Renewal – Life Lessons From Nehemiah
Clarity – Neh. 2:1-8
By Louie Marsh, 9-20-2020

To Find Clarity I Need To…

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2) ______________________________ of what God is calling me to do.

I do this through…

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And may I have a letter to Asaph, keeper of the king's forest, 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?" And because the gracious hand of my God was upon 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 2:8-9 (NIV)

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