**Introduction: Why dreams die**

Why is it that so many people *intend* to do so much, yet usually accomplish so little?  
The Answer: ______________________ ______________________!

**AND**

Why is it that others who *carefully prepare* to do even a little, accomplish so much?

**Prerequisite #4:** A ______________________

**The Question:**

What must happen to our *Dislocated Hearts, Broken Spirits, and Radical Faiths* to turn our God-given dreams into reality?

1. **It must begin with a___________________:**

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2. Where God’s agenda is championed, God’s resources are ________________:

Nehemiah 2:5-9 (NIV)

3. Your strategic plan must be “birthed” in ________________:

Nehemiah 2:11-16 (NIV)
• 3 keys to “birthing” your strategic plan:
  1. Silence: To ____________________________
  2. Secrecy: To ____________________________
  3. Solitude: To ____________________________

4. Your strategic plan must be launched in ________________:

17 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 that we may no longer be a reproach.” 18 And I told them how the hand of my God had been favorable to me, and also about the king’s words which he had spoken to me. Then they said, "Let us arise and build." So they put their hands to the good [work].

Nehemiah 2:17-18 (NAS)

• 7 steps to launching a strategic plan:
  1. Clearly define the ____________________________.
  2. Identify with the ____________________________.
  3. Propose a “we” ____________________________.
  4. Give a clear, strong ____________________________.
  5. Motivate at the deepest ____________________________.
  6. Help others see God’s ____________________________ in your vision.
  7. Explain specifically how everyone can ____________________________ in the project.
Application/Questions:

1. What is the difference between “good intentions” and a specific “plan of action?” Why is this so important?

2. Do you have a strategic plan for your spiritual growth? Marriage? Children? Reaching your neighbors and friends? Ministry in your church?

3. What would God have you specifically do to move from “good intentions” to a strategic plan in one of the above areas? Who will help you develop this?