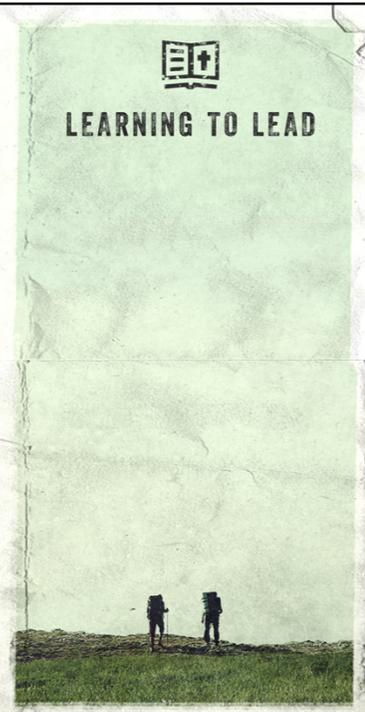
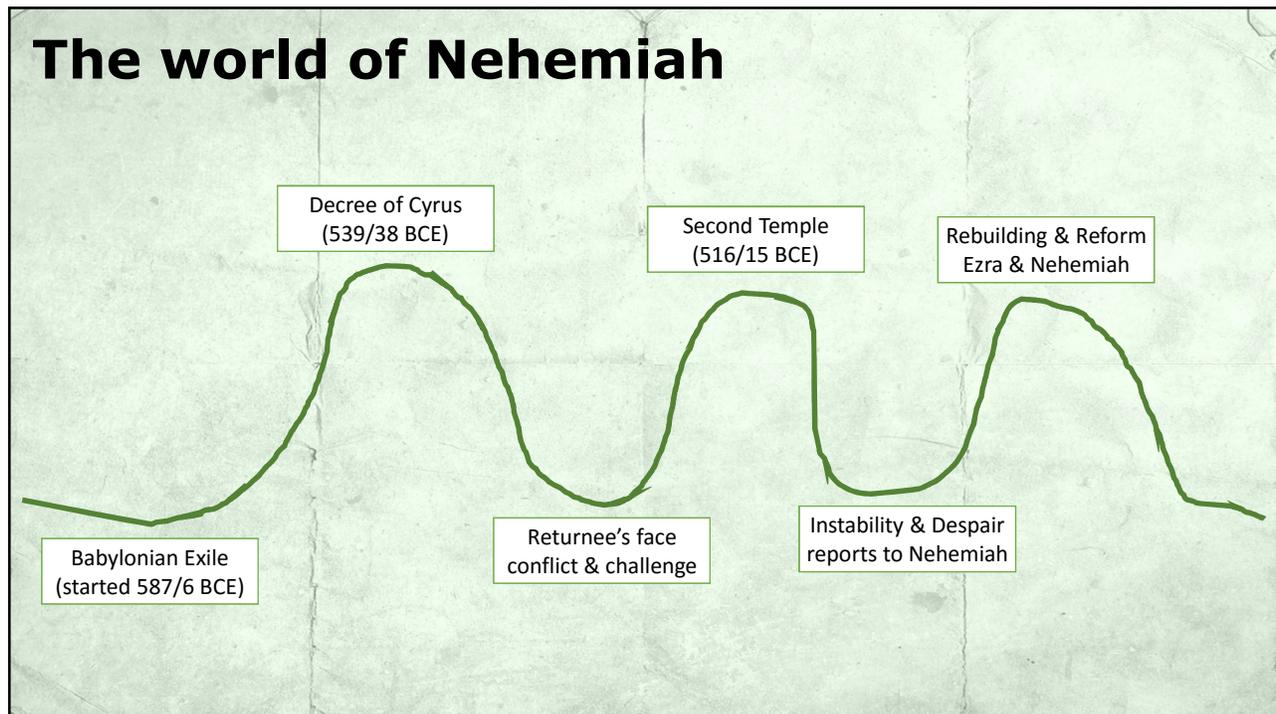


## There are times when we must ...

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| • <b>Pray</b>      | Nehemiah 1:1-2:10  | Feb 7  |
| • <b>Start</b>     | Nehemiah 2:11-3:32 | Feb 14 |
| • <b>Resist</b>    | Nehemiah 4:1-23    | Feb 21 |
| • <b>Remember</b>  | Nehemiah 8:1-18    | Feb 28 |
| • <b>Confess</b>   | Nehemiah 9:1-37    | Mar 6  |
| • <b>Recommit</b>  | Nehemiah 10:1-39   | Mar 13 |
| • <b>Celebrate</b> | Nehemiah 12:27-47  | Mar 20 |



## The world of Nehemiah



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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."

When I heard these things, I sat down and wept.

### **1. Great leaders understand the situation**

## **Nehemiah 1:1-2:10**

For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven. 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, 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. I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father's family, have committed against you. We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses.

## **Nehemiah 1:1-2:10**

"Remember the instruction you gave your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations, 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 as a dwelling for my Name.'

"They are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great strength and your mighty hand. 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.

**2. Great leaders see more than the situation**

## **Seeing more at Westwood**

- AGM today at 1:30
- Stories of God at work
- Approval of a \$904,500 budget
- "Bringing Jesus into Life" within Westwood, PG, Canada, world
- Alpha, church planting, mission, curriculum, recovery, etc

**We invite you to see beyond "one hour" on Sunday mornings!**

## **Nehemiah 1:1-2:10**

In the month of Nisan in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was brought for him, I took the wine and gave it to the king. I had not been sad in his presence before, 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, 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?"

## **Nehemiah 1:1-2:10**

The king said to me, "What is it you want?"

Then I prayed to the God of heaven, 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."

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.

**3. Great Christian leaders pray beyond the situation**

## What next?

In what situation do I need to understand, see more, or pray?

This week, I commit to pray about \_\_\_\_\_.