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Session 1

Vision: a guide to seeing clearly



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Nehemiah:  
context



- 597 BC: Babylonian siege
- 587 BC: Jerusalem ransacked
- 539 BC: Persian take over
- 538 BC: first exiles return
- 515 BC: temple rebuilt, but...
- 444 BC (approx) Neh 1:1



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1. Vision begins with a clash between what is and what should be (v.3)



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2. God-given vision gets personal in prayer (v.4-11)



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- The opportunity of waiting:
- Prayer: for opportunity
- for favour
- Planning: get ready to move



**e:con** Personal Reflection

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- When you see God's ideal and then see reality, what is the gap that grips you?
- Is there an 'ought to' (have you prayed)?
- Do you have a sense of the next step (are you praying and planning)?



**e:con** Group Discussion

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- Share what grips you
- Share 'ought to'
- Prayer and planning: next steps clear?
- Pray for opportunity and favour

