



## RE:OLUTION.

being a solution is better than a resolution.

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### **PART TWO**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

We are aware of prominent figures in this world who inspire us because of their great vision. These people are known to have given their lives for a passion or a cause to make the world a better place, one way or another.

However, this drive is not reserved for a select few. The desire to live with a deep sense of purpose is God-given. We do not exist merely to take up space, but to live with vision and passion. In fact if we do not have vision in our lives, we will find our souls diminishing.

Nehemiah was a man with great vision. He was so driven that he wanted to give up a comfortable life and commit an extended period of time to rebuilding the walls in Judah (Neh 2:5).

Where does this vision come from, and how can we, too, live with one?

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Name one or two influential figures in this world that you admire for their great vision.
  - Why do you admire them?
  - What do you think is the burden in their hearts that gave them the vision to do what they are known for today?
2. Read Nehemiah 1:1-4, and examine his reaction in verse 4: “When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of Heaven.” Can you think of a situation in your world that causes you to grieve in the same way?
3. Moses is a prominent figure in the Bible whom we know for being chosen by God to lead the Israelites out of slavery under the Egyptians and towards the Promised Land. However, before Moses’ encounter with God, we would already find that he had long possessed a deep burden and discontent within him.

Read Exodus 2:11-19. Do an inductive bible study (observations, interpretation and application). You can use the following as a guide.

- i. Posture your heart. Spend some time in prayer and ask the Holy Spirit to be your teacher. Open your heart to the Lord to speak to you.
- ii. Read the passage aloud.
- iii. Ask some context questions of the passage:
  - What sort of writing is this? (a letter, a poem, a narrative etc?)
  - Are there any clues about the circumstances under which it was written?
  - What has happened so far in this particular book of the Bible?
- iv. Some observation questions of the passage:
  - Are there any major sub-sections or breaks in the passage?
  - What is the main point or points?
  - What surprises are there?
  - What are the key words? What words or ideas are repeated?
- v. Some leading questions of the text:
  - How does this passage relate to other parts of the book?
  - How does the passage relate to Jesus?
  - What does this teach us about God?
  - How could we sum up the meaning of this passage in our own words?
- vi. Some application questions of the passage:
  - How does this passage challenge (or confirm) your understanding?
  - Is there some attitude I need to change?
  - How does this passage call on me to change the way I live?

## **WHAT WOULD YOU DO?**

God wants to bless us with a burden, because this will cause us to live with a desire to partner Him in fulfilling His Kingdom purposes on earth. Rather than allowing our hearts to grow numb, let's be concerned with what concerns us.

Think about what concerns you in the areas of:

- Home
- Church
- School
- Work
- Singapore
- The World

List down the areas in your world that bothers you, and then pray this prayer:  
 "Lord, let me be the solution."

If you are not aware of anything that concerns you currently, how can you commit to being more aware?

## **CHANGING YOUR MIND**

*"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 1:4*