

# PLAN YOUR WORK WORK YOUR PLAN

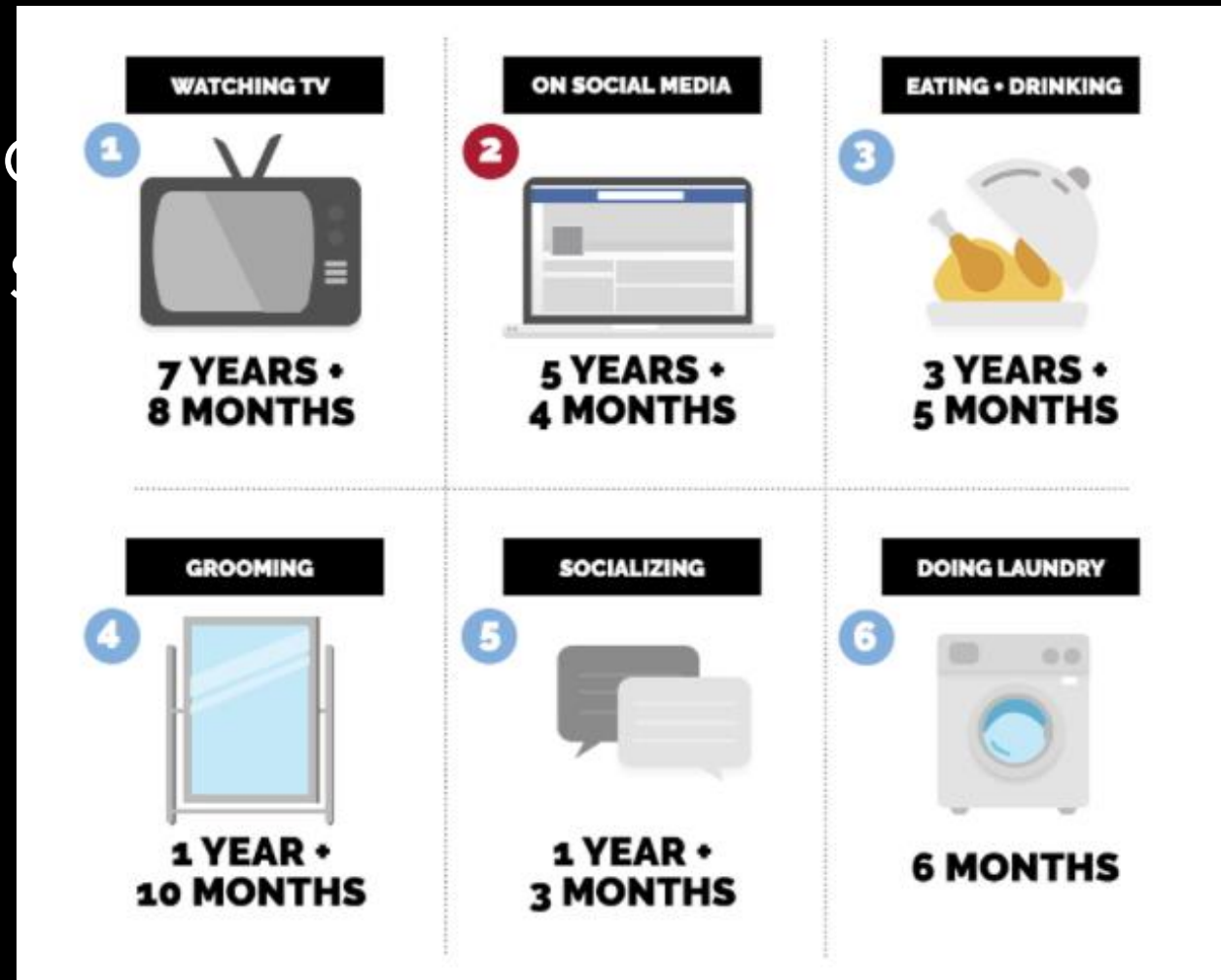


# WHAT A WASTE

No one likes wasting time, money, and energy

Without a vision and a plan for success  
You are destined to work on a job that

Make this year count  
Set your vision  
Work your plan



# IN THIS SERIES

We are going to discuss

Why you need a vision

How to discover God's vision for you

How to develop the plan to achieve it

How to overcome opposition

The importance of putting in the work

Keeping God first when you get to your destination

# MAIN IDEA

DEFINING and WORKING your vision are keys to your success and fulfilment this year



