

Where Is Your Passion?

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The words of Nehemiah son of Hacaliah. In the month of Chislev, in the twentieth year, while I was in Susa the capital, 2 one of my brothers, Hanani, came with certain men from Judah; and I asked them about the Jews that survived, those who had escaped the captivity, and about Jerusalem. 3 They replied, 'The survivors there in the province who escaped captivity are in great trouble and shame; the wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been destroyed by fire.' 4 When I heard these words I sat down and wept, and mourned for days, fasting and praying before the God of heaven. Nehemiah 1:1-4

How God Can Ignite Your Passion

1) Sit Down to Cry

When I heard these words, I sat down and wept. Nehemiah 1:4a

2) Kneel Down to Pray

I ... mourned for days, fasting and praying before the God of heaven. Nehemiah 1:4b

3) Stand Up to Act

3 I said to the king, 'May the king live for ever! Why should my face not be sad, when the city, the place of my ancestors' graves, lies waste, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?' 4 Then the king said to me, 'What do you request?' So I prayed to the God of heaven. 5 Then I said to the king, 'If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor with you, I ask that you send me to Judah, to the city of my ancestors' graves, so that I may rebuild it.'

Nehemiah 2:3-5