

The background of the top section is a photograph showing the silhouettes of four construction workers on a rooftop. They are wearing hard hats and holding tools. The sky behind them is a warm, orange-hued sunset or sunrise, with some clouds visible. The workers are positioned across the frame, with one on the far left, two in the middle, and one on the far right.

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Prayer and Petition *Nehemiah 2: 1 - 10*

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1. Careful Timing

- *‘In the month of Nisan...’ (v1)*
- *‘I had not been sad in his presence before...’ (v1)*

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- *‘I was very much afraid...’ (v2)*
- *‘Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.’ (Romans 12:12)*

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2. Courageous Action

- ‘**but** I said to the king...’ (v3)
- ‘May the King live forever (v3)’
- ‘Then I prayed to the God of heaven...’ (v4)

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3. Confident Request

- *‘if it pleases the king...’ (v5)*
- *‘May I have letters...’ (v7)*
- *‘And the gracious hand of the Lord was upon me...’ (v8)*

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**Persevering Prayer +
strategic planning +
the Sovereignty of
God = ACTION**