

# SIMPLE PRAYER

## PART 3

### The Prayer of Nehemiah: **The Twitter Prayer**

#### NEHEMIAH 1:3-11

<sup>3</sup>In the month of Kislev, hearing that Jerusalem's wall was broken down, and its gates had been burned... <sup>4</sup>I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed, saying: <sup>5</sup>"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, <sup>6</sup>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!

#### NEHEMIAH 1:3-11

<sup>7</sup>We have sinned terribly by not obeying the commands, decrees, and regulations that you gave through Moses. <sup>8</sup>Please remember what you told Moses: 'If you are unfaithful to me, I will scatter you among the nations. <sup>9</sup>But if you return to me and obey my commands and live by them, 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.' <sup>10</sup>The people you rescued by your great power and strong hand are your servants.

### NEHEMIAH 1:3-11

<sup>11</sup> 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."


### NEHEMIAH 2:1-2,5,9

I was cupbearer to the king. <sup>1</sup> In the month of Nisan...I took wine to the king. I had never been sad in his presence, <sup>2</sup> so he asked, "Why does your face look so sad when you are not ill? This can be nothing but sadness of heart...What is it you want?" So I prayed to the God of heaven, <sup>5</sup> and I answered... <sup>9</sup> And because the gracious hand of my God was on me, the king granted my requests.

## SIMPLE PRAYER MOSES

"O God, I need your presence in my life more than life itself. Without you, I can't do what I have to do – I won't do it. But with you, I can do what you want me to do, be what you want me to be, and go where you want to take me. So I boldly ask, 'Lord, go before me today, lead me where your will directs, and take me only to where you already are. In Jesus' name. Amen!'"





*"With a quick prayer to the God of heaven,  
I replied to the king..."*

II CHRONICLES 14:2-12

**"God, help. Amen!"**

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Whether long or short,  
God loves  
**heartfelt prayers.**

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**SHORT Prayer → BIG Results**

In just **52** days,  
God used Nehemiah along with an ungodly  
foreign king and a few overwhelmed Jews  
to rebuild the broken walls of Jerusalem.

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***from wine-taster  
to WALL-BUILDER***

*Nehemiah's faith journey began  
with **holy discontent** that led to  
a **dislocated heart** which ended  
in a **Divine vision**.*

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## **DIVINE REPURPOSING** *to a* **PREFERRED FUTURE**

*I must let holy discontent  
foment within me.*

*I must allow God to dislocate  
my heart.*

*I must get holy ambition.*

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*Nehemiah's tweet was tethered to a  
more complete conversation with God.*

*"For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed  
before the God of heaven." NEH. 1:4*



**MOURNING FOMENTS HOLY  
DISCONTENT**

**FASTING DISLOCATES  
YOUR HEART**

**PRAYING BIRTHS  
HOLY AMBITION**

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## **NEHEMIAH'S** *Prayer Template*

**It began with praise  
and adoration.**

*"O Lord, God of heaven, the great  
and awesome God..."*

NEHEMIAH 1:5

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## NEHEMIAH'S Prayer Template

**It continued with  
confession and repentance**

*"I confess that we've sinned against you. Yes,  
even my own family and I have sinned!"*

NEHEMIAH 1:6-7

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## NEHEMIAH'S Prayer Template

**It included expectation  
and declaration.**

*"Please remember what you told Moses... 'if you  
return to me and obey my commands and live by  
them, 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.'"*

NEHEMIAH 1:7-10

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## NEHEMIAH'S Prayer Template

**It concluded with  
availability and action.**

*"Grant me success by making the  
king favorable. Put it into his heart  
to be kind to me."*

NEHEMIAH 1:11

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## WHEN I PRAY

➔ I must offer my **availability**,  
not just my ability.

➔ I must look for **opportunities**,  
not just miracles

➔ I must pray to **become** the  
answer to my own request



Ask **BIGLY**,  
expect **BOLDLY**,  
*then get ready to  
be part of the  
answer to your own  
request!*



### JABEZ

"And god granted his request."

I CHRONICLES 4:10

### MOSES

"I'll do just as you have asked."

EXODUS 33:17

### NEHEMIAH

"Because the gracious hand of my God was on  
me, the king granted my requests."

NEHEMIAH 2:9

# WHY THE WAIT?

"In the month of Kislev." **NEH. 1:1**

"In the month of Nisan..." **NEH. 2:1**

*Waiting* **centers you on God**

*Waiting* **captures your heart**

*Waiting* **clarifies your vision**

*Waiting* **catalyzes your faith**



"And because the gracious hand of my God was on me, the king granted my requests.

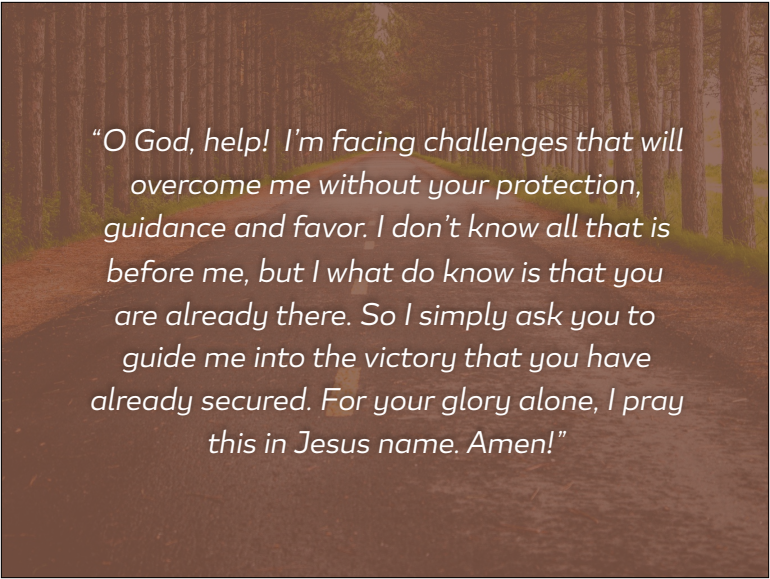
**NEHEMIAH 2:9**



"The Lord controls the mind of a king as easily as he directs the course of a stream."

**PROVERBS 21:1**





*“O God, help! I’m facing challenges that will overcome me without your protection, guidance and favor. I don’t know all that is before me, but I what do know is that you are already there. So I simply ask you to guide me into the victory that you have already secured. For your glory alone, I pray this in Jesus name. Amen!”*

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