

OWN IT.

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Nehemiah 1:1-4

¹ These are the memoirs of Nehemiah son of Hacaliah. In late autumn, in the month of Kisleb, 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. ³ They said to me, "Things are not going well for those who returned to the province of Judah. They are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem has been torn down, and the gates have been destroyed by fire." ⁴ When I heard this, I sat down and wept. In fact, for days I mourned, fasted, and prayed to the God of heaven.

Own the Problem.

Q: What are the problems we face every day?

- We face a MORALITY problem of right and wrong.
- We face a PRIORITY problem of what's important.
- We face a LONGEVITY problem by quitting too soon.

Q: What are we tempted to do with the problem?

- We BLAME it on others.
- We EXCUSE it as normal.
- We IGNORE it and hope it goes away.

You'll never SOLVE a problem until you OWN it.

DISCUSSION: What is **ONE** problem you're facing right now that you need to **OWN**?

Nehemiah 1:4-11

⁴ 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! ⁷ We have sinned terribly by not obeying the commands, decrees, and regulations that you gave us through your servant Moses. ⁸ “Please remember what you told your servant Moses: ‘If you are unfaithful to me, I will scatter you among the nations. ⁹ But if you return to me and obey my commands and live by them, then even if you are exiled to the ends of the earth, I will bring you back to the place I have chosen for my name to be honored.’ ¹⁰ “The people you rescued by your great power and strong hand are your servants. ¹¹ O Lord, please hear my prayer! Listen to the prayers of those of us who delight in honoring you. Please grant me success today by making the king favorable to me. Put it into his heart to be kind to me.” In those days I was the king’s cup-bearer.

Own the Solution.

Q: What did Nehemiah do when he heard the news?

- He fasted and prayed.
- He confessed his part of the problem.
- He believed that God would keep his promise.

Own your Position.

Q: Where has God placed YOU?

- Everyone has the power to influence someone.
- Everyplace is a God place when God places you there

*When you’re ready to OWN the problem
you’re one step closer to BEING the solution.*