



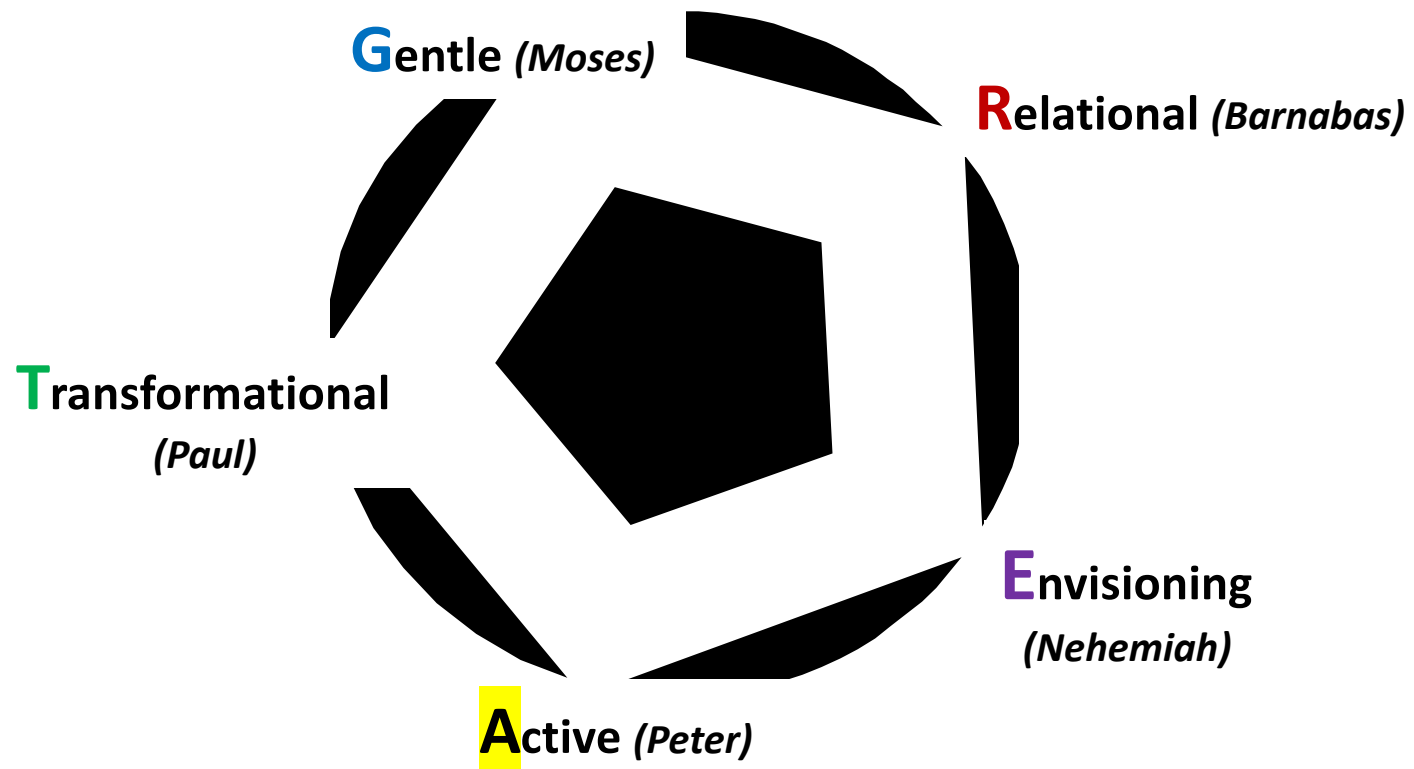
GREAT Leadership (3)
Shalom Ministries International
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6th Ambassador Training



- Purpose of this program
 - Developing the skills, knowledge, and competencies required to be an effective ambassador for Christ
 - We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God (2 Corinthians 5:20).
- Program Details:
 - Format: Online via Zoom
 - Schedule: Every Saturday for 1.5 hours (4:30pm Zambia; 9pm Myanmar)
 - Duration: August 8 – October 24, 2026

GREAT Leadership



What is a Vision?

