

The Beginner's Guide to Predicting Your Future  
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- Your **values** will shape your future.

Nehemiah 1:11 O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name.

Nehemiah 13:31 Remember me with favor, O my God.

Nehemiah 6:1-2

When word came to Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arab and the rest of our enemies that I had rebuilt the wall and not a gap was left in it-- though up to that time I had not set the doors in the gates-- Sanballat and Geshem sent me this message: "Come, let us meet together in one of the villages on the plain of Ono."

Nehemiah 6:2-3

But they were scheming to harm me; so I sent messengers to them with this reply: "I am carrying on a great project and I cannot go down."

Nehemiah 6:3-4

"Why should the work stop while I leave it and go down to you?" Four times they sent me the same message, and each time I gave them the same answer.

Nehemiah 6:5-7

Then, the fifth time, Sanballat sent his aide to me with the same message, and in his hand was an unsealed letter in which was written: "It is reported among the nations-- and Geshem says it is true-- that you and the Jews are plotting to revolt, and therefore you are building the wall. Moreover, according to these reports you are about to become their king and have even appointed prophets to make this proclamation about you in Jerusalem: 'There is a king in Judah!' Now this report will get back to the king; so come, let us confer together."

Nehemiah 6:8-9

I sent him this reply: "Nothing like what you are saying is happening; you are just making it up out of your head." They were all trying to frighten us, thinking, "Their hands will get too weak

Nehemiah 6:15-16

So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in fifty-two days. When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God.

## Group Questions

1. When you think of a person who lives by values, who comes to mind? Why that person?
2. Has there ever been a time when you allowed lower tier values to overtake an upper tier value? What happened as a result?
3. What do you think Nehemiah's top tier values were? How can you tell?
4. Why can it be hard to identify your own values? Why would it be worth the work?
5. What's an important "great project" for you to work on in this season? What can your Group do to help?
6. What has been most helpful from this series?