



VISION



Purpose-----Why?

Mission-----How?

Vision-----Where?



Heavenly Vision

VS.

Human Vision

Picture Yourself in Five Years

Where do you think you will be?

Where do you think you should be?

Where do you think God wants you to be?



A Vision Begins With A Concern

Nehemiah 1:1-4



The Next Step is Prayer

Nehemiah 1:4-11



But Wait!

Nehemiah 2:1

Isaiah 40:28-31

WHY WAIT?

A vision needs time to mature.

We need time to prepare.

We can't rush God.



Enlist Others In The Concern and Ask For Their Involvement

Nehemiah 2:2-8



GOOD IDEA or GOD'S IDEA?



Crystal Cathedral
Anaheim, CA



The Tower of Babel

Genesis 11



Is There a Moral Imperative?

Nehemiah 2:18,20



Is it in God's Heart?

Acts 13:22

Waiting Time Not Wasted Time

Pray- Nehemiah 1:11

Plan- Nehemiah 2:1-11

Budget- Nehemiah 2:8

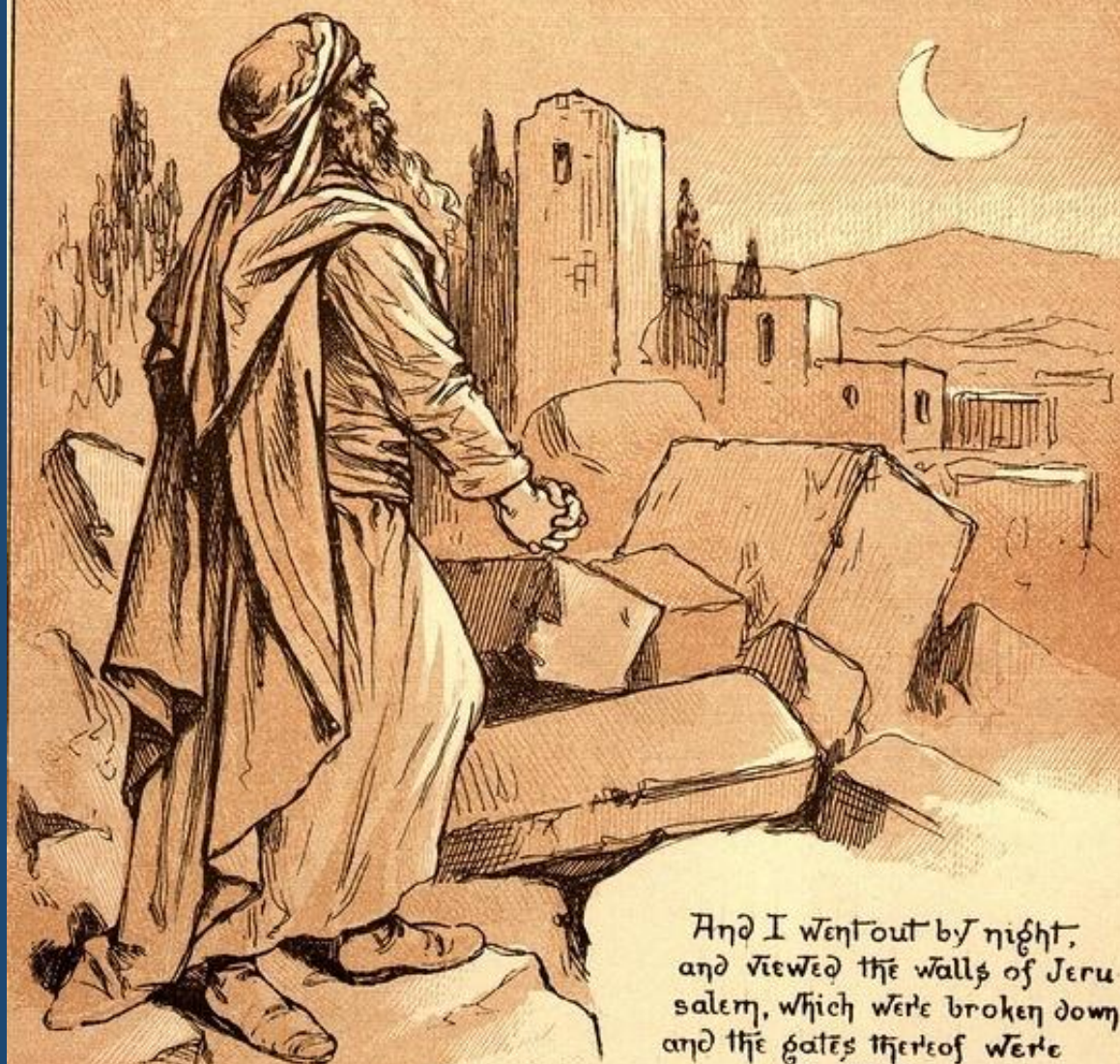
Nehemiah's Plan

- ❑ Convince the King to allow him to leave
- ❑ Convince the King for financial support
- ❑ Get letters from the King to the governors
- ❑ Work out a deal with Asaph for lumber
- ❑ Ask the King for official recognition
- ❑ Organize and equip the people of Jerusalem
- ❑ Begin construction



Walk Before You Talk

Nehemiah 2:12-16



And I went out by night,
and viewed the walls of Jeru-
salem, which were broken down
and the gates thereof were
consumed with fire

Nehemiah II 13



Why don't we investigate?

