

# NEHEMIAH:

## Be Careful What You Pray For!

Nehemiah 1:1-4

1) When Nehemiah got the news about the living conditions of the people in Jerusalem, he did 3 things:

- \* He \_\_\_\_\_
- \* He \_\_\_\_\_
- \* He \_\_\_\_\_

→ The story of God transforming the city of Jerusalem begins with \_\_\_\_\_ heart that is willing to be \_\_\_\_\_ by the things that break the heart of God.

2) Reflection Questions:

\* Do we allow our hearts to feel the desperate situations (spiritual, social, or physical) of others?

\* Are we fasting periodically – as a way of standing in the gap for the specific people or situations for which our hearts are burdened?

\* Do we really believe that God is able to transform the lives and situations of those for which we are burdened – such that we are calling out to Him to do it?

### 3) Connecting the Story to our Lives:

\* Is there someone or something in your sphere of influence (or the larger world) for which you would allow your heart to be broken? Name the person or situation. Write it down.

\* Would you be willing to fast and pray (1 meal a week during this series on Nehemiah) – asking God to supernaturally intervene in the life of the person, the people, or the situations for which you are burdened?

*Let me heart be broken by the things  
that break the heart of God. ~ Bob Pierce*