

## Speak It

Then **I said to them**, "You see the bad situation we are in, that Jerusalem is desolate and its gates burned by fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem so that we will no longer be a reproach."

**Nehemiah 2:17**



### Open to See

Have you ever wanted to share a dream, but were afraid that people would think you were crazy? Many of us feel that way. We feel like God is asking us to do something great, but we are afraid to talk about it. There is something intimidating when talking about what God is asking you to do by faith. When you speak it out, it begins to become real to you. It is one thing to think it, and it is another to speak it out.

Nehemiah must have felt the same way. He has received all that he needs to get the job done, but now it is time to start speaking it out and telling the people the plan. This must have been a scary time for Nehemiah. Thoughts of self-doubt must have been swarming through his head, but he chose to speak out the dream.

At some point in this faith journey, you will need to do the same. There will come a time when you need to speak out what God is telling you in prayer and with the right group of people. That group may be your family or people in your Bible Study Group; either way, make sure you share with people who will build up your faith, not tear it down. Speak out the dreams God has given you; declare them today. You never know how much your words could encourage someone else in their faith journey.

### Open to Do

Speak out loud in prayer the things God has placed in your heart. Take a moment and ask, "Who do I need to bring along in this journey with me?" If you are married, begin to speak to your husband or wife about what God has put in your heart towards a giving commitment to OPEN. Use your words to stir up faith in yourself and those around you.

### Open to Hear

Jesus, I am asking You to give me the boldness to speak out what You have put in my heart. Please bring me the right people to share with and bring those who will build up my faith. Jesus, I love You.