



# UNPRECEDENTED

**Week of October 31, 2021**

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Share how you started attending RCC? How did you get involved in serving on a team? Was it the result of a conversation or an invitation?
2. Talk about a situation in your life where a single conversation impacted your plans and gave you an opportunity you never dreamed of.
3. What is the difference between an interruption and an opportunity? How does our desire to be in control affect how we respond to an interruption?
4. Read Nehemiah 1:1-4. Why do you think Nehemiah reacted this way? How did Hanani's story change Nehemiah's world? How did it impact him emotionally?
5. Read Nehemiah 1:5-6, 11. Why was it important that Nehemiah prayed to God first? What stands out to you about his prayer?
6. Paul said, "When God interrupts your plans, He is either trying to realign or change your priorities." What has been your experience with that? How have you responded?

7. Is there an area where God is currently interrupting your plans? How are you responding? How can this group help or pray for you?

### **Moving Forward**

When you walk through an open door that God sets before you, you are saying this to God. “I am stepping into your power, your plan, and your purpose for my life. I understand that it amazingly exceeds more than we could ever imagine.”

### **Nehemiah 1:1-6, 11**

In the month of Kislev in the twentieth year, while I was in the citadel of Susa, <sup>2</sup>Hanani, one of my brothers, came from Judah with some other men, and I questioned them about the Jewish remnant that had survived the exile, and also about Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup>They said to me, “Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire.”

<sup>4</sup>When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven. <sup>5</sup>Then I said: “Lord, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, <sup>6</sup>let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel.

<sup>11</sup>Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man.” I was cupbearer to the king.

### **Ephesians 3:20-21**

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, <sup>21</sup>to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.