

IronWorks: INTEGRITY
“Character that Meets the Demands of Reality”
Lessons from the life of Nehemiah
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A man of **Integrity** is whole, a man who is **INTEGRATED** in all dimensions.

An INTEGRATED man is a man of FAITH

Nehemiah 2:1-8

• Faith overcomes **APATHY**:

I was a cupbearer to the King. (1:11)

◊ Nothing in Nehemiah's life demanded that he should care.

• Faith walks **ALONE**:

O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servants who delight to fear your name, and give success to your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. (1:11)

◊ Solitude and prayer cuts through the confusion.

◊ Away from noise I can hear the voice of God.

• Faith stays **ALERT**:

Then I was very much afraid. (2:2)

◊ Fear is natural and nothing to be ashamed of.

◊ Readiness seizes the moment of opportunity.

What are you requesting? (2:4)

Faith is **AVAILABLE**:

If it pleases the king...send me to Judah...that I may rebuild it (2:5)

Faith **ANTICIPATES:**

Let letters be written to the governors...and a letter to Asaph, the keeper of the king's forest. (2:7)

And the king granted me what I asked, for the good hand of my God was upon me. (2:8)

Discussion Questions

1. Tell a faith story from your life that illustrates some aspects of Nehemiah's steps in his faith journey.

2. Where is your "comfort zone," and what is needed to integrate more faith into your spiritual journey?

Reason/Logic/Data _____ Burden/Risk/Faith

3. Who is a person who has modeled for me their walk of faith from whom I could learn?