

A TIME TO REBUILD | NEHEMIAH 1:1-4

As we survey the landscape of our nation, we see broken lives, broken families, and broken churches. We see a people who have abandoned God and are on a collision course with the consequences. When we look in mirror, we may realize that we are in the same place. Maybe for some of us our heart aches, and we think should we be doing more. Some of us may say the Lord is coming back and I don't think there is anymore we can do. While the Lord is coming back, we do not know when. We do know that He has called us to be a people who make ourselves available to Him to change lives. Nehemiah did that very thing. He recognized the situation and became available to God to bring Him glory and impact His people. God proved Himself faithful in the history of the nation of Israel in the process. Let's turn to the book of Nehemiah to see how God worked in and through Nehemiah, with the humble desire that He might work through us in the same way.

1. God uses those whose _____ is _____ on Him (1:1-2).
2. God gets our attention by exposing the _____ of our _____ (1:3).
3. God prepares us for service by breaking our _____ for what breaks _____ (1:4a).
4. God brings us to a point of _____ where we realize only He can _____ us (1:4b).