

## Stepping Up

Up, Out & Into, Part 1

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## GETTING READY

- HEART BROKEN** — Receive God's heart for people and their desolation.
  - Their situation...
  - Their sin...

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Nehemiah 2:4-5

- PRAYED UP** — Learn to pray... learn TO pray!

\*\*\* Could it be that God is waiting for you to pray...  
I mean REALLY PRAY!

- PLANNED UP** — Be ready with specifics when your moment comes!

## HOW STUFF ACTUALLY SUCCEEDS

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Nehemiah 2:20

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Ephesians 2:8-9

- God's plan to redeem YOUR LIFE!

GREAT LEADER? MOI? YES! Because a great God taps regular schmoes to undo the brokenness!

- LEADERSHIP = INFLUENCE

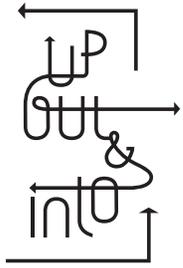
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Nehemiah 1:1-5, 11

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