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Where there is no vision, the people perish... Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)

➤ SUPER SPIRITUAL VISION MEANS THAT ...

1. I SEE THINGS THE WAY _____.

I asked them about the conditions...³ They told me, "The exile survivors who are left there in the province are in bad shape. Conditions are appalling..."

Nehemiah 1:2, 3 (MP)

My people are broken--shattered!-- and they put on band-aids, Saying, 'It's not so bad. You'll be just fine.' But things are not 'just fine!' Jeremiah 6:14 (MP)

2. I SEE HOW THINGS THE WAY THEY _____.

(Nehemiah) said, "You know very well what trouble we are in. Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire. Let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem and end this disgrace!" Nehemiah 2:17 (NLT)

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. Ephesians 1:17-19 (NIV)

3. I SEE MY NEED TO _____.

When I heard this, I sat down and wept. I mourned for days, fasting and praying before the God-of-Heaven. Nehemiah 1:4(MP)

... Now it happened in the month of Chislev, in the twentieth year, as I was in Susa the capital...In the month of Nisan.... Nehemiah 1:1, 2:1 (NIV)

I am the Vine, you are the branches. When you're joined with me and I with you...the harvest is sure to be abundant. Separated, you can't produce a thing. John 15:5 (MP)

• I connect with God by _____.

O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants who delight(s) to fear your name, and give success to your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man." I was cupbearer to the king. Nehemiah 1:11-2:3(MP)

For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him. 2 Chronicles 16:9 (NIV)

• I connect with God by _____.

I said, "... I'm praying... confessing the sins of the People of Israel. And I'm including myself, I and my ancestors, among those who have sinned against you. ⁷ We've treated you like dirt: We haven't done what you told us, haven't followed your commands, and haven't respected the decisions you gave..." Nehemiah 2: 5-7 (MP)

"the confession of our sins is not a defeatist, self-centered, form of fruitless navel-gazing. It is not guilt-driven religion, but gospel-driven soul work that connects us to Christ, and it is an essential part of a healthy Christian." Octavius Winslow- Soul Heights and Soul Depths

• I connect with God by _____.

Please remember the promise you made to Moses. You told him that if we were unfaithful, you would scatter us among foreign nations. ⁹ But you also said that no matter how far away we were, we could turn to you and start obeying your laws. Then you would bring us back to the place where you have chosen to be worshiped. Nehemiah 2: 8, 9 (MP)

God faithfully keeps his promises. He called you to be partners with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 1 Corinthians 1:9 (GW)

4. I SEE MY NEED TO _____.

I had not told anyone about the plans God had put in my heart for...¹⁶ The city officials did not know I had been out there or what I was doing, for I had not yet said anything to anyone about my plans. I had not yet spoken to the Jewish leaders—the priests, the nobles, the officials, or anyone else in the administration. ¹⁷ But now I said to them, "You know very well what trouble we are in... Let us rebuild..." Nehemiah 2:12, 16, 17 (NLT)

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