

The Time is Now - Week 1
Let it Break Your Heart

Nehemiah 1:1-3

1 The words of Nehemiah the son of Hacaliah. Now it happened in the month of Chislev, in the twentieth year, as I was in Susa the citadel, 2 that Hanani, one of my brothers, came with certain men from Judah. And I asked them concerning the Jews who escaped, who had survived the exile, and concerning Jerusalem. 3 And they said to me, "The remnant there in the province who had survived the exile is in great trouble and shame. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates are destroyed by fire."

1. Realize you have a burden

Nehemiah 1:4a - As soon as I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days

2. Rely on God through prayer

Nehemiah 1:4b - and I continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven.

IF IT'S BIG ENOUGH TO CRY ABOUT THEN IT'S BIG ENOUGH TO PRAY ABOUT

3. Respond in Action

Nehemiah 2:2-5 - 2 And the king said to me, "Why is your face sad, seeing you are not sick? This is nothing but sadness of the heart." Then I was very much afraid. 3 I said to the king, "Let the king live forever! Why should not my face be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' graves, lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?" 4 Then the king said to me, "What are you requesting?" So I prayed to the God of heaven. 5 And I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' graves, that I may rebuild it."