

**May 26, 2024**

*Your Part in God's Plan*

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## **Nehemiah 1-2**

### **Overall Theme:**

Prayer without a plan is \_\_\_\_\_; planning without prayer is \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Characteristics of Nehemiah**

1. Man of \_\_\_\_\_

- ✓ "The true expression of Christian character is not in good-doing but in God-likeness."  
~ Oswald Chambers

2. Man of \_\_\_\_\_

- ✓ We do not confess to inform God. We confess to align our heart with God.

3. Man \_\_\_\_\_ about the things of God

- ✓ God wants us to be burdened for what He is burdened for.

4. Man of \_\_\_\_\_

- ✓ Courage is bold conviction in action.

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### **Sermon Talks**

1. What caught your attention in this week's message? Was there something you had never heard before or something you had a question about?
2. Recall a time when God answered your prayer. What was the prayer and how did He answer?
3. In Nehemiah chapter 1, Nehemiah's response to a seemingly hopeless situation was to pray. What are some of the key elements to his prayer?
4. How was Nehemiah a man of character? How does the fact that he was the cupbearer for the king speak to his character and integrity?
5. Read the following verses in Proverbs: 10:9, 11:3, 19:1, 20:7, 28:6. What do these verses say about being a person of Biblical integrity?
6. Do you ever find yourself confessing to God merely to inform Him? What is the difference in praying to inform Him and praying to align your heart with His?
7. Read Hebrews 4:13. Does this verse convict you at all about your sin? If so, how?
8. God wants us to be burdened for what burdens Him. What burdens you that also burdens the Lord? How are you acting on that burden?
9. Nehemiah was a person of courage. Are you? What are some examples in your life that would allow you to say yes to that question?
10. In his book "A Celebration of Discipline," Richard Foster said, "Honesty leads to confession and confession leads to change." Do you need to be honest with the Lord right now? If so, confess to him and be free from the burden of sin that prevents you from living today to its fullest.

**Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word (Nehemiah 1-2) and this week's message.**

**Adoration:** What can I praise God for in light of what this teaches me?

**Confession:** What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

**Thanksgiving:** What can I thank God for in light of what he has done?

**Supplication:** What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?