

Leading God's Way Emboldened By Prayer

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¹ In the month of Nisan in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was brought for him, I took the wine and gave it to the king. I had not been sad in his presence before,² so the king asked me, "Why does your face look so sad when you are not ill? This can be nothing but sadness of heart." I was very much afraid, Nehemiah 2:1-2, NIV

Standing face to face with the king is _____. We become painfully aware of our _____ to ask for anything.

³ but I said to the king, "May the king live forever! Why should my face not look sad when the city where my ancestors are buried lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?" Nehemiah 2:3 NIV

Our boldness does not come from the absence of _____, but from the importance of the _____ we bring.

⁴ The king said to me, "What is it you want?" Then I prayed to the God of heaven,⁵ and I answered the king, Nehemiah 2:4-5^a NIV

We pray boldly to our Father because Jesus is our . Prayer is our regular _____ of communication.

"If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor in his sight, let him send me to the city in Judah where my ancestors are buried so that I can rebuild it."⁶ Then the king, with the queen sitting beside him, asked me, "How long will your journey take, and when will you get back?" It pleased the king to send me; so I set a time. Nehemiah 2:5^b-6, NIV

At some point we need to answer the all important question, " _____ ?"

⁷ I also said to him, "If it pleases the king, may I have letters to the governors of Trans-Euphrates, so that they will provide me **safe-conduct** until I arrive in Judah?⁸ And may I have a letter to Asaph, keeper of the royal park, so he will **give me timber** to make beams for the gates of the citadel by the temple and for the city wall and for the residence I will occupy?" **And because the gracious hand of my God was on me, the king granted my requests.**⁹ So I went to the governors of Trans-Euphrates and gave them the king's letters. The king had also sent army officers and cavalry with me. Nehemiah 2:7-9, NIV

Being bold means we are not _____ to make the big ask before God, or the king.

God will answer _____, _____, or _____.

¹⁰ When Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official heard about this, they were very much disturbed that someone had come to promote the welfare of the Israelites. Nehemiah 2:10, NIV

You haven't experienced _____ until you experience _____.

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My next step: I am a child of God bought with the blood of Jesus. I can boldly approach my Father in heaven for all of my physical and spiritual needs.

What's your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.