

MAN 

[**NEHEMIAH : SESSION 1 : OWN IT**]

I AM A MAN.

**God has called me, gifted me,
empowered me, and positioned
me to lead myself, my family,
& my community.**

TODAY I CHOOSE TO . . .

- **Own It**
- **Ask for Help**
- **Never Quit**
- **Take the Lead**
- **Finish the Job**

OWN IT.

Nehemiah 1

¹ These are the memoirs of Nehemiah son of Hacaliah. In late autumn, in the month of Kislev, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes' reign, I was at the fortress of Susa. ² Hanani, one of my brothers, came to visit me with some other men who had just arrived from Judah. I asked them about the Jews who had returned there from captivity and about how things were going in Jerusalem.

³ They said to me, "**Things are not going well** for those who returned to the province of Judah. They are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem has been torn down, and the gates have been destroyed by fire."

⁴ When I heard this, I sat down and wept. In fact, for days I mourned, fasted, and prayed to the God of heaven. ⁵ Then I said, "O Lord, God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps his covenant of unfailing love with those who love him and obey his commands,

⁶ listen to my prayer! Look down and see me praying night and day for **your people** Israel. I confess that **we** have sinned against you. Yes, even **my own family** and **I have** sinned! ⁷ We have sinned terribly by not obeying the commands, decrees, and regulations that you gave us through your servant Moses.

Own the PROBLEM.

Q :: What **PROBLEMS** have destroyed our community?

- **morality problem** - absence of right and wrong
- **priority problem** - chase power, popularity, possessions
- **longevity problem** - quit before the job is done

Q :: What are me most tempted to do with the **PROBLEM**?

⁸ “Please **remember** what you told your servant Moses: ‘If you are unfaithful to me, I will scatter you among the nations. ⁹ But **if** you return to me and obey my commands and live by them, **then** even if you are exiled to the ends of the earth, I will bring you back to the place I have chosen for my name to be honored.’

Own the PROMISE.

“You can’t OWN a promise you don’t KNOW.”

- **LISTEN to the promise** - church, groups, podcasts
- **READ the promise** - rhythmic & strategic bible reading
- **SPEAK the promise** - rhythmic and strategic prayer

Q :: What **PROMISE** do you need to believe right now?

Own the POWER.

¹⁰ “The people you rescued by **your great power** and strong hand are your servants. ¹¹ O Lord, please hear my prayer! Listen to the prayers of those of us who delight in honoring you. Please **grant me success** today by making the king favorable to me. Put it into his heart to be kind to me.”

Q :: How do we receive God’s **POWER**?

Own the POSITION.

¹¹ In those days I was the king’s cup-bearer.

PRAYER :: “Help me use my **POSITION** for your **MISSION**.”

OWN IT :: Q&A

Q :: Why did I choose to attend **MANUP**?

Q :: Which of these 3 problems are the biggest struggle for me? my family? my community?

- **morality problem** - absence of right and wrong
- **priority problem** - chase power, popularity, possessions
- **longevity problem** - quit before the job is done

Q :: How do I typically respond to problems?

Q :: Which of these 3 solutions do I find to be the most difficult to do and why?

- **LISTEN to the promise** - church, groups, podcasts
- **READ the promise** - rhythmic & strategic bible reading
- **SPEAK the promise** - rhythmic and strategic prayer

Q :: What positions do I currently hold . . .

(husband / father / boss / coach / business leader / etc) and who is directly affected by my ability to lead?

Notes.