

SERIES: NEHEMIAH MESSAGE: "PRAYER WORKS"

“⁵Then I said, ‘O Lord, God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps his covenant of unfailing love with those who love him and obey his commands, listen to my prayer! Look down and see me praying night and day for your people Israel. I confess that we have sinned against you. Yes, even my own family and I have sinned! We have sinned terribly by not obeying the commands, decrees, and regulations that you gave us through your servant Moses. Please remember what you told your servant Moses: ‘If you are unfaithful to me, I will scatter you among the nations. But if you return to me and obey my commands and live by them, then even if you are exiled to the ends of the earth, I will bring you back to the place I have chosen for my name to be honored.’ The people you rescued by your great power and strong hand are your servants. O Lord, please hear my prayer! Listen to the prayers of those of us who delight in honoring you. Please grant me success today by making the king favorable to me. Put it into his heart to be kind to me.’ In those days I was the king’s cup-bearer.” NEH 1:5-11

NEHEMIAH TEACHES US WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE

1. _____ hard
2. _____ hard
3. _____ God

WHY PRAY?

1. Prayer is the place to _____ God’s work in our hearts
2. Prayer is the place to _____ and _____ God’s call on our lives
3. Prayer is the place to _____ a rock-solid foundation of faith

NEHEMIAH’S MODEL FOR PRAYER: A-C-T-S

1. _____ - his prayer begins with _____ (v. 5)
 - God is _____ of our praise (v.5)
 - God keeps His _____ (v. 5)
2. _____ - his prayer calls out “we” sin (vv. 6-7)
 - _____ sin
 - _____ sin
 - _____ sin
3. _____ - his prayer acknowledges God’s faithfulness (vv. 8-10)
 - God’s _____
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 - God’s _____
4. _____ - his prayer closes with a big ask and with big confidence that God will act on his prayer (vv. 11)
 - _____ - requests we make for ourselves
 - _____ -requests we make for others

NEHEMIAH’S MODEL OF PRAYER

1. Helps us stay _____ while praying
 2. Helps us keep our prayers _____
 3. Helps us discover and tap into the _____ of God
- “So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.” HEB 4:16