

GOD'S FAVOUR IS UPON US

NEHEMIAH 2:1-18

REFLECTIONS

Take time to reflect on one thing from your week.

The king could have punished Nehemiah but showed him favour. When in your life have you been shown favour by someone in authority (i.e. a boss, teacher, police officer)? How did that feel?

DIVING DEEPER

- Nehemiah boldly asks the king for many things because he recognizes that the gracious hand of God was upon him (v8). In what ways have we failed to boldly ask God knowing that he desires to answer our prayers?
- Why does Nehemiah initially not tell others what God has put in his heart (v12)? Why is it wise that he begins by inspecting the state of the walls at night? How does his ultimate goal (calling God's people back into worship through rebuilding the city wall) shape this decision? (note - this can open the door for a good discussion on the challenges of leadership)
- Why is it important to recognize and share with others how God's gracious hand has been upon us (v18)?

APPLICATION CHALLENGE

It's easy to focus upon the things that are not going well or future hopes and dreams. Spend time sharing how God's gracious hand has been upon you over the past few years. (note - help people see how God is already at work in their lives)