- Vision?
 - The faculty or state of being able to see
 - A person's future dream (goal, plan)
- Hazon
 - In those days the word of the Lord was rare, there were not many **visions** (1 Samuel 3:1).
 - After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a **vision**, do not be afraid Abraham, I am your shield, your very great reward (Genesis 15:1).
 - The other events of Hezekiah's reign and his acts of devotion are written in the **vision** of the prophet Isaiah (2 Chronicles 32:32).
 - I was not disobedient to the **vision** from heaven (Acts 26:19).
 - Where there is no **vision**, the people perish (Proverbs 29:18).
- Vision
 - A heavenly message, a divine communication & guidance, a revelation from God.



The Power of a Vision

- The vision comes from God only
 - They (false prophets) speak visions from their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD (Jeremiah 23:16).
 - In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams (Acts 2:17).
- The vision gives us hope at any circumstances
 - This vision is for a future time. It describes the end, and it will be fulfilled. If it seems slow in coming, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed (Habakkuk 2:2-3).
- Without a vision, people lose a direction
 - Moses saw that the people were running wild and that Aaron had let them get out of control and so become a laughingstock to their enemies (Exodus 32:25).
 - In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit (Judge 21:25).

Nehemiah: The Envisioning Leader



- Who is Nehemiah?
 - Served as a royal cupbearer to King Artaxerxes I of Persia.
 - Appointed/sent back to Jerusalem with royal letters and resources to fix the city.
 - Led the Jewish people to completely restore the defensive walls and gates of Jerusalem in 52 days despite heavy local opposition.
 - Social, spiritual renewal (Ch. 8-13): Reading the law, celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles, covenant and reform.
- He is a visionary
 - His vision came from God. Nehemiah had never built a wall, but he trusted God for this audacious goal.
 - I set out during the night with a few others. I had not told anyone what my God had put in my heart to do for Jerusalem (Nehemiah 2:12).
 - So my God put it into my heart to assemble the nobles, the officials and the common people for registration by families (Nehemiah 7:5).

The Birth of the Vision

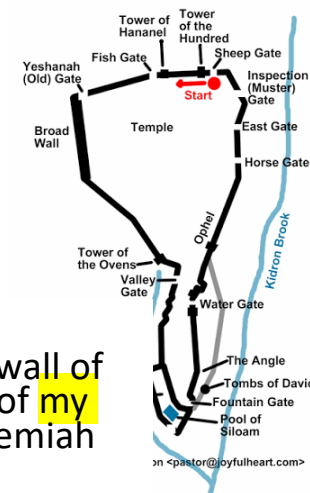
- His vision was from God, not self-generated
 - In the month of Kislev in the twentieth year (November 446 BC), while I was in the citadel of Susa, Hanani came from Judah... They said to me, “The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire.” When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven. In the month of Nisan in the twentieth year (March, 445 BC) of King Artaxerxes, when wine was brought for him, I took the wine and gave it to the king. I had not been sad in his presence before, so the king asked me, “Why does your face look so sad when you are not ill? This can be nothing but sadness of heart” (Nehemiah 1:1-2:2).
 - Prayed for four months (from the month of Kislev to Nisan).
- How to turn the vision into action?
 - God-given visions start as a deep, emotional concern for brokenness before turning into a practical mission.
 - Vision must precede planning, waiting on God's timing builds readiness, and a true burden from God drives persistent petition rather than rushed human action.

Combined Vision with Strategic Planning

- Displays the vision (target, due date, specific steps).
 - (Nehemiah to king): “Let him send me to the city in Judah where my ancestors are buried so that I can rebuild it.” Then the king asked me, “How long will your journey take, and when will you get back?” It pleased the king to send me; so I set a time (Nehemiah 2:5-6).
- Anticipate the barriers he will face
 - Nehemiah asks King’s permission, protection and provision.
 - (Nehemiah to king): “May I have letters to the governors of Trans-Euphrates, so that they will provide me safe-conduct until I arrive in Judah? And may I have a letter to Asaph, keeper of the royal park, so he will give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel by the temple and for the city wall and for the residence I will occupy?” (Nehemiah 2:7-8a).
 - Nehemiah was prepared with specific requests: official letters for safe passage and timber requisitions from the royal forest.
- The outcome:
 - Because the gracious hand of my God was on me, the king granted my requests. So I went to the governors of Trans-Euphrates and gave them the king’s letters. The king had also sent army officers and cavalry with me (Nehemiah 2:8b-9).

