

How to Change the Person You Have No Control Over

Nehemiah 2:1-8

- Proverbs 21:1 *The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers (channels) of water: he turneth it whither-soever he will.*

I. Nehemiah's Reaction (vv. 1-3) (Bathed in Prayer)

A. Nehemiah waits (v. 1a)

- Psalm 27:14

What should you do while waiting?

1. _____

- Psalm 25:21

2. _____

- Psalm 37:7

3. _____

- Psalm 130:5

- Psalm 62:5

4. Ask God _____

- ❖ What do I need to change?

- ❖ God may use the change in you to change the person you have no control over.

B. Nehemiah's weariness (vv. 1b-2)

- Psalm 69:3

C. Nehemiah's wisdom (v. 3)

1. He responded _____.

And said unto the king, Let the king live for ever...

2. He responded _____.

...why should not my countenance be sad

II. Nehemiah's Request (to the King) (vv. 4-8a)

A. His request was made _____.

(v. 4) *So I prayed to the God of heaven.*

B. His request was made _____.

(v. 5) *...If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight*

C. His request was made _____.

1. The _____

(v. 6) *So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time.*

2. The _____

(v. 7) *...let letters be given me to the governors beyond the river, that they may convey me over till I come into Judah*

3. The _____

(v. 8a) *...that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates,... for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into.*

III. Nehemiah's Response (v. 8b)

And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me.

A. He gave _____.

- Psalm 29:2

- Psalm 96:7-8

B. God will do great things _____.

- Isaiah 42:8

- Isaiah 48:11