

# How to Handle Success

*A Study on the Book of Nehemiah*

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3. Stay sensitive to God's leadership (7:1,4-5a).
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