Visionary Leadership Strategies

- Sharing the vision (Relational leadership)
 - “Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let **us** rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and **we** will no longer be in disgrace.” I also told them about the gracious hand of **my God on me** and what the king had said to me. They replied, “Let **us** start rebuilding.” (Nehemiah 2:17-18).
- Decentralized ownership
 - He assigned families, priests, guilds, and merchants to repair the exact portion of the wall directly across from their own property.
 - Next to them, Jedaiah son of Harumaph made repairs opposite his house... (Nehemiah 3:10)
 - From high priests to perfume-makers and daughters (Nehemiah 3:8, 3:12), he deployed every segment of society in parallel.
- Adaptive threat management
 - When enemies threatened attack, he armed the builders while keeping the project moving.
 - From that day on, half of my men did the work, while the other half were equipped with spears, shields... Each of the builders wore his sword at his side as he worked (Neh. 4:16-18).
 - When critics tried to draw him into compromise meetings, he refused to pause operations.
 - I am carrying on a great project and cannot go down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and go down to you? (Nehemiah 6:3).



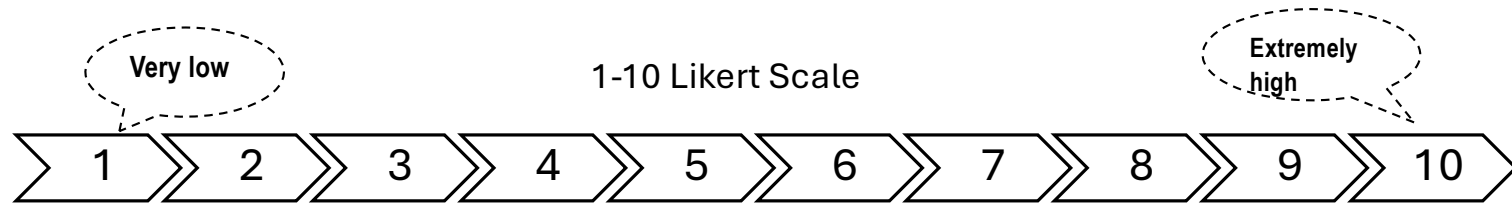
Turn God's Vision into Your Life

- Believe that God's vision in you
 - And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those day (Joel 2:28-29).
 - The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:10).
 - **SHAPE**
- God's vision unfolds through our sanctification process.
 - It is fundamentally a transformative work of God that unfolds in and through transformed people.
 - Sanctification is the process of giving my life to God to fulfill His vision through me.
 - If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away (Matthew 21:3).
 - I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled (Luke 1:38).
 - Are you ready to surrender everything you have to fulfill God's vision?

How to Gain Support for Your Dream?

- Wait for the right timing
 - I went to Jerusalem, and after staying there three days (Nehemiah 2:11).
 - While waiting, reenergize, pray, learn and build curiosity.
- Protect your dream from premature death
 - I had said nothing to the Jews or the priests or nobles or officials or any others who would be doing the work (Nehemiah 2:16).
- Check the reality
 - I set out during the night with a few others. I had not told anyone what my God had put in my heart to do for Jerusalem... By night I went out through the Valley Gate, examining the walls of Jerusalem... (Nehemiah 2:12-13).
- How do you know whether the vision you have comes from God? Answer the questions below:
 - Is it used to exalt and worship God?
 - Is it motivated by love?
 - Is this vision aligned with biblical truth?
 - Does this vision have eternal value?

Evaluate Your Envisioning Leadership Score



What Are Some Interventions (Strategies) to Cultivate Your Envisioning Leadership This Week?

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