

Defining our **vision** is absolutely critical.

Without **vision**, the people perish.

Proverbs 29:18a

For the Son of Man came to **seek** and to **save** the lost.
Luke 19:10

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The words of Nehemiah the son of Hacaliah. Now it happened in the month of Chislev, in the twentieth year, as I was in Susa the citadel, that Hanani, one of my brothers, came with certain men from Judah. And I asked them concerning the Jews who escaped, who had survived the exile, and concerning Jerusalem.

Nehemiah 1:1-2

And they said to me, “The remnant there in the province who had survived the exile is in great trouble and shame. **The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates are destroyed by fire.**”

Nehemiah 1:3

As soon as I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days, and I continued **fasting** and **praying** before the God of heaven.

Nehemiah 1:4

The best vision is rooted in **compassion**, refined by **need**, and realized in **prayer**.

Glorify God.
Foster Community.
Make disciples.

Then I said to them, “You see the trouble we are in, how Jerusalem lies in ruins with its gates burned. Come, **let us build the wall** of Jerusalem...”

Nehemiah 2:17a

How do we do that?

Glorify God.
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Worship.

- Sunday gathering
- Bayview Kids
- Guest Services

Community.

-Creating environments that help facilitate Christian friendships.

Training.

-Equipping you with the specific tools you need to live an authentic Christian life.

And I sent messengers to them, saying, “I am doing a **great work** and I cannot come down. **Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?**”

Nehemiah 6:3

The best vision means saying "Yes" to the **best** and "No" to the **rest**.

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- 3) Pray.