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GETTING STARTED RIGHT

NEW BEGINNINGS

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Nehemiah 1:1

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Nehemiah 1:2

Hanani, one of my brothers, came to visit me with some other men who had just arrived from Judah. I asked them about the Jews who had returned there from captivity and about how things were going in Jerusalem.

Nehemiah 1:3

They said to me, “Things are not going well for those who returned to the province of Judah. They are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem has been torn down, and the gates have been destroyed by fire.”

Nehemiah 1:4

When I heard this, I sat down and wept. In fact, for days I mourned, fasted, and prayed to the God of heaven.

Nehemiah 1:5

Then I said, “O Lord, God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments,

Nehemiah 1:6a

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.

Nehemiah 1:6b

**I confess that we have sinned
against you. Yes, even my own
family and I have sinned!**

Nehemiah 1:7

We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses.

Nehemiah 1:8

**Please remember what you told
your servant Moses: 'If you are
unfaithful to me, I will scatter you
among the nations.**

Nehemiah 1:9

But if you return to me and obey my commands and live by them, then even if you are exiled to the ends of the earth, I will bring you back to the place I have chosen for my name to be honored.'

Nehemiah 1:10

The people you rescued by your
great power and strong hand are
your servants.

Nehemiah 1:11a

**O Lord, please hear my prayer!
Listen to the prayers of those of us
who delight in honoring you.**

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Please grant me success today by making the king favorable to me. Put it into his heart to be kind to me. In those days I was the king's cup-bearer.

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Overview

Rebuilding, restoring, and revitalizing with God must always start with His initiation. It will always be confirmed by the entire counsel of His Word, by the conviction in His people's hearts, and by the accompaniment of His supernatural activity.

It's ALL God Initiated by Him

Nehemiah is in the right place at
the right time to speak with Hanani.

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It's ALL God

The Lord God made Cyrus king.
Cyrus' coming to power and the
decree he would issue to rebuild
the Temple and Jerusalem was
prophesied by God 150 years
before Cyrus was even born!

Isaiah 44:24-45:7

It's ALL God
Confirmed by the Entire
Counsel of His Word

Nehemiah calls to remembrance
God's faithfulness to His Word.

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**Nehemiah is moved by the Spirit
(convicted) to be a part of the
change.**

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It's ALL God
Accompanied by God's Signs,
Miracles, and Wonders

**Nehemiah prays that the Lord will
make him successful by granting
him favor with the king and
kindness from the king.**

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Principle #1

**Rebuilding, restoring, and
revitalizing with God requires
getting started right.**



Getting Started Right requires

- Seeking Trusted Honest Evaluations from Outside Perspectives in the Know.
- Stillness with God: Time to Mourn and Meditate
- Prayer: Confession and Intercession

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Principle #3

Getting started right with God requires stillness with God. We need time to mourn, contemplate, understand, and heal from our difficult experiences, seasons, pains, and wounds.

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Principle #4

Getting started right with God requires a genuine and disciplined prayer life. Our prayers must consist of both confession and intercession.

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Principle #5

Getting started right with God does not just require doing certain things; it also requires undoing certain things.

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Principle #6

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requires a faithful, committed
team of disciples.**

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Principle #7

**Getting started right with God
requires His initiation and His
miraculous signs and wonders.**

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