

Receive It

⁷ And I said to the king, "If it please the king, let letters be given me for the governors of the provinces beyond the River, that they may allow me to pass through until I come to Judah, ⁸and a letter to Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the fortress which is by the temple, for the wall of the city and for the house to which I will go." And the king granted them to me because the good hand of my God was on me.

Nehemiah 2:7-8 (NASB)

Observation

After asking, comes receiving. The receiving of faith is very different than experiencing the outcome of faith. We often receive the answer in our spirit long before we see the results.

In the scripture in Nehemiah, he receives the answer from the king, but it was some time before he saw the results of the king's answer. Nehemiah received a letter, but there was a lot of work and effort between receiving the letter and experiencing the power that the letter brought. This is the way faith operates. We receive the answer or the confident assurance of things hoped for. Then as we move forward, we begin to see what we received in our spirit become a reality in our lives.

God wants to give you the gift of more faith during this Open: Next Chapter journey. He wants you to receive your commitment by faith and then move forward and work through you. God wants you to have a "letter" from Him that carries authority and provision to see the vision happen. Today receive by faith what God wants to do through you.

Application

Prayer is the key to receiving from God. As you look at your commitment to the Open: Next Chapter journey, pray and seek God's direction. He will give you an answer. Then pray thanking God for the provisions He will supply, even through the difficulties. Believe that God will supply all your needs. You may still doubt sometimes, but your faith will be stronger than doubt because it carries authority.