



Great Faith

Nehemiah 2:1-11

This is the Year of Great Faith. Here's the honest truth: without God, none of this happens. You can't save your one, and neither can I, but we know the God who can. Great faith **prays**, **persists**, and **obeys**. So this week, we're not just talking about praying for our ones, *we're going to pray for them together.*

THREE MARKS OF GREAT FAITH

1 Great faith prays

NEHEMIAH 1:11; 2:4

Nehemiah was about to make an impossible request that could cost his life, so first he prayed: "Give success to your servant today." And when the moment came to speak (2:4), he stopped and prayed again.

For your one: Before you do anything else, pray for them, by name.



2 Great faith persists

NEHEMIAH 2:1

Four months passed between Nehemiah's prayer and his moment. God doesn't waste our waiting, it reminds us we're not in control. "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for" (Hebrews 11:1). Don't let the wait turn into fear, anger, or apathy.

For your one: Keep praying when nothing seems to change. Wait on the Lord (Psalm 27:14).



3 Great faith obeys

NEHEMIAH 2:4-8

Nehemiah spoke, and "the king granted what I asked, for the good hand of my God was upon me." Your job isn't to save your one, it's to deliver the message. God doesn't need your ability. He needs your availability.

 **For your one:** Take the step. Start the conversation. You carry the message, God does the saving.

READ TOGETHER

Nehemiah 2:1–11 · Nehemiah 1:11 · Hebrews 11:1, 6 · Psalm 27:14 · Galatians 6:2 · Matthew 28:19–20

TALK ABOUT IT

- 1** Are you just starting to pray for your one, or persisting through a long wait?
- 2** When God feels slow, which tempts you most, fear, anger, or apathy?
- 3** Nehemiah prayed again right before he obeyed. What step toward your one scares you?
- 4** What excuse keeps you from speaking up (“I’m not good with words,” “I don’t know enough”)?

PRAY TOGETHER · FOR YOUR ONES

- Go around the circle and say your one’s name out loud, only if you’re comfortable.
- Then pray for each other’s ones, by name. If someone is praying for their dad, we’re all praying for their dad (Galatians 6:2).
- Ask God for great faith, to pray, to persist, and to obey.
- Pray He opens a door and a real conversation this week.

Before next week: keep a daily prayer list for your one · let this group carry it with you · set an appointment to spend time with them · prepare an approach (ask their story, then ask to share yours).

“Only one life, ’twill soon be past. Only what’s done for Christ will last.”

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EVERY CHAIR A NAME. EVERY NAME A PRAYER.