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**“The Promise of
Answered Prayer”**
Nehemiah 2:1-10
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1. Pursue patience in the pauses (waiting) v. 1a
Exodus 14:13 (NLT); Ruth 3:18 (NLT & NKJV); Ps 46:10; Daniel 9
2. Preserve your divine perspective vs. 1:11, 2:1
Proverbs 21:1 (NLT); 2 Chronicles 20:6 (NLT)
3. Positive to those in position vs. 3, 5, 7
4. Present yourself precisely (honestly) v. 2
5. Pray throughout the process v. 4
1 Thessalonians 5:17; Ephesians 6:18
6. Prepare yourself for the possibilities vs. 5-8
Ezra 4:7, 12, 21, 23; Proverbs 16:9
7. Perceive where God’s providence provides v. 8
Ezra 7:6, 9, 28; Ezra 8:18, 22, 31
8. Presume & plan for opposition v. 10

Our Response:

- 1) Why is so hard for us to wait for the Lord to answer our prayers?
What do you struggle with the most in waiting?
- 2) We know the Lord can work through godly leaders, but do you believe the Lord can work through evil and pagan rulers? Why or why not? What difference does this make?
- 3) What does it mean to pray without ceasing to you? How can you pray before, after & during these kind of moments in your everyday life?
Make a plan to do it this week.
- 4) How do you find the balance between praying and preparing? How do you pray and plan at the same time?
- 5) What does it mean when Nehemiah says the good hand of God was on me? Is the good hand of God on your life? How do you know?