

Conversations With The Creator: A Prayer For Success After Failure!

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Background:

Nehemiah 1:1, *The words of Nehemiah... 2 Hanani, one of my brothers, came from Judah with some other men, and I questioned them about the Jewish remnant that had survived the exile, and also about Jerusalem. 3 They said to me, "Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire." 4 When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of Heaven.*

Seven Steps To Rebuilding A Successful Life:

1) **START PRAYING Based On God's Character And Not Yours**

Nehemiah 1:5, *Then I said: "Lord, the God of Heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant of love with those who love Him and keep His commandments, 6 let Your ear be attentive and Your eyes open to hear the prayer Your servant is praying before You day and night for Your servants, the people of Israel..."*

Psalms 5:3, *In the morning, Lord, You hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before You and wait expectantly.*

2) **Confess The Sins That Contributed To The PROBLEM**

Nehemiah 1:6, *... I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself*

and my father's family, have committed against You. 7 We have acted very wickedly toward You. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws You gave Your servant Moses.

3) CLAIM The Promises Of God

Nehemiah 1:8, *“Remember the instruction You gave Your servant Moses, saying, ‘If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations, 9 but if you return to Me and obey My commands, then even if your exiled people are at the farthest horizon, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place I have chosen...*

4) Ask God To Give You SUCCESS

Nehemiah 1:10, *“They are Your servants and Your people, whom You redeemed by Your great strength and Your mighty hand. 11 Lord, let Your ear be attentive to the prayer of this Your servant and to the prayer of Your servants who delight in revering Your name. Give Your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man.” I was cupbearer to the king.*

Thought:

Before Nehemiah Prays For Success, He PREPARES FOR IT!

Proverbs 3:27, *Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act.*

5) SHARE Your Problems With Those Who Can HELP

Nehemiah 2:1, *...I took the wine and gave it to the king. I had not been sad in his presence before, 2 so the king asked me, “Why does your face look so sad when you are not ill? This can be nothing but sadness of heart.” I was very much afraid, 3 but I said to the king, “May the king live forever! Why should my face not look sad when the city where my ancestors are buried lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?”*

Isaiah 41:10, *So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.*

6) BE SPECIFIC In What You Ask For

Nehemiah 2:4, *The king said to me, "What is it you want?" Then I prayed to the God of Heaven, 5 and I answered the king, "If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor in his sight, let him send me to the city in Judah where my ancestors are buried so that I can rebuild it." 6 Then the king, with the queen sitting beside him, asked me, "How long will your journey take, and when will you get back?" It pleased the king to send me; so I set a time.*

James 4:17, *If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.*

7) Stop WHINING And Start WORKING

Nehemiah 2:9, *So I went...*

Thought:

When Opportunity For Success Comes... TAKE IT!

Jeremiah 17:7, *"But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him.*

Joshua 1:9, *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."*

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