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Praying With a Sense of Urgency
Nehemiah 1:4-11

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“Repetition is the key to learning.”

“Redundancy is the key to boredom!”

“The real solution to complacency is a true sense of urgency... True urgency focuses on critical issues, not agendas overstuffed with the unimportant or trivial. True urgency is driven by a deep determination to win, not anxiety about losing. With an attitude of true urgency, you try to accomplish something important each day, never leaving yourself with a heart-attack-producing task of running one thousand miles in the last week of the race.” —John P. Kotter

OVERVIEW Re: _____ of Nehemiah’s Prayer

- 1. _____ of this Prayer
2. _____ of this Prayer
3. _____ of this Prayer
4. _____ of this Prayer

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people. —Proverbs 14:34

- 5. _____ of this Prayer

“Whatever God calls us to do, it always begins with a call first to Himself.”

OBSERVATIONS Re: _____ of Our Prayer

- 1. Saturate Your Prayer With _____

“For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus. —Romans 15:4-5

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“Prayer is not merely prattle, it is warfare. Real prayer engages in a battle. Real prayer is rooted in the promises of God and in the covenant of blood. We have the reasons given to us by God in His word why He should answer, and we can read them there. That is why Nehemiah’s prayer was answered: it was based on God’s purposes and God’s promises.” —Alan Redpath

2. Cultivate _____ in Your Prayers

When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom. —Proverbs 11:2

Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. —Proverbs 16:18

One’s pride will bring him low, but he who is lowly in spirit will obtain honor. —Proverbs 29:23

⁶But He gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble”... ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you. —James 4:6, 10

But He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. —2 Corinthians 12:9

3. Participate in the _____ to Your Prayer

¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” —Matthew 28:18-20

“The Great Commission isn’t a mission statement for pastors; it is marching orders for the church.” —Daniel Ritchie

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