

Nehemiah

So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of *the month* Elul, in fifty-two days. When all our enemies heard *about it*, and all the nations surrounding us saw *it*, they lost their confidence; for they realized that this work had been accomplished with the help of our God. Nehemiah 6:15,16

1. Nehemiah's heart _____ to God.

When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven. I said, I beseech You, O Lord God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who preserves the covenant and lovingkindness for those who love Him and keep His commandments.....Nehemiah 1:4-11

2. God _____ Nehemiah's prayer with _____. 2:1-11

Then the king said to me, "What would you request?" So I prayed to the God of heaven. ⁵ Then I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor before you, *I request* that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' tombs, that I may rebuild it." Nehemiah 2:4,5

3. Nehemiah led with the _____ of God. 2:18

6:9 Strengthen my hands

6:16 When all the enemies heard of it,they lost their confidence; for they recognized that this work had been accomplished with the help of God.

8:10. The joy of the Lord is my strength

4. Prayer was the _____ of his leadership.

1:4, 4:4,9, 5;19, 6:9, 14, 13:14, 22, 29,31

The joy of the Lord is my strength. Nehemiah 8:10

Small Group Questions

1. Reread or Review Nehemiah 1:1-11. Has there ever been a time in your life when God nudged you and your heart towards something or someone? Big or small? What was your response when you got the news? Have you ever taken an inkling or a nudge to God in prayer?

Share about the contrast of “knowing a need, compared to responding to a need”

2. Although Nehemiah was simply a cupbearer or servant of the king, God had bigger plans for him. Do you believe that God may have significant plans for your life or do you tend to think His plans are for others to carry out?

How willing are you to be used by God? And why or why not?

What holds you back from going “all in” like Nehemiah?

- Faith
- Fear
- Unbelief
- Insecurity
- Lack of encouragement
- Disobedience
- Self Centeredness
- Passivity

3. In Nehemiah 8:9-12, he encourages the people to make their joy in the Lord. Strength comes from the Lord. Share about a task or challenge in your life where HIS JOY needs to strengthen you, remembering that adequate strength will come from Him alone.

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