Crisis Point!

Wilson Adams · Nehemiah 2:1–8

INTRODUCTION

- When Nehemiah was faced with a critical situation and a crisis point, do you notice what he did? He hit his knees.
- All of us every day have a choice. And it's a very simple choice between faith and fear.
- The antidote to worry is worship. And the antidote to panic is praise and prayer. And trust and faith.

1 We Are Fragile

Psalm 103:15

- It's a much needed reminder for all of us that we're not quite as self-sufficient as we would like to think.
- As for man, his days are like grass. As the flower of the field, he flourishes when the wind is passed over, it is no more.
- There's no app for this. And so suddenly we feel very vulnerable. We feel very fragile.

2 We Are Equal

- What we have experienced over the last several months is no respect for persons.
- Because in the eyes of a global God, we're all the same.
- There may be things about us that are different, but we're all the same. We all bleed as one.

3 The Battle Between Faith and Fear

- Take precautions? Absolutely. But ultimately, we have to put our trust in God to help navigate us through the storm.
- When Jesus said, Peace be still. Could he also have been speaking to the hearts of those men?
- Maybe the storm that is raging is within you.
- He's got you and me, brother, in his hands. Now, either we believe that or we don't.

4 Our Dependence Upon Prayer

- What you can do is what Paul said to do.
- Pray for leaders and all who are in authority that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life.
- We pray for one another. We pray for the shepherds of this church. We pray for the progress of the kingdom of God.

5 It Wakes Us Up to What's Really Important

- It is so easy for us to get busy and busier and we lose sight of the most important things.
- In a culture of blessings, in a culture of abundance, it is so easy for us to just take everything for granted.

- It has taught us the big difference between what is meaningful and what is meaningless.
- And suddenly the things that really mattered really did matter.

6 A Renewed Sense of Hope

Romans 3:23; John 11:25

- I wish to God that people were concerned as much about the pandemic of sin as the pandemic that we faced.
- The vaccine for this pandemic has been around a long time.
- All of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.
- The wages of sin is death. That is sin separates us from God, separates us from the life-giving one.
- And so Jesus becomes the only hope we have. The antidote for this life-killing virus.
- I am the resurrection and the life. Do you believe?

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Put him on. Live for him. Live for the one who died for you.**

MY NOTES