

Your breakthrough requires a strategy.

A strategy is a plan of action designed to accomplish a clear objective.

Each one repaired the section immediately across from his own house. *Nehemiah 3:28*

But from then on, only half my men worked while the other half stood guard with spears, shields, bows, and coats of mail. *Nehemiah 4:16*

1. Your strategy must be simple.

“Complexity is the enemy of execution.” — Tony Robbins

Simple means there are specific action steps.

Simple is doable.

2. Your strategy must include the right people.

Two people are better off than **one**, for they can help each other succeed. *Ecclesiastes 4:9*

“Research has shown that if you’re in a community that is getting healthy or overcoming something difficult, your chances of success go way up...positive energy is contagious.” — Henry Cloud

Learning Encouragement Accountability

3. Your strategy must be trackable.

Take time to review the day.

Look at the numbers.

4. Your strategy must include faith.

Then I explained to the nobles and officials and all the people, “The work is very spread out, and we are widely separated from each other along the wall. When you hear the blast of the trumpet, rush to wherever it is sounding. Then our **God** will fight for us!” *Nehemiah 4:19-20*

What is your strategy?

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Group Prep

In preparation for your small group meeting, please read Exodus 18:13-27, then answer the following discussion questions prior to attending.

Introduction

Arguably, the leading cause of failure is not having a strategic plan in place. If we have little idea where we are headed, we will wander aimlessly without priorities prone to changing constantly. Creating a strategy takes time and even resources, but in the long run, it's worth it in order to see the breakthrough in your life you desire.

Discussion Questions

1. Define the word ‘strategy.’ Describe something you’ve accomplished because of the strategy you used. Now tell everyone about something you’ve set out to accomplish, but didn’t because you failed to have a strategy in place.

2. After reading Exodus 18:13-27, we see that Moses needed a breakthrough in his leadership. What was the breakthrough Moses needed and how did Jethro’s strategy provide a method for success in this area?

Any achievement worth noting involves a strategy, and there are four key ingredients to a good strategy. It’s simple, has the right people on board, is trackable, and includes faith. In what ways does the strategy found in Exodus 18 involve these four ingredients?

In which area of your life have you determined you need a breakthrough? Share an idea for a simple strategy that will help you achieve your desired results. Why is it important to keep your strategy simple? Who do you need to bring around you to help you during this time? Why is having the right people on board so important? How are you planning to track the success of your strategy? Why is tracking your strategy so important?

3. If you put this strategy in place, what are the benefits you would expect to see? If you stay disciplined in your strategy, what would you expect your new quality of life to look like?

Read Proverbs 16:3. How does the breakthrough you strive for honor God’s plan for your life? What strategy do you currently have in place to enhance your walk with Christ? What does God desire for your spiritual life and how does your current strategy need to change to get the desired results?

4. What specific steps are you planning to take this week to work the strategy you have in place?

Action Step

Fill in the blanks below for this upcoming week.

My action steps are _____.

I’m accountable for _____, and their action steps are _____.

My memory verse is _____.

This coming week, I’m praying for:

Outreach: Groups in Action

Sign your group up to help restock our connection cards in our auditorium at the Greenwood campus on Wednesday nights. This is a huge blessing to Emmanuel! Email kcarmichael@eclife.org if your group is able to help.

Save the date for March 18 to help with Pack Away Hunger. Details coming soon; we will need lots of hands to help pack 100,000 meals.