

Nehemiah 1-2 • Biblical Project Management

1. (1:1-11) Nehemiah was not in an ideal position **personally**, but in recognizing God's sovereignty he was in an ideal position **spiritually**.
2. (2:1-8) In terms of project management:
 - a. He first **prayed** about it.
 - b. He **waited** for the right opportunity.
 - c. He let the king **initiate** the situation.
 - d. He was **honest**, sharing his feelings and in doing so, not making the king look **bad**, as if it was his **fault**.
 - e. He was **respectful** the entire time.
 - f. He affirmed his **loyalty** to the king.
 - g. He gave the king many "**outs**," or opportunities to say **no**. In other words, Nehemiah didn't back the king into a **corner** or no-win **situation**. He allowed the king to maintain **control** of the decision.
 - h. He had a well thought-out **plan** that included a **timetable**.
 - i. He had anticipated that there might be problems once he got there, therefore he got it in **writing**.
 - j. He had the **materials** list all ready and prepared.
3. To whom did Nehemiah give credit when it was all said and done? **God the heavenly King**.