

March 4, 2012

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The words of Nehemiah son of Hakaliah: In the month of Kislev in the twentieth year, while I was in the citadel of Susa, Hanani, one of my brothers, came from Judah with some other men, and I questioned them about the Jewish remnant that had survived the exile, and also about Jerusalem. They said to me, "Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire." When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven.

Nehemiah 1:1-4 (NIV2011)

ORDINARY WORLD CHANGERS

| 1. | Down to |
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| | When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. Nehemiah 1:4 |
| | • WHAT BREAKS YOUR HEART? |
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...For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven. Nehemiah 1:4b

Let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel. I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father's family, have committed against you.

Nehemiah 1:6 (NIV2011)

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... I said to the king, "May the king live forever! Why should my face not look sad when the city where my ancestors are buried lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?" The king said to me, "What is it you want?" Then I prayed to the God of heaven, and I answered the king, "If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor in his sight, let him send me to the city in Judah where my ancestors are buried so that I can rebuild it."

Nehemiah 2:3-5 (NIV2011)

My Next Step Today Is To:

- Come to God now, just as I am so that I may know God's forgiveness and may discover what he has for me to do.
- Ask God to break my heart for something that breaks His heart.
- Join Pastor Chris in praying and fasting for God to work through our church during the month of March.
- Meditate on and/or memorize Nehemiah 1:6a
 - Let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for ______.