QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time when you did something you knew

 you were supposed to do, but you were afraid. What was the result?

2. What things do we allow to create unnecessary fear in us?

3. Read the following verses and note what the Bible says about

 fear:

 a) Deuteronomy 31:6

 b) Joshua 1:9

c) Psalm 34:4

 d) Proverbs 29:25

 e) Philippians 4:6

 f) II Timothy 1:7

 g) I John 4:18

4. What three things did Nehemiah request of King Artaxerxes?

5. What practical application are you going to make from this week’s

 message? (*Share your decision with another person*.)

* I am going to identify those things that make me anxious or fearful and commit them to prayer.
* I am going to begin a journal to record answered prayers.
* I am going to memorize I John 4:18.

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Nehemiah 2:1-8 Study Series #03

***Nehemiah’s Prayers are Answered***

**I. Introduction**

 A. Courage

 (See Nehemiah 2:2; Proverbs 22:1)

 B. The Time

 (See Nehemiah 2:1; Nehemiah 1:1-3; Ecclesiastes 3:11;

 Hebrews 6:12; Isaiah 28:16; Proverbs 21:5; Daniel 9:25;

 Genesis 29:27-28)

 C. The Setting

 (See Nehemiah 2:1; Esther 4:1-2; Proverbs 15:13)

**II. Nehemiah Prayers are Answered**

 A. The King’s Observation

 (See Nehemiah 2:2; Genesis 40:1-3; Genesis 40:21-22)

 B. Nehemiah’s Response

 (See Nehemiah 2:3-4; Ezra 4:6-16; Ezra 4:17-22; Isaiah 65:24;

 Psalm 91:14-15; Luke 21:14-15)

 C. Nehemiah’s Request

 (See Nehemiah 2:5; Proverbs 28:1; Nehemiah 2:6;

 Nehemiah 5:14; Neh 13:6; Nehemiah 6:15; Nehemiah 2:7-8)

 D. The King’s Response

 (See Nehemiah 2:8; Proverbs 21:1)

 E. God’s Response

 (See Nehemiah 2:8; I Corinthians 4:7; Ezra 7:19)

**III. Conclusion**

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please contact the church office and the pastor will contact you.

**Passage of Study**

Nehemiah 2:1-8

**1**And it came about in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, that wine *was* before him, and I took up the wine and gave it to the king. Now I had not been sad in his presence. **2**So the king said to me, “Why is your face sad though you are not sick? This is nothing but sadness of heart.” Then I was very much afraid. **3**I said to the king, “Let the king live forever. Why should my face not be sad when the city, the place of my fathers’ tombs, lies desolate and its gates have been consumed by fire?” **4**Then the king said to me, “What would you request?” So, I prayed to the God of heaven. **5**I said to the king, “If it please the king, and if your servant has found favor before you, send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers’ tombs, that I may rebuild it.” **6**Then the king said to me, the queen sitting beside him, “How long will your journey be, and when will you return?” So, it pleased the king to send me, and I gave him a definite time. **7**And I said to the king, “If it please the king, let letters be given me for the governors *of the provinces* beyond the River, that they may allow me to pass through until I come to Judah, **8**and a letter to Asaph the keeper of the king’s forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the fortress which is by the temple, for the wall of the city and for the house to which I will go.” And the king granted *them* to me because the good hand of my God *was* on me.

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