## NEHEMIAH 1:1-4

The words of Nehemiah the son of Hacaliah. Now it happened in the month of Chislev, in the twentieth year, as I was in Susa the citadel, <sup>2</sup> that Hanani, one of my brothers, came with certain men from Judah. And I asked them concerning the Jews who escaped, who had survived the exile, and concerning Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> And they said to me, "The remnant there in the province who had survived the exile is in great trouble and shame. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates are destroyed by fire."



# ISRAEL'S PROBLEM

Nehemiah saw a GAP

His present location  
His desired destination

The walls were broken down  
The people were in trouble and shame

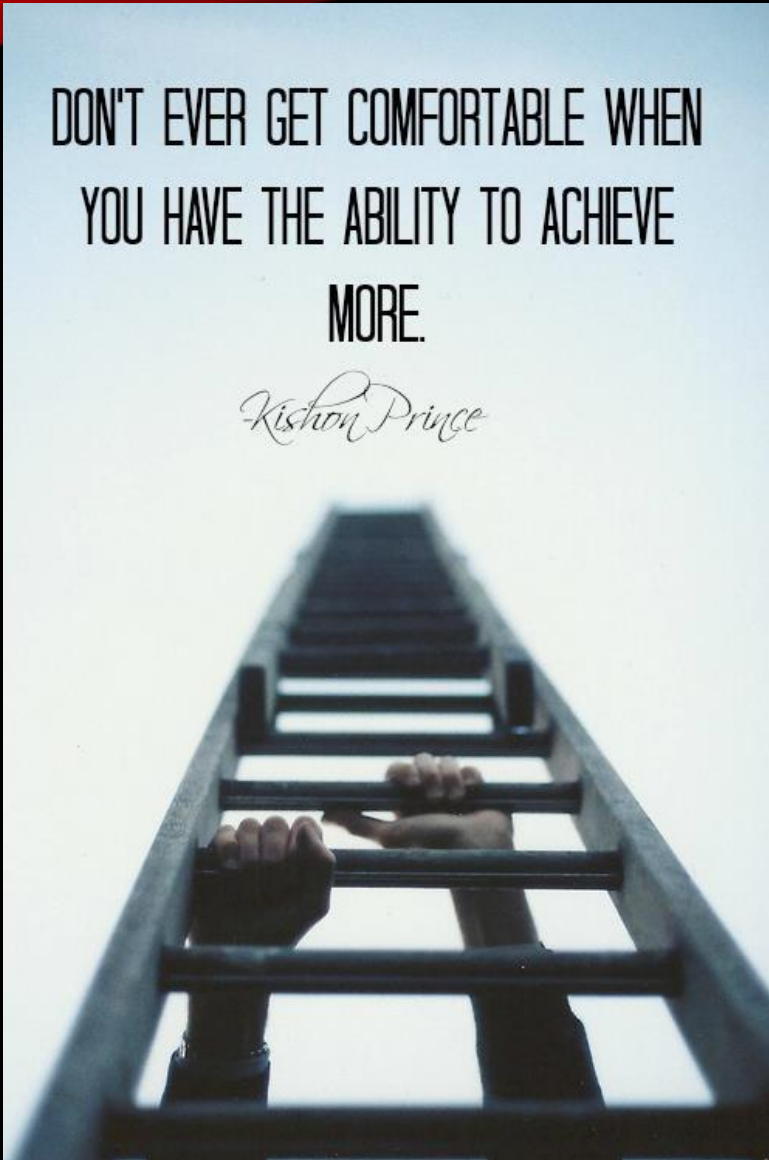
Nehemiah saw a restored  
Jerusalem and a return to God



# NEHEMIAH'S RESPONSE TO THE GAP

DON'T EVER GET COMFORTABLE WHEN  
YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO ACHIEVE  
MORE.

