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Nehemiah Introduction  
Nehemiah 1 & 2

1. God's good hand responds to a person who \_\_\_\_\_ for the things God cares about.

*Nehemiah 1*

*Deuteronomy 28:1-6*

*1 Peter 5:6*

2. God's good hand responds to a person who \_\_\_\_\_ for an opportunity to do the work of God.

*Nehemiah 1: 4-11*

#### Qualities of Nehemiah's Prayer

- He knew who God was, 1:4-5 *"God of heaven, great and awesome God, Covenant keeper, provider of steadfast love"*
- He invited God's attention, 1:6a *"Let your ear be attentive and your eyes open"*
- He recognized and confessed the sins of others and his own sins, 1:6-7 *"Confessing the sins of the people of Israel, which we have sinned against you!"*
- He claimed God's past promises of blessing, 1:8-9 *"Remember the word you commanded..."*
- He depended on that past relationship and protection from God as grounds for his present deliverance, 1:10-11 *"They are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great power and your strong hand."*

3. God's good hand responds to a person who \_\_\_\_\_ for ways to do the work of God.

*Nehemiah 2: 11-20*

#### **Nehemiah's Plan**

- **He made himself available**, 2:11 *"So I went to Jerusalem..."*
- **He joined others in facing the problems**, 2:17 *"You see the trouble we're in..."*
- **He offered practical solutions**, 2:17 *"Come let us build..."*
- **He clearly saw and shared God's presence**, 2:18 *"And I told them of the hand of my God that had been upon me for good...and also of the words of the king"*
- **He expected opposition**, 2:19 *"...They jeered at us and despised us..."*
- **He trusted in God**, 2:20 *"The God of heaven will make us prosper..."*