

INFLUENCER

a study of Nehemiah



June 30, 2024
11:00 AM Worship

NEHEMIAH: SEIZE THE CRISIS

Greeting & Sharing Worship from VBS: *Start the Party!*

Mrs. Karen McAmis and Team

Hymn 2

Holy, Holy, Holy

NICAEA

Morning Prayer

Rev. Susie Reeder

Kentucky Mission Effort Update

Rev. Reeder

Hymn 613

The Servant Song

NETTLETON

Message

*InfluenceR
Seize the Crisis*

Pastor Blake Bengé

Hymn 611

Let Your Heart Be Broken

WYE VALLEY

Prayer of Commitment

Mrs. Mary Rice

Offertory Feature

Ain't Got Time to Die

Soloist: Andrew Guthrie

Sanctuary Choir
Johnson

Recognition of Decisions

Pastor Bengé

Benediction & Next Steps

Rev. Richard Suggs

Hymn 253

Doxology

OLD 100TH

Closing Video

VBS: Start The Party!

INVITATION TO RESPOND

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SCAN ME

TAKE IT WITH YOU

I've been reading the Bible for as long as I can remember. Between Sunday School, VBS, Sunday morning worship, personal devotions and Bible study, I've read a lot of the Bible (although I do have to confess I have never read it all the way through). My 18-year-old self foolishly thought that all those years of reading the Bible would mean that Introduction to the Old Testament and New Testament classes in college would be a breeze...she was woefully incorrect!

Lately, my reading and studying of the Bible has led me to the question of how the words in the Bible survived all the years that they did to become the collection of scriptures that we now have. I know-thanks to those aforementioned college classes-some details of how the books of the Bible were assembled. But I am more curious about the granular details: how did the words prayed by David, by Samuel, by Nehemiah survive? These weren't speeches, spoken to giant crowds. It's safe to assume that at least some of the prayers recorded in scripture were prayed in private, with no one to witness and record them. So how do we know what these giants of the faith prayed?

The easiest answer is that they wrote them down. Evidently, the concept of prayer journals goes way back.

I don't know if Nehemiah wrote down his plea to God with the intention that it would influence prayers of people thousands of years later. Likely, he wrote them down for the same reason that people who write their prayers today do so: because it helps them process their thoughts, their emotions, their desires; to bring their scattered thoughts into some semblance of order.

Does this mean we need to write our prayers as if they will be read thousands of years from now? No; that's a lot of pressure, and certainly not the point of prayer. Of course, it's not mandatory to write your prayers at all; it's just one possible way to approach that holy communication. It is just somewhat of a comfort to have that point of connection to people who seem so far removed from us in every way. Nehemiah lived and wrote his words about 2500 years ago; his life experience could not have been much more different than the experience of our lives. He had influence over the most powerful person in the world at the time. But, he wrote down his prayers. He prayed and God listened. We pray, and God is listening.

~ Katie Herring

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In this series, we are considering the life and leadership of Nehemiah. While he is not what is today considered a "Professional Influencer, leveraging Social Media Skills", he is an *influencer*, creating Social and Spiritual change. His life reveals traits of a Good Influencer we can emulate as ambassadors of Jesus.

Traits of a Good InfluenceR covered so far:

Acute Perception:

- a) the ability to see what is and what it means. b) the ability to see what should not be and what could be instead.

Passionate Affinity:

caring deeply enough to move beyond emotion and sentiment to helpful action.

Divine Alignment (the most important):

- a) seeking to be "on God's side". b) seeking to make the priorities of your life align with the priorities of God's word.

Today we see Nehemiah at a crisis point and uncover the fourth trait of a **Good InfluenceR**, which places him in this dangerous opportunity.

Proven _____

Nehemiah 1:11c

Crisis Averted or Crisis Seized

Nehemiah 2:2

Risky Response

Nehemiah 2:3

The King Wants to know & Nehemiah wants to go

Nehemiah 2:4-5

Powerful Approval

Nehemiah 2:6

Divine Alignment

Nehemiah 2:7-8

Prayer Exercise

Simple Divine Alignment Prayer

God lead me to see what you see.

Move me to care about what you care about.

Simple Crisis Prayer

God give me the wisdom to know what to do
and the courage to do it.

Trusting Prayer

I trust you, God, to use me and the abilities you have given
me in the place you have put me.

Thinking Exercise

Proven Ability

How am I using and developing my
gifts, skills and talents for "should be" and "could be"?

In what ways am I being trustworthy with my abilities
and the place He currently has me?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given to the Glory of God and in honor Mark and Mary Rice's 43rd wedding anniversary.

CHURCH OFFICE: Closed Thursday and Friday, July 4 - 5.

SNYDER SUMMER READING CLUB: Come join us for Reading Rocks 2024 to read as many books as you can and collect prizes along the way! Reading Rocks! Going on now through August 31. Stop by the Church Library to sign up for the Summer Reading Program. It's not too late!

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE - SUNDAY, JULY 7: Join us at 10am in the Sanctuary. No Sunday School.

SUMMER WORSHIP CONCERT: Please mark your calendars for a Summer Worship Concert on Wednesday, July 17, from 7-8:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a special evening of worship and original worship songs led and composed by 8:40 Worship Band members. All are welcome. We will be rounding out the evening with ice cream sundaes!

SNYDER YOUTH (6TH - 12TH GRADES) - CROWDERS RIDGE SUMMER CAMP, JULY 21 - 25: Registration deadline was June 28. For more info visit www.snyderyouth.com/events.

SNYDER PARENTING WEEKEND: Save the date! Meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, September 14, 9am - 11:30am, with guest speakers Chris Sasser and Abbey Wedgeworth.

CHUMANI CHILD SPONSORSHIP: We had a great response to sponsoring children at our new partner school in Chumani. Over 100 children have been sponsored by our church Family. If you are interested in sponsoring a child, contact Susie Reeder.

BAPTISTS ON MISSION: North Carolina Baptists on Mission is getting prepared for the hurricane season! Tom Poston, director, is in the process of collecting information to form teams who can assist when the need arises to aid in Disaster Relief. Qualifications? Not a lot of skills, but a servant heart and availability to go when disasters occur in the southeastern states. If you are interested in serving on one of these teams, contact Tom Poston tposton2@nc.rr.com or (910) 322-2115.

WORSHIP FLOWERS: If you have a special occasion or event that you would like to acknowledge with the placement of an arrangement in one of the 11am worship services, please contact Anne Keith at anne@keithvaluation.com or at (910) 850-8111 to reserve a date.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- July 4 - 5 Church Office Closed
- July 7 Combined Worship Service at 10am in the Sanctuary
- July 14 - 21 NC All State Youth Choir
- July 17 Summer Worship Concert
- July 18 - 30 Kenya Adult Mission Trip
- July 21 - 25 Crowders Ridge Summer Camp
- September 14 Snyder Parenting Weekend

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Cash or Check

- by mail or dropping off to Finance Office
- Automated Bank Draft on the 5th or 20th of the month - contact Finance Office to acquire forms for draft set up

Online (computer, mobile phone, tablet)

- Go to www.snydermbc.com; select "Giving & Tithing | Online" from the menu; enter the information (if you are already in our database, you can login; otherwise you can continue as guest)

or

- download the "Church Life" app to your mobile phone (you must already have a username and password for AccessACS - see below - in order to use this app). There is a link on the app to give, and it will take you to AccessACS; follow the instructions

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