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3 Personal Questions

**Biblical Legends: Looking Beyond the Headlines & Highlights**

Acts 10:34, 45 (NLT)

Then Peter replied, "I see very clearly that God doesn't show partiality. **45** The Jewish believers who came with Peter were amazed that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out upon the Gentiles, too.

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Nehemiah 1:1-4, 10-11; 2:4-5 (NLT)

These are the memoirs of Nehemiah son of Hacaliah. In late autumn of 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 survived the 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 burned." **4** When I heard this, I sat down and wept. In fact, for days I mourned, fasted, and prayed to the God of heaven. **10** "We are your servants, the people you rescued by your great power and might. **11** O Lord, please hear my prayer! Listen to the prayers of those of us who delight in honoring you. Please grant me success now as I go to ask the king for a great favor. Put it into his heart to be kind to me." In those days I was the king's cup-bearer. **2:4** The king asked, "Well, how can I help you?" With a prayer to the God of heaven, **5** I replied, "If it please Your Majesty and if you are pleased with me, your servant, send me to Judah to rebuild the city where my ancestors are buried."

**QUESTION:** What caused Nehemiah, a “regular guy”, to take such a huge \_\_\_\_\_?

\* Learning from an old cartoon.

**1. What do I \_\_\_\_\_ desire God to use me to “\_\_\_\_\_” (restore, re-build, rescue)?**  
v.3b...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 burned."

**2. What is my next \_\_\_\_\_ to accomplish this?**  
v.11a “O Lord, please hear my prayer! Listen to the prayers of those of us who delight in honoring you. Please grant me success now as I go to ask the king for a great favor.”

**3. What will be the \_\_\_\_\_ to my \_\_\_\_\_?**  
Nehemiah 2:8b ...And the king granted these requests, because the gracious hand of God was on me.

Personal Action Steps

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