

God, Please Help Us!

(A God-centered Strategy for Life's most Difficult Situations)

Text: Nehemiah 1-2

Main Idea: When we don't know what to do, the best place to be is on our face before God passionately begging Him to show us what to do and empower us to do it!

- Passionate Situation:** Circumstances can _____ us & we don't know what to do! (v. 1-3, v. 6-7)

 - There was a great _____!
 - There was a great _____! (2:17)
 - There was a great _____!
 - There was a great _____! (1:6-7)
- Passionate Response:** The best place to be when we don't know what to do is to be humbly _____ before the Lord! (4)

 - Our hearts must be broken before the Lord evidenced in _____.
 - We must hunger for the Lord evidenced in _____.
 - We must seek the Lord evidenced in diligent _____.
- Passionate Prayer:** When we don't know what to do, our only hope is to _____ God to help us! (v. 5-11, 2:4)

 - Effective prayer begins with _____ God's greatness. (5)
 - EP has an urgent _____ (v. 6)
 - EP includes repentance & _____ of sin. (6b-7)
 - EP is always according to the _____ of God & His Word. (v. 8-10)
 - EP is concerned most about the _____ of God. (11)
- Passionate Provision:** Our only hope is that God's _____ would be on us and that He would put into our _____ what to do & strengthen us to do it! (2:5-12)

 - Our biggest danger is to _____ & seek something other than God's favor & provision!
 - Our only hope in this life is the _____ of God's hand on us.
 - Our only hope is that God would grant us the _____ we need! (James 1:5)

Church Plan for February: God please help us!

- Fast on Thursdays.** Eat dinner on Wednesday night and then don't eat again until Thursday dinner.
- Focus on prayer,** especially for the Elders.

 - Ask God to break our hearts before Him.
 - Ask God to forgive us of our sin.
 - Ask God to put his wisdom "into our minds."
 - Ask God to put his good hand of favor upon our Church, ministries, & families.
 - Ask God to bring revival to our hearts.
 - Ask God to show the Elders exactly what He wants us to do at EBFC.
 - Ask God to put a vision in the hearts of the Elders concerning the spiritual and physical aspects of this ministry.
 - Ask God to grant the congregation at EBFC hearts to follow, submit and obey God's will.
 - Ask God to renew the hearts of EBFC to love and obey God's Word.
- Specific Times to Pray.** Pray without ceasing...1 Thess 5:17

 - Pray especially during times of fasting.
 - The church will be open during these times for special prayer. If you can't make it please pray wherever you are.

| Day | Morning: 6:30-8 | Lunch: 11-2 | Mid-Day 3:30-4:30 | Evening: 7-8 |
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| Tues | Sanctuary | Sanctuary | | - |
| Wed | - | Sanctuary | Room 2 | Room 17 or Youth Room |
| Thur | Sanctuary | Sanctuary | | - |

- Have Faith & Expect God to help us!**