

**HOW ARE WE TO DEAL WITH IMPOSSIBLE SITUATIONS?
LEARNING FROM NEHEMIAH'S AWESOME EXAMPLE OF PRAYER
Nehemiah 1:5-11**

- I. *Review: THE OCCASION FOR NEHEMIAH'S PRAYER:* Nehemiah's prayer arose out of his brokenness over the remnant in Judah and the condition of the wall of Jerusalem (1-4)

- II. **THE EXAMPLE OF NEHEMIAH'S PRAYER FOR US TO FOLLOW (5-11)**
 - A. **As you beseech the Lord, BEGIN WITH PRAISE FOR HIS GREATNESS:** Nehemiah begins His petition, praising God for His awesome greatness and character, revealing he believed the Lord was far above the situation (5)

 - B. **BE PERSISTENT IN PRAYER and thus let the Lord work on you:** Nehemiah persisted in prayer for four months, which moved his heart to desire to do what God wanted him to do (6a)

 - C. **BESEECH THE LORD ON BEHALF OF OTHERS AND GOD'S GLORY:** Nehemiah's concern for His people and His Name drew him to intercede for them (6a)

 - D. **HUMBLY CONFESS SIN, especially that WHICH RELATES TO YOUR CIRCUMSTANCE:** Nehemiah acknowledged his and Israel's sin brought about the situation and confessed to the Lord (6b-7)

 - E. **REMIND GOD OF HOW HIS WORD APPLIES TO YOU AND YOUR SITUATION:** Nehemiah reminds the Lord of His Word that applied specifically to their circumstance and people (8-10)

 - F. **THEN... MAKE YOUR VERY SPECIFIC REQUEST BE KNOWN TO GOD:** Over much persistent prayer, God moved Nehemiah's heart to a very specific course of action, and he asked the Lord specifically (11)