

LIFE CHANGING PRAYERS

Use My Broken Heart and Move Me to Serve - Part 4

Nehemiah 1:1–3

1/ God's call to life-change always begins deep in my heart.

Life-change is the result of a brokenness of heart.

Nehemiah 1:3

Nehemiah 1:4

2/ God breaks our hearts so that we may be motivated to change out lives and the lives of others.

Luke 19:41

"As Jesus approached Jerusalem and saw the city, He wept over it." (NIV)

Psalms 37:4

"Delight yourself also in the LORD, and He shall give you the desires of your heart." (NIV)

The best people to lighten the load are those who have felt the weight themselves first.

Nehemiah 1:11

"Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favor." (NIV)

3/ God breaks our hearts so that we might pray life-changing prayers.

Nehemiah 1:4–6

Despair should move into determination and determination into direction.

When God is big, then your concerns shrink. If your God is small, then you're overwhelmed by the enormity of your problems.

Nehemiah 1:6 & 7

"I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father's family, have committed against you. We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses." (NIV)

Lesson: Nehemiah couldn't change the heart of the nation, but he could deal with his own heart.

Question: What am I going to do about what God is purposely allowing to break my heart?

Nehemiah 1:8–11

4/ God breaks our heart so that we make ourselves available to God.

Life-Changing Prayers: "I'll be available. Let me go. Let me be a part of the solution."

Nehemiah 1:11

"Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man." (NIV)

Nehemiah 4:20

"Our God will fight for us!" (NIV)

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