

# Taking the Reins



*A Study on the Book of Nehemiah*

**Nehemiah 2:1-20**

## THE ANATOMY OF GREAT LEADERSHIP

*What every leader needs to do when taking charge*

1. Praying for favor while waiting on God (vs.1-5)
2. Planning for impact is not the absence of faith (vs.6-10)
3. Pursuing the facts for the tough road ahead (vs.11-16)
4. Persuading others to join to live for more (vs.17-18)
5. Prepare for opposition when carrying out God's will (19-20)

# REALife Application

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