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Bible Study

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Helping Others with a Major Physical Task

Nehemiah 1:4-11

Romans 15:1 reads, "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not please ourselves." (KJV) This verse records the importance of believers teaming up to work together for the greater good of all. Throughout the Bible there have been portraits of men and women who partnered together for progress. One clear example of this, in the Old Testament book of Nehemiah chapters 1-6. This lesson is designed to explore the first twenty-nine verses of the writing to share what it takes to help others with a major physical task.

Breakdown of Nehemiah 1

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| 1. The <u>Expression</u> _____ to Nehemiah. | Verses 1-3 |
| 2. The <u>Confession</u> _____ by Nehemiah. | Verse 4 |
| 3. The <u>Passion</u> _____ of Nehemiah. | Verses 5-11 |

1. Interest _____ is needed to help others with a major physical task.
Nehemiah 1:1, 2
"In late autumn, in the month of Kislev, in 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 returned there from captivity and about how things were going in Jerusalem." (NLT)

2. Intercession _____ is needed to help others with a major physical task.
Nehemiah 1:4-6
"When I heard this, I sat down and wept. In fact, for days I mourned, fasted, and prayed to the God of heaven. 5) Then I said, "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, 6) 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!" (NLT)

3. Initiation _____ is needed to help others with a major physical task.
Nehemiah 2:4, 5
"The king asked, "Well, how can I help you?" With a prayer to the God of heaven, 5) I replied, "If it please the king, and if you are pleased with me, your servant, send me to Judah to rebuild the city where my ancestors are buried." (NLT)

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