Ask It

> ³ I said to the king, "Let the king live forever. Why should my face not be sad when the city, the place of my fathers' tombs, lies desolate and its gates have been consumed by fire?" ⁴ Then the king said to me, "What would you request?" So I prayed to the God of heaven. ⁵ I said to the king, "If it please the king, and if your servant has found favor before you, send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' tombs, that I may rebuild it."
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> **Nehemiah 2:3-5 (NASB)**

Observation

After you have decided it, you can now move to "asking it." It is important you understand that decision comes before asking. James 1:6-8 (NASB) tells us, "But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways."

God calls us to make up our minds and decide before we start asking. Nehemiah followed this model. He decided to speak up about the desires in his heart, and the king's response is, "What are you requesting?" Nehemiah had been praying and planning how he would respond to the desires God had placed in his heart. When the king asked, Nehemiah was ready to respond.

I believe that this is how God responds to us also. When we make up our minds that we want to make a difference, then God begins to ask us, "How can I help?" "How can I be a part of the solution?" God wants to help us see the miraculous happen during this Open: Next Chapter journey, but we must have a made-up mind to follow God in faith. When we have, we can ask for God to provide and show us favor.

Application

Write down the things you are asking God to do in you and through you during this Open: Next Chapter journey. Take time to really think through it and write it down in detail. Whatever you are asking, write it down, be specific, and believe God will provide the wisdom, skills, and resources.

Use this space to write things down

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