

# ...When We're Broken-Hearted

Where Is God? | Part 5 | Pastor Vince DiPaola

God heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

**Psalm 147:3, NIV**

## ***How God Helps Us Heal A Broken Heart***

(Nehemiah's heartbreak and prayer in Nehemiah 1)

### **1. Only be broken-hearted about the RIGHT THINGS.**

The words of Nehemiah son of Hacaliah. In the month of Kislev in the twentieth year, while I was in the citadel of Susa, Hanani, one of my brothers, came from Judah with some other men, and I questioned them about the Jewish remnant that survived the exile, and also about Jerusalem. 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." When I heard these things, I sat down and wept.

**Nehemiah 1:1-4a, NIV**

### **Does your heartbreak also break GOD'S HEART?**

### **2. Only be broken-hearted with the RIGHT FOCUS.**

For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven.

**Nehemiah 1:4b, NIV**

### **Is your energy more focused on GOD OR YOUR GRIEF?**

### **3. Only be broken-hearted with the RIGHT HEART.**

Then I said: "O Lord, God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and obey his commands, 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 house, have committed against you. We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses."

**Nehemiah 1:5-7, NIV**

So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and in his good time he will honor you.

**1 Peter 5:6, NLT**

### **Can you admit your PART IN THE HEARTBREAK?**

### **4. Only be broken-hearted in the RIGHT WAY.**

“Remember the instruction you gave your servant Moses, saying, ‘If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations, but if you return to me and obey my commands, then even if your exiled people are at the farthest horizon, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place I have chosen as a dwelling for my Name.’ They are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great strength and your mighty hand.”

**Nehemiah 1:8-10, NIV**

“O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man.” I was cupbearer to the king.

**Nehemiah 1:11-12, NIV**

### **Will you TRUST GOD THROUGH IT ALL?**

**So the wall was completed in fifty-two days**, on the twenty-fifth of Elul. When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and disheartened, for they realized that this task had been accomplished by our God.

**Nehemiah 6:15-16, NIV**

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