



→ NEHEMIAH'S CALLING

Nehemiah gets word of the state of his homeland.

NEHEMIAH 1:3 (NIV)

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."

Nehemiah's reaction.

NEHEMIAH 1:4 (NIV)

When I heard these things, I **sat down and wept**. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven.

→ PERSONAL REFLECTION

What concerns you?

Callings are often born in the soul of a man or woman who is gripped by a tension between what is and what should be.

What bothers you?

What should be?

Do any of these tensions listed above feel like a moral imperative?

Is there any connection between your various tensions and what God is up to in this world?

→ NEHEMIAH PRAYED

NEHEMIAH 1:5-11 (NIV)

Then I said: "LORD, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, 6 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.

7 We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses. 8 "Remember the instruction you gave your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations, 9 but if you return to me and obey my commands, then even if your exiled people are at the farthest horizon, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place I have chosen as a dwelling for my Name.' 10 "They are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great strength and your mighty hand. 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 in the presence of this man." I was cupbearer to the king.

→ TABLE DISCUSSION

What is one verse or statement that stood out to you in Nehemiah's prayer?

→ NEHEMIAH PLANNED

As a cup bearer of the king, he saw an opportunity to connect his passion with his position.

→ TABLE DISCUSSION

Is there a connection between your burden/passion and your vocation?
If yes, what is the connection? If no, why?

→ NEXT STEPS

Do you have a platform to serve others? If no, check out The Launch (scan the code below for more info!).

If you already serve in some capacity, are you connecting your calling to where you're serving?

