



Title: Forward. Vision 2017

Scripture: Neh. 1:4-6

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Bible Version: NKJV

BOTTOM LINE: We are to depend on God for all things.

Vs 4.

sat down - dwelled, stayed put; he remained still in the moment.

wept- shed tears. He was moved emotionally and physically.

mourned- his spirit was down. He was lamenting...down in spirit.

When difficult times come we need to draw close to God so that He can move us to action.

fasting- abstained from food

praying- interceded on behalf of the city and people he had a heart for. He spent time with the Lord.

before the God of heaven- in the presence of God.

Humility towards God demonstrates our dependence upon God.

Vs. 5

'I pray'- Nehemiah recognized that this situation needed a conversation with God.

'Lord God of heaven'- He recognized that God is the one only God over heaven.

Great = importance, distinguished.

Awesome = to be held in awe.

'You who keep your covenant and mercy'- God will keep his promise to us. The promise of Jesus. A way to come into His presence.

'With those who you love' - God loves you. This may be news to you. But He does.

Sometimes the best times in our lives occur when we discover our need and complete dependence upon God.

Vs. 6

Complete dependence upon God removes what we can do from the equation.

‘please let Your ear be attentive’ - Nehemiah knew the situation that he faced required God to be part of the solution.

- 1. We have to fight to make our prayers a priority.**
- 2. We have to believe that God hears our prayers.**

‘that You may hear the prayer of Your servant’ - Nehemiah had a simple goal. He prayed and believe that God was his only hope.

‘Both my father’s house and I have sinned’- Finally Nehemiah recognized that humility before God requires us to confess our sin.

Humility before God requires us to confess our sin

Spiritual Leaders

- 1. Must have a burden for something that they (apart from God) cannot take care of.**
- 2. Must allow God to move them to action.**
- 3. Must have vision big enough that prayer is required.**

If your vision is doable it’s not from God.



3D Guide

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DO.

Anytime you read God's word you have to put things into perspective. You also have to realize that the terms, not words, have meanings. As a group re-read the scriptures that was studied. Try the Amplified Version and compare that to the NJKV, NIV, ESV, or NASB. Pick a few words and have a group member look that word up on blueletterbible.com or with their app.



DISCUSS.

1. Everyone needs a direction to go. If we don't have a direction to head chances are we will wander in circles. Compare and contrast a time in your life when you felt like you had a direction versus a time where you did not.
2. The great commission is stated in Matthew 28:19. How does this verse relate to the church?
3. Considering Matthew 28:19, how does this verse also relate to individuals?

DO.

1. What does this study reveal to you about God?
2. What does this study reveal to you about yourself?
3. Based on this, what changes do you need to make?
4. What is your prayer for today?

