

**Introduction: God is searching...**

*“For the eyes of the Lord go to and fro throughout the whole earth, that He may strongly support those whose hearts are completely His.”*

2 Chronicles 16:9

**... for a select group of people.**

**The Context of 2 Chronicles 16:9**

- **Past “success”** 2 Chronicles 14 & 15
  - Asa was a good king at a bad time!
  
- **A great door of opportunity** 2 Chronicles 16:1-6
  - Asa's greatest problem was really his greatest opportunity!
  
- **A sad commentary** 2 Chronicles 16:7-12
  - Asa started well, but finished poorly!

**The question: Will we answer God's call to make a significant impact at this pivotal moment in history?**

- Our great door of opportunity
  
- What will it mean for each of us?
  1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_

**The preview:**

In the next five sessions, we will examine the conditions that characterize those whom God strongly supports; those who, over time, develop Holy Ambition.

**Our Model = Nehemiah**

*<sup>1</sup>The words of Nehemiah son of Hacaliah: In the month of Kislev in the twentieth year, while I was in the citadel of Susa, <sup>2</sup>Hanani, one of my brothers, came from Judah with some other men, and I questioned them about the Jewish remnant that survived the exile, and also about Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>They said to me, "Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire." <sup>4</sup>When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven.*

Nehemiah 1:1-4

**Prerequisite #1: A** \_\_\_\_\_

- **What is a dislocated heart?**

A God-given concern for others that \_\_\_\_\_ us out of our \_\_\_\_\_. It is a **passionate concern** for God's agenda that supersedes our own desires for personal peace and prosperity.

- **What does a dislocated heart look like?**

Exhibit A = Jesus

Philippians 2:5-13

Exhibit B = Paul

Romans 9:1-3

- **How do you develop a dislocated heart?**

1. Honest \_\_\_\_\_

2. Genuine \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Consideration

4. Ask God for \_\_\_\_\_

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What was your initial response to hearing 2 Chronicles 16:9?
2. What kind of people is God searching for?
3. In what ways are we, as a church, at a crossroads right now? Discuss the implications for your life in light of Jesus' words, "to whom much is given, much is required."
4. What is a dislocated heart and why is it essential in preparation to answer God's call in our lives?
5. What specific steps of faith/obedience do you sense God is leading you to develop a dislocated heart? Who could help you on your journey?