

Re-Write Part 5: Dreams and Plans

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- 1) A vision begins as a **concern**. (Nehemiah 1:1-4)
- 2) God is using your circumstances to **position** and **prepare** you to accomplish his vision for your life. (Nehemiah 1:11b-2:8)
- 3) Don't confuse your **plans** with God's **vision**. (Nehemiah 4:7-23)
- 4) Visions are **refined** – they don't change;
Plans are **revised** – they rarely stay the same. (Also Nehemiah 4:7-23)
- 5) Visions thrive in an environment of **unity**; they die in an environment of **division**.
(Nehemiah 5:1-13)

When team members lose sight of the agreed upon vision, several things will surface in their behaviour

- They attempt to control rather than serve
- They manipulate people and circumstances to further their own agendas
- They exhibit an unwillingness to resolve their differences face to face
- They exhibit an unwillingness to believe the best about other team mates
- They view team members' failures as their own personal successes

- 6) Don't get **distracted**. (Nehemiah 6:1-14)
- 7) Vision require constant **attention**.

Review of the Seven Shifts We Sense God Calling Us To Make As a Church

- 1) Shifting Our View Of The **Front Door**
- 2) Shifting Our View Of The Church **Calendar**
- 3) Shifting Where We **Aim** the Attention of Our Congregation
- 4) Shifting How We Define a **Disciple**
- 5) Shifting How We Live **“On Mission”** to Reach UnChurched People:
- 6) Shifting Our Financial **Focus**
- 7) Shifting How People **Participate** in Our Church