

## All Things New Praying Through August 23, 2015

### Planning Lessons from Nehemiah

- Godly planning always begins with praying... and continues with it! (v.4)
- Declare the goal with clarity... “I want to rebuild Jerusalem.” (v.5)
- Godly goals can be big and bold... this was a massive undertaking, it was dangerous, and it was counter-cultural!
- Details matter: Timing, travel, resources, documentation... (v.6-9)
- Not everyone is happy with God’s vision and movement! (v.10)

### The Silent Phase of Godly Planning

- It begins as God moves a heart to dream godly dreams. (v.12)
- Often a few other people are invited in. (v.11)
- Serious examination of the situation. (v.11-16)

### Big Steps in Planning Through

- Clearly presenting the situation. (v.17)
- Invitation for participation. (v.17)
- How our lives will change. (v.17)
- Declaration of how God has been moving to bring us to this place. (v.18)

**Key Passages:** Nehemiah, Ezra, and Haggai