

- III. Planning: When the king asked Nehemiah what he wanted, he was prepared with a list of all he needed (2:6-8a).
 - When we pray for God's will and His glory, we must prepare and plan for when God answers.

- IV. God's Hand: God graciously answered Nehemiah's prayer by moving the king to give Nehemiah all he asked (2:8b-9).
 - God's plans will always have God's provision.