Leadership Points from Nehemiah 1, 2

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	+ Start with character.
* Though Nehemiah lived far from Jerusalem he was concerned about the people there.
	+ Can’t think only of ourselves and those close to us.
* He prayed.
	+ We need God’s help and must recognize the need for it.
* He confessed sin.
	+ An expression of humility.
	+ Must not think too highly of ourselves. Rom. 12:3-8
* Was familiar with the Scriptures.
	+ We can’t lead in the right direction without it.
* He didn’t rush into it.
	+ Don’t be guilty of paralysis by analysis, but the walls had been down 140+ years.
	+ Think things through and act at the best time.
* He prayed again.
* He had formulated a specific plan.
	+ Don’t simply want things to be better—have a plan.
* Know that there will be opposition.
* Showed discretion in not telling everyone until it was time.
	+ Must be able to keep secrets.
	+ Communicate, but with discretion and good judgment.
* Gained a thorough understanding of the situation.
	+ Was able to speak with authority and clarity.
* Used the word *we*.
	+ Good leaders are servants.
* Gave the people reasons to believe they could be successful.
	+ Don’t create unrealistic expectations.
	+ Know the Scriptures, people’s abilities, the obstacles, etc.
* Answered the opposition.
	+ God is with us.
	+ Saw them as outside the fold.

Leadership Points from Nehemiah 3-5

* Importance of organization.
	+ Have a plan.
	+ Put some specifics in the plan.
* A lot of leaders were involved.
	+ *We* and *us* usually work better than *you.*
	+ Yet, the Tekoites worked despite the failure of their nobles.
* You will face opposition.
* Pray!
	+ Prayer doesn’t exclude the need for action, but it is vital.
* Those whom you lead may become weary and/or discouraged and you must help them.
* Nehemiah took the threats seriously.
* Help people know what they are fighting for.
* Nehemiah was involved.
* Don’t ignore internal problems.
* Though angry, he took time to think.
* He took on the powerful.
* Got everyone involved.
* Did not lead for personal gain.

Leadership Points from Nehemiah 6-8

* Leaders will face opposition.
	+ Success always attracts detractors.
	+ Some you expect to be on your side will disappoint you.
* The opposition will not always be honest with you.
* Don’t allow the opposition to stop the work.
* Don’t be worn down.
* Know that false accusations will be made.
* Prayed for strength.
* Must have perception and courage.
* Wise as serpents. Matt. 10:16
* Courageous. 2 Sam. 23:11, 12
* Leave judgment/vengeance to God.
* Mission accomplished.
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* Nehemiah recognized the danger and planned for it. Cf. Acts 20:28-31.
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	+ Organization is important.
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* Battles must sometimes be refought.
* Don’t make bad alliances.
* Sin among God’s people truly grieved Nehemiah.
	+ Be motivated by concern for righteousness.
* Don’t live in the past, but do learn from history.