

Series: "LEAD LIKE IT MATTERS"
 Part 1: "THE CALLING OF A LEADER"
 Crossroads Community Church
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Leadership is the God-given _____ and God-given _____
 _____ to influence people toward God's _____

The words of Nehemiah son of Hakaliah:

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 had survived the exile, and also about Jerusalem.

³ 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."

Nehemiah 1:1-3 (NIV)

⁴ When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven.

Nehemiah 1:4 (NIV)

What to do with a Divine Burden

1. _____

⁵ Then I said:

"Lord, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, 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. I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father's family, have committed against you.

Nehemiah 1:5-6 (NIV)

- _____ your _____
- _____ your _____

...In the month of Kislev in the twentieth year...

Nehemiah 1:1 (NIV)

In the month of Nisan in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes...

Nehemiah 2:1 (NIV)

2. _____

- Let God _____ you
- Don't _____ the _____

In the month of Nisan in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was brought for him, I took the wine and gave it to the king. I had not been sad in his presence before, ² so the king asked me, "Why does your face look so sad when you are not ill? This can be nothing but sadness of heart."

I was very much afraid, ³ but I said to the king, "May the king live forever! Why should my face not look sad when the city where my ancestors are buried lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?"

⁴ The king said to me, "What is it you want?"

Then I prayed to the God of heaven, ⁵ and I answered the king, "If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor in his sight, let him send me to the city in Judah where my ancestors are buried so that I can rebuild it."

Nehemiah 2:1-5 (NIV)

3. _____

- _____ with _____
- _____ is the enemy of _____

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 - Text GLS to 920-717-1715
- Pray – Try using the An Hour With God prayer guide
 - <https://tinyurl.com/anhourwithgod>
- Learn about being a RUSH small group leader
 - Text SERVE to 920-717-1715
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