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Nehemiah 1

3 They said to me, "Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire."

4 When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven. **5** Then I said: "Lord, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, **6** let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel. I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father's family, have committed against you. **7** We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses. **8** "Remember the instruction you gave your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations, **9** but if you return to me and obey my commands, then even if your exiled people are at the farthest horizon, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place I have chosen as a dwelling for my Name.'

10 "They are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great strength and your mighty hand.



Questions for Discussion

1. Read Nehemiah 1.
2. What does Nehemiah do first? Why?
3. What motivates Nehemiah's heart?
4. Sometimes we feel a "holy discontent" - a burning desire to make the world better in some particular way. What is your holy discontent?
5. Is there any mission or calling that God has put on your heart that you are waiting to act on?
6. What was the holy discontent of the first disciples of Jesus?
7. What should be the holy discontent of the church?

Take time to pray for one another.