# **Vision - New Beginnings - Pt 13 - Being Led by the Spirit**

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New Beginnings / Leadership; Care; Listen; Hear; Fasting; Prayer / Nehemiah; Nehemiah 1; Nehemiah 2:12; Luke 12:10–12; Nehemiah 3; Nehemiah 4; John 14:26

**Last week - 6 characteristics of Leaders, Influencer**

1. We Care - [Nehemiah 1:2](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ne1.2)

2. We Listen - [Nehemiah 1:3-4](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ne1.3-4)

3. We Hurt - [Nehemiah 1:4](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ne1.4)

4. We Intercede - [Nehemiah 1:4-5](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ne1.4-5)

5. We Wait on the Lord to reveal how we should respond - [Nehemiah 1:1](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ne1.1) & [Nehemiah 2:1](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ne2.1)

6. We are Gospel-Centric - [Nehemiah 1:10](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ne1.10)

This week I want to begin by revisiting point #5 in that we do not act “hastily” but we patiently wait on the Lord and the importance of that so that we can add a 7th leadership point this week.

[Isaiah 40:31](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Is40.31) “31 But those who **wait on the Lord** Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.”

[Psalm 27:14](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ps27.14) “14 **Wait on the Lord;** Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; **Wait, I say, on the Lord!”**

We remember that Nehemiah “Fasted and Prayed” “Night and Day” for four months - From the month of Chislev to the month of Nisan. [Nehemiah 1:1](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ne1.1) and [Nehemiah 2:1](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ne2.1) Lets understand why this is important:

[Nehemiah 2:1-5](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ne2.1-5) “1 And it came to pass in the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was before him, that I took the wine and gave it to the king. **Now I had never been sad in his presence before. 2 Therefore the king said to me, “Why is your face sad, since you are not sick? This is nothing but sorrow of heart.” So I became dreadfully afraid,** 3 and said to the king, “May the king live forever! Why should my face not be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers’ tombs, lies waste, and its gates are burned with fire?” 4 Then the king said to me, “What do you request?” **So I prayed to the God of heaven. 5 And I said to the king,** “If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, I ask that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers’ tombs, that I may rebuild it.””

One reason why we need to be a people who wait on the Lord and be sensitive to the **leading of the Holy Spirit** when we engage needs and brokenness in our community is to allow God to move that persons heart into a receptive place.

[Proverbs 21:1](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Pr21.1) “1 The king’s heart is in the hand of the Lord, Like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes.”

[Ezra 1:1](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ezr1.1) “1 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, **the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia**, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also put it in writing, saying,”

**His name in Hebrew means “Yahweh Comforts” - As we mentioned last week “Comforter” is one of the names of The Holy Spirit, Jesus describes in** [**John 14:16**](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Jn14.16) “16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another **Helper (Comforter, Gr. Parakletos),** that He may abide with you forever—”

A little further in that passage:

[John 14:26](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Jn14.26) “26 But the Helper**(Comforter, Gr. Parakletos)**, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, **and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you**.”

The word “remembrance” is a translation of the Greek word *hupomimnesko (Hupo - Mem - Nasko)*, which is a compound of the words *hupo* and *mimnesko (Mem - Nasko)*,. The word *hupo* in this particular case means — **as *to place something alongside* of something else**. The word *mimnesko (Mem - Nasko)* means ***to remember*, *to recollect*, *to remind*, *to regather*, or *to recall.* When these two words are compounded, the combined nuances depict s*omeone whose memory is awakened* or *one who is enabled to call something to mind*. The one who awakens the memory or enables you to recall something to mind is the Holy Spirit - He will Give you the words to speak in the right moments.**

[Luke 12:11-12](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Lk12.11-12) “11 “Now when they bring you to the synagogues and magistrates and authorities, **do not worry about how or what you should answer, or what you should say**. 12 **For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.”**”

[1 Corinthians 2:9-14](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.1Co2.9-14) “9 But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” 10 But God **has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. 13 These things we also speak, not in words which man’s wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”**

### What did Jesus say the Holy Spirit would come and do in our lives?

1. **He Dwells in us -** [**John 14:16-17**](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Jn14.16-17) “16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, **for He dwells with you and will be in you.”**

2. He Will Teach You - [John 14:26](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Jn14.26) “26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, **He will teach you all things**, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”

3. He Will Bring God’s word to your remembrance - [John 14:26](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Jn14.26) “26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, **and bring to your** **remembrance all things that I said to you**.” *hupomimnesko (Hupo - Mem - Nasko)*

4. *He will Testify of Jesus -* [*John 15:26*](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Jn15.26) “26 “But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, **He will testify of Me.**”

5. He will Guide you - [John 16:13](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Jn16.13) “13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.”

6. He Will Glorify Jesus - [John 16:14](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Jn16.14) “14 **He will glorify Me**, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.”

The believer who is **led by the Holy Spirit** must be **willing to go where the Spirit guides him and do what the Spirit leads him to do**. John F. MacArthur

**Nehemiah is painting this spiritual picture for us of what it looks like to be led by the Spirit, it is coupled into 2 key points:**

1. **Prayer and Waiting - Nehemiah was willing to wait 4 months in prayer for direction from the Lord** [**Nehemiah 1:1**](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ne1.1)**,** [**Nehemiah 1:4-6**](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ne1.4-6)**,** [**Nehemiah 2:1**](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ne2.1)

2. **Words and Actions - Once Nehemiah had direction from the Lord he spoke and he acted on it** [**Nehemiah 2:5**](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ne2.5)

[**Nehemiah 2:8**](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ne2.8) “And the king granted them to me according to the good hand of my God upon me.”

Paul said in [Romans 8:14](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ro8.14) “14 For as many as are **led by the Spirit of God**, these are sons of God.” What is then 1 evidence in your life of you being a child of God? Being led by the Spirit!

Being led by the Spirit of God results in God’s plans being fulfilled and God being glorified. It does not mean all things will go well with you, as you will see in coming weeks as we continue to journey into Nehemiah.

How do we become better influencers in our community? How do we become better leaders?

Nehemiah pragmatically shows us these 7 principles, 7 characteristics we should be growing in in our lives:

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7. We are people who are LED by the Holy Spirit