

ASSESSING THE PROBLEM

Nehemiah 1 & 2:1-16

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SITUATION

- Despite the return of thousands of Jewish exiles to Judea, Jerusalem's wall was still in ruins and the city remained exposed to danger.
- In Nehemiah 1:1-11 Nehemiah's reaction to this tragic news was:
 - He cried/mourned for days
 - Mourned for days, fasting but...



TASK

- Confessed what happened and his part in the problem.
 - He took ownership of his actions and the actions of his people.
- He took his concerns to God
- He encouraged himself
 - He recalled God's promise.
- He received a vision inspired by God of what the issue was and a possible solution but no details about the problem or how to solve it.



Neh 1:5-11 & Neh 2:4

ACTION

- He secured **support as he assessed the problem**
- He went to work to find out for himself what happened
- He kept his vision to himself
 - He avoided:
 - soliciting sincerely wrong advise or
 - encountering detractors that would attempt to discourage or undermined his vision.
- He **did the work** himself and **went to the wall** to see and evaluate the problem

Neh 2:11-16 & Neh 2:17



RESULT

Nehemiah taught us:

1. It is ok to not be ok when there is a problem . *Neh 1:1-4*
1. Evaluate yourself. *Neh 1:5-11*
1. Go to God. Ask for guidance and help. *Neh 2:4*
 - This step is the most critical part of the entire process.
 - You can't rebuild, restore, renew when you don't have an accurate understanding of the problem to then build your vision upon.
2. You have to do the work of assessing the problem. *Neh 2:11-16*
 1. Then your ready to prepare for the next right move. *Neh 2:17*

