

YOU CAN MAKE
A DIFFERENCE
LIFE LESSONS FROM NEHEMIAH

**Part 2 – Your Vision from the Knees Up
Nehemiah 1:4-11**

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Ezekiel 22:30 "I (God) looked in vain for anyone who would build again the wall of righteousness that guards the land, who could stand in the gap but I found not one."

Nothing happens until somebody provides **leadership**.

I. REDISCOVER THE GOD WHO **IS BIGGER** THAN YOUR CHALLENGE. (Nehemiah 1:5)

2 Chronicles 20:6 "O LORD, God of our fathers, are you not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you."

Praise about the character of God should be the start of our prayer because:

A. Praise is a way of **refocusing our mind**.

Proverbs 21:1 "The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, Like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes."

Zechariah 4:6 says, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts."

B. Praise builds our **faith**.

C. Praise is the invitation for **God to enter in**.

II. GET YOUR HEART **CLEANED UP**. (Nehemiah 1:6-7)

*Psalm 24:3-4 “Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who may stand in His holy place? [4] He who has **clean hands** and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully.”*

*Isaiah 59:1-2 “Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. [2] But your **iniquities** have separated you from your God; your **sins** have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.*

III. CLAIM A PROMISE OF GOD AND ACT TO FULFILL THE **CONDITIONS TO THAT PROMISE. (Nehemiah 1:8-9)**

God is calling you to stand in the **gap** for the vision He has laid on your heart by first **interceding** before His throne for this situation.

IV. **ASK SPECIFICALLY FOR WHAT YOU NEED FROM GOD. (Nehemiah 1:10-11)**

- A. In order to get specific answers to prayer you've got to make **specific requests**. If you make general prayers, how will you know if they are answered?**
- B. Pray with conviction. Pray with confession. Pray with confidence. Pray with commitment. And then **wait patiently** upon the Lord.**

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