

Message: ***"When All Seems Lost"***

Scripture: Nehemiah 1
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Can you imagine living in a house with no locks, no doors, even no walls? Where's the safety? privacy? dignity? These are the same issues facing God's people after returning to Jerusalem and not allowed to rebuild its walls. After hearing of their harsh condition, Nehemiah was in much grief and distress.

Being a man of faith, Nehemiah was also a man of action. When all seems lost, he remembers that he is not alone, that he is not abandoned, there's Someone he can turn to. Doing so helps Nehemiah (and us) to put everything into perspective. All is not lost. God is near and ready. Through the act of prayer it shows that Nehemiah's mind is filled with God; that he knows God; that God is good, faithful, and loving.

When all seems lost, Nehemiah, first turns to a faithful God in prayer. He remembers to confess his sins. He needs to get right with God. Then, he depends on God's promises. God can be counted on to keep His word. Finally, he determines to do God's will.

GROWING DEEPER (Reflection & Application)

1. Why is Nehemiah so concerned about Jerusalem? How does he respond to what he had heard? What does that say about his relationship with God?
2. How vital a force do you think prayer was for Nehemiah? A daily routine? Crisis times only? Intimate? Energizing?
3. What do you see of God's nature through Nehemiah's prayer? What does he see in himself? What does he recall as he persists in prayer? What was the basis of his appeal?
4. What aspect of Nehemiah's prayer life do you need to emulate and develop? What specific application do you need to do to be a person of faith?