

Broken Heart and Bold Prayers

Nehemiah 1-Revival Ready

Jeremiah 29:11 (ESV)

¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Nehemiah 1:1-2 (ESV)

The words of Nehemiah the son of Hacaliah.

Now it happened in the month of Chislev, in the twentieth year, as I was in Susa the citadel, ² that Hanani, one of my brothers, came with certain men from Judah. And I asked them concerning the Jews who escaped, who had survived the exile, and concerning Jerusalem.

BE WILLING TO ASK ABOUT THE TRUE CONDITION OF PEOPLE & PLACES

Nehemiah 1:3 (ESV)

³ And they said to me, “The remnant there in the province who had survived the exile is in great trouble and shame. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates are destroyed by fire.”

3 Things No One Can Live Without:

- The Wall- Protection of God
- The Temple-Presence of God
- The Law-Word of God

Nehemiah 1:4a (ESV)

⁴ As soon as I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days...

BE WILLING TO FEEL SOMETHING BEFORE YOU DO SOMETHING

BROKENNESS COMES BEFORE BUILDING

God, would you share your heart for people and places with me? In Jesus' name I ask you to!

Nehemiah 1:4 (ESV)

⁴As soon as I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days, and *I continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven.*

DESPERATION IS SPIRITUALLY EXPRESSED THROUGH PRAYER & FASTING

Nehemiah 1:5 (ESV)

⁵And I said, "O Lord God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments..."

THE BEST PRAYERS START WITH PRAISE

Nehemiah 1:6a (ESV)

⁶let your ear be attentive and your eyes open, to hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you day and night for the people of Israel your servants...

Major take away... "that I now pray before you day & night...for the people of Israel"

KEEP PRAYING CONSISTENTLY FOR WHAT IS BROKEN

Nehemiah 1:6b (ESV)

... confessing the sins of the people of Israel, which we have sinned against you. Even I and my father's house have sinned.

⁷We have acted very corruptly against you and have not kept the commandments, the statutes, and the rules that you commanded your servant Moses.

OWN YOUR PART IN THE BROKENNESS

Nehemiah 1:8-10 (ESV)

⁸ Remember the word that you commanded your servant Moses, saying, ‘If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples, ⁹ but if you return to me and keep my commandments and do them, though your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there I will gather them and bring them to the place that I have chosen, to make my name dwell there.’ ¹⁰ They are your servants and your people, whom you have redeemed by your great power and by your strong hand.

PRAY WHAT GOD PROMISED**Nehemiah 1:11 (ESV)**

¹¹ O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and 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.”

ASK GOD TO HEAR AND HELP YOU**Nehemiah 1:11b (ESV)**

Now I was cupbearer to the king.

GOD LOVES USING NORMAL PEOPLE IN REAL REVIVALS