

"Life's Lessons From Nehemiah" Praying will Position us, then Produce Through us

*"Don't worry about anything; instead, **pray about everything**; tell God your needs, and don't forget to thank him for his answers. If you do this, you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus."*

Philippians 4:6-7 (TLB)

1. Prayer will position you, and faith will produce through you

2. Prayer activates the power of God

- Planning and learning to wait are normal and necessary steps with prayer

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**Please feel free to come down to the front
for prayer after service.**

"...pray for one another..." James 5:16

"Then the king said to me, 'What are you requesting?' So I prayed to the God of heaven. And I said to the king, 'If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, that you send me to Judah, to the city of my father's graves, that I may rebuild it.'"

Nehemiah 2:4-5 (ESV)

3. With prayer, and in faith, you must set an example that may be followed

4. Exchange worry with God's peace

“That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life – whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food and your body more than clothing? Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for you heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are? Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?”

Matthew 6:25-27 (NLT)

What changes do you need to make to prevent worry?

5. Faith is the spark that ignites the impossible

“But my righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him. But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved. Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.” Hebrews 10:38-39; 11:1-2 (NIV)

- Trials place demands on your faith, and reveal its depth

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.” James 1:2-4 (NIV)

What needs to change in your life for your faith to work and serve the purposes of God?

6. Thanksgiving is the fuel that strengthens your faith

“And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.” Colossians 2:6-7 (NLT)

Thankful; conscious of benefit received, expressive of thanks

- To be thankful is not an achievement, but a discovery
- Being thankful is a developed skill