*Kishon Prince*



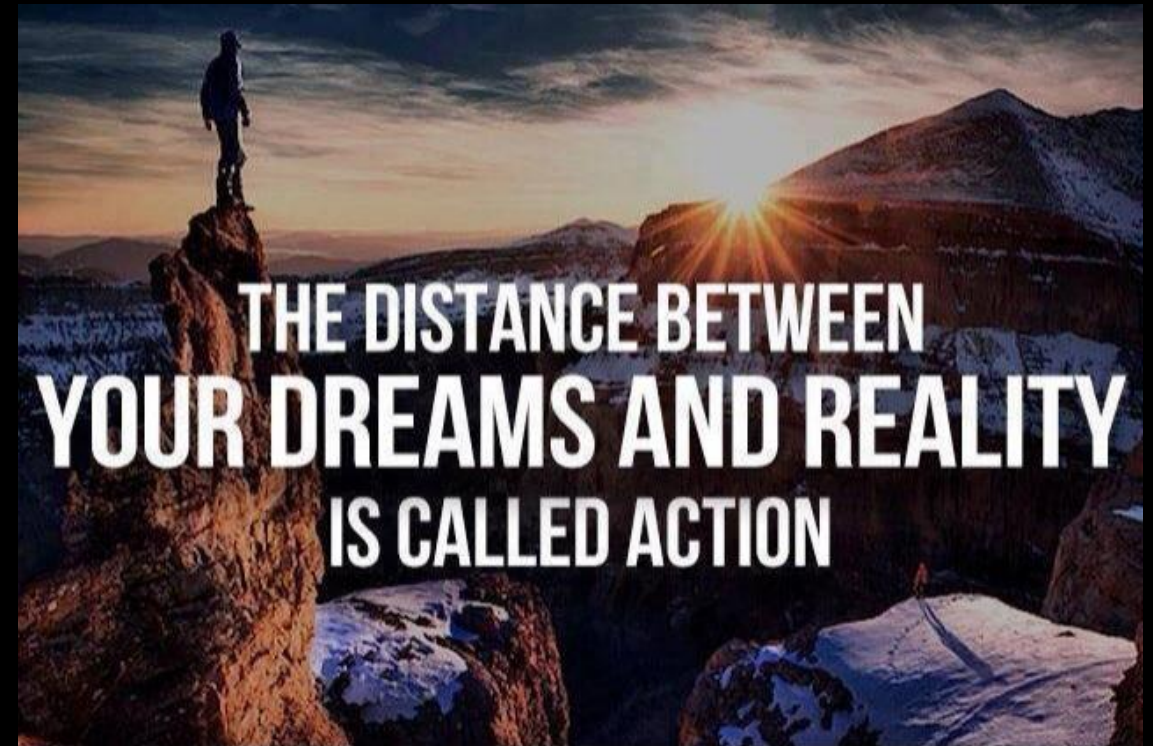
He had a good job (cup bearer)  
He could have ignored the Gap

But he wasn't fulfilled  
He was working on someone  
else's vision

Don't accept ANYTHING less  
than God's vision for your life

# HOW WILL YOU RESPOND TO THE GAP?

Some of us  
ACCEPT the gap  
Many IGNORE it  
A few ATTACK it





# LET'S FACE REALITY

It won't be easy

There will be opposition  
Nehemiah had critics  
He was attacked

There will be difficulty  
He had to find resources  
Rebuilding didn't happen in one day



# DON'T BECOME A D STUDENT



Distraction

Discouragement

Denial

Defeat

Recognize God's promises

Repent of personal sin

Rely on God's resources

Reach for God's hand

# WHEN YOU GET THERE

Victory will taste better  
Legacy will last longer



Get some corrective lenses for your vision

Don't be PARALYZED by what you see  
Be PROPELLED by what you don't see