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Courage – That Wins The Day
Nehemiah 2:1-9

Having now a “Holy Discontent” and following that up with involvement in “Holy Prayer” Nehemiah is moved by God in the second chapter to have “Holy Nerve.” Pastor Johnson said it so well last weekend when he said, “Passion has to change to courage to make sure it can be accomplished.”

Nehemiah is standing before the King as Chapter 2 begins, and the King notices that his countenance has saddened. He asks Nehemiah why, and that becomes for Nehemiah a tipping point experience in his “Holy Nerve” development. God brings two important truths to light through this passage:

- We must have the nerve to step out when all you might have is a passion.
- We must have the nerve to step out when all you see are the obstacles, the terrifying unknowns.

How can we apply these truths to our lives today?

1. Share a time you stepped out in courage either at home, work, school, or at another place. What effect did it have on you and your future?
2. How do you see this message being applied to our situation as a church?
3. Share how you know when a “tipping point” or “water shed” experience is presenting itself. What signs are present in you and around you? (We are not looking for a formula but your personal experiences here.)
4. What is God impressing on you presently as something important for you to be doing with and for Him? Could you share it with us, maybe not all but enough that we could pray with you about it?