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Skills Nehemiah Employed

1. _____ – verse 1

- Nehemiah prayed and fasted for ___ months
- He waited patiently for the Lord to _____ his prayers – Hebrews 6:12

2. _____ – verses 2-3

- Saddening the King could lead to _____ and he was also about to ask him to reverse a decree – Ezra 4:21
- Nehemiah showed that his _____ was bigger than his fear, he was poised, trusted in God and boldly made his request

3. _____ – verse 4

- In the _____ of his conversation with the King, Nehemiah prays to God
- We can _____ anywhere, anytime for any length of time – 1 Thessalonians 5:17

4. _____ – verses 5-8a

- Nehemiah practiced both dependent praying and _____ planning
- Nehemiah planned for, asked for and received _____ things from the King: permission, protection and provisions

5. _____ – verse 8b

- Nehemiah proclaimed the _____ of God in answering his prayers
- He knew this would never have happened without God's timing, guidance and _____ – Psalms 118:23

Steps Nehemiah Executed

1. _____ by Resting – verse 11

- Nehemiah rested for ___ days after he arrived in Jerusalem
- We shouldn't try to make major _____ when we're tired

2. _____ the Situation – verses 12-16

- Nehemiah went out at _____, surveyed and saw:
 - It was a tough job
 - It was a treacherous assignment
 - It was a team project

3. _____ Co-Laborers – verse 17

- Nehemiah _____ with the workers: “we”
- He invites immediate _____ along with him
- Great leaders _____ people to follow them as they lead by example

4. _____ Confidence – verse 18

- Nehemiah wants his worker's minds to dwell on the _____ of God
- Amazingly the people said: “Let us rise up and _____”
- Leadership has been called: “*the art of getting people to do what they ought to do because they _____ to do it*”

5. _____ Hostility – verses 19-20

- Whenever you get serious about kingdom work, the devil will _____ you
- Instead of responding to the attacks, Nehemiah _____ God who called him to do the work
- The opponents had no past _____, no present privilege to be there and no future role in the city

Being an effective leader usually takes a lot of time and effort, but when we tackle tough tasks in the power of God and trust in Him for the results, the outcome can include the lives of others eternally changed and our lives drawn increasingly closer to that of our ultimate leader, Jesus Christ.