



**Riverbluff Church Listening Guide**  
**September 5, 2021**

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**REBUILD part 3**  
**Wait on God's Timing**

**NEHEMIAH 2:1-8 (ESV)**

**In the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was before him, I took up the wine and gave it to the king. Now I had not been sad in his presence. 2 And the king said to me, "Why is your face sad, seeing you are not sick? This is nothing but sadness of the heart." Then I was very much afraid. 3 I said to the king, "Let the king live forever! Why should not my face be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' graves, lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?" 4 Then the king said to me, "What are you requesting?" So I prayed to the God of heaven.**

**5 And I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' graves, that I may rebuild it." 6 And the king said to me (the queen sitting beside him), "How long will you be gone, and when will you return?"**

**So it pleased the king to send me when I had given him a time. 7 And I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, let letters be given me to the governors of the province Beyond the River, that they may let me pass through until I come to Judah, 8 and a letter to Asaph, the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the fortress of the temple, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall occupy." And the king granted me what I asked, for the good hand of my God was upon me.**

**1. PRAY—\_\_\_\_\_—PLAN**

**1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18**

**Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.**

**PSALM 27:14**

**Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!**

**PROVERB 20:22**

**Do not say, "I will repay evil"; wait for the Lord, and he will deliver you.**

**CHARLES STANLEY’S #14 OF HIS 30 LIFE PRINCIPLES:**

**14. God acts on behalf of those who wait for Him.**

Isaiah 64:4

From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you,  
who acts for those who wait for him.

PROVERBS 16:3 & 9

Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.  
The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.

**2. LOOK FOR \_\_\_\_\_**

COLOSSIANS 4:2-4

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time,  
pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ,  
on account of which I am in prison— that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.”

GALATIANS 6:9-10

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.  
So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those  
who are of the household of faith.

**3. BE READY TO \_\_\_\_\_**

*1 PETER 3:15*

*always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason  
for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,*

**4. GIVE GOD ALL THE \_\_\_\_\_ HE \_\_\_\_\_**

*PSALM 57:5, 11*

*Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!  
Let your glory be over all the earth!  
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*PSALM 96:3*

*Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all the peoples!*

*PSALM 108:5*

*Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!  
Let your glory be over all the earth!*

*PSALM 113:4*

*The Lord is high above all nations,  
and his glory above the heavens!*

*MATTHEW 5:14-16*

*“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*

*ISAIAH 40:30-31*

*Even youths shall faint and be weary,  
and young men shall fall exhausted;  
but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;  
they shall run and not be weary;  
they shall walk and not faint.*