# “Favour from the King” - Nehemiah 2:1-20 (January 20, 2019)

In Nehemiah’s time, the city of Jerusalem was in ruins and without walls. There was work to be done to rebuild the walls in order to provide protection for the people for the greater purpose of worshiping God in peace. How is that going to happen if Israel remains under the dominance of a pagan king? We find out that how God raises up one of his servants in order to mobilize all of God’s people for this good work. Along the way, we learn some important lessons about the nature of blessings in our life, what it takes for God’s work to begin, and the call for the participation of every one of God’s people.

1. **Favour from human authorities is favour from God**
2. **The call to God's work: To feel the burden toward the troubled state**
3. **Those involved in God’s work will face opposition from adversaries**
4. **Effective work starts (and continues) with favour from God**