

NEHEMIAH:

When Transformation Takes a Turn Toward Tragedy

Nehemiah 13

1) What does Nehemiah do in response to this tragic turn of events?

* He does what he can to _____ the abuse

* He _____

2) How is Nehemiah's response (in chapter 13) his finest hour of the story?

* He keeps playing for an Audience of One – even when this incredible story of _____ takes a turn toward _____.

3) What's the overarching point of this final chapter?

* Nehemiah knows that what is even more important than the ongoing success of what he has _____ is his ongoing _____ with God.

Connecting it to our Lives:

1) Is there a specific situation for which you're pouring out your life – but it's not really turning out the way you had hoped and prayed? Name it.

2) Is there some aspect of Nehemiah's response (in chapter 13) that God might be calling you to embody – regarding this disappointment?

3) Do you need to pray for God to give you a '1 Corinthians 15:58 perspective' in this situation where things aren't turning out the way you had hoped?

*Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you.
Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord,
because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.
1 Corinthians 15:58*