

WHAT MOVES YOU TO ACTION?

56 Days of Nehemiah - Part 1

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GOAL: That we would get passionate about God's plans for us and get some significant things done, and experience again the mighty hand of God at work in our generation.

Question: What are your personal internal and external goals?

Nehemiah 1:1-2 (NIV) *"The words of Nehemiah son of Hacaliah: In the month of Kislev in the twentieth year, while I was in the citadel of Susa, ² Hanani, one of my brothers, came from Judah with some other men, and I questioned them about the Jewish remnant that survived the exile, and also about Jerusalem."*

Question: Do I have a genuine concern for what people around me are going through?

STEPS TO MEANINGFUL ACTION

1. Follow Your _____.

Nehemiah 1:3-4a (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.'⁴ When I heard these things, I sat down and wept."*

Questions: What breaks your heart?
What are you passionate about?

2. Passion Leads To _____.

Nehemiah 1:4b (NIV) *"For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven."*

Questions: What's your instinctive reaction to bad news?
What do you pray about?

3. Prayer Leads To God's _____.

Nehemiah Saw Three Things After Prayer...

- **God's** _____

Nehemiah 1:5-6a (NIV) *“Then I said: ‘O LORD, God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant of love with those who love Him and obey His commands,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.’”*

- **Our** _____

Nehemiah 1:6b-7 (NIV) *“I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father's house, 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.”*

- **The** _____ **of the Bible**

Nehemiah 1:8-10 (NIV) *“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.”*

Luke 15:18a (KJV) *“I will arise and go back to my father.”*

**Questions: Where do you get your perspective?
Does it come from talking with God in prayer?**

4. God's Perspective Leads To A _____.

Nehemiah 1:11 (NIV) *“O 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.”*

Question: What is your plan to be involved with God?

Psalms 127:1a (NIV) *“Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain...”*