Impatience-----Genesis 25:29-34

Pride-----Proverbs 16:18

Fear-----2 Timothy 1:7

What difference will it make if I...

Rebuild this wall?

Get right with God?

Save my family?

Teach my children?

Finish school?

Start a career?

Get out of debt?

Time to go public

The problem ----- vs. 17

The Solution ----- vs. 17

Why something must be done ----- vs. 17

Why we must act now ----- vs. 18

Nehemiah 2:17-18

Let's Go to Work!

Nehemiah 3
Nehemiah 4:6
Nehemiah 6:15-16

What about criticism?

Checks our resolve-----4:1-5

Refines our vision-----4:15-17 and 6:2-3

Nehemiah



Don't ignore problems

Nehemiah 5:1-13

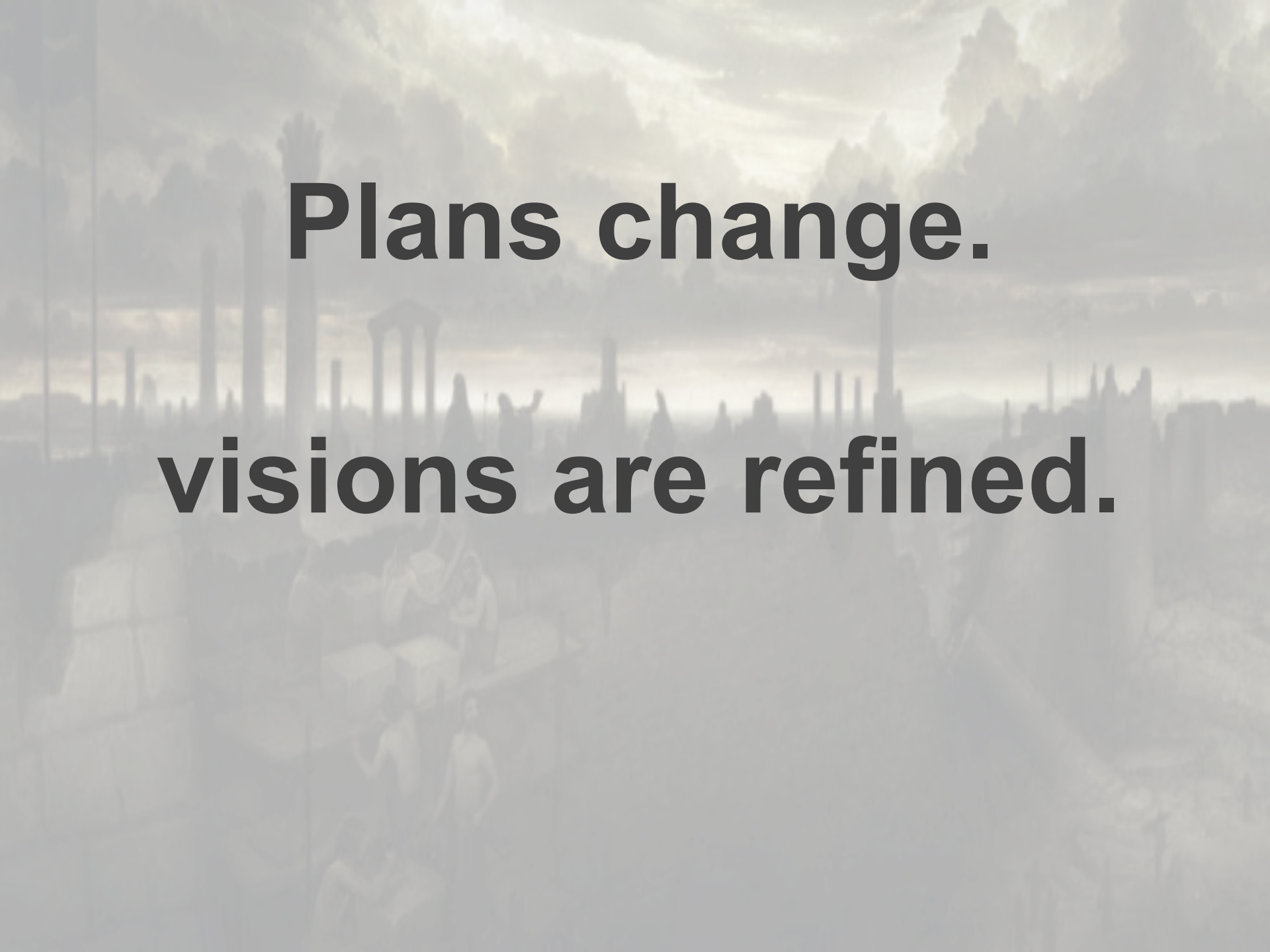
Lead with integrity

Nehemiah 5:14-19



***A vision* is what could and
should be.**

***a plan* is a guess as to the best
way to accomplish the vision.**

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**Plans change.
visions are refined.**

The background of the slide is a faded, sepia-toned image. It depicts a cityscape with numerous tall, dark smokestacks or chimneys emitting thick, billowing clouds of smoke or steam that fill the upper half of the frame. In the lower half, a large, dense crowd of people is visible, appearing to be gathered in a public square or street. The overall atmosphere is one of industrial activity and a large assembly of people.

**Visions thrive when there is
unity!**

Nehemiah 4:14



Lead, don't control.

Resolve differences face to face.

believe the best in team members.

Distractions to visions

- Opportunities
- Criticisms
- fear

Nehemiah 6:1-14



**Celebrate by giving God the
glory**

Nehemiah 8:1-6