

# Lessons From Nehemiah: What it Means to Care

George Bernard Shaw once said, "The worst sin toward our fellow creatures is not to hate them, but to be indifferent to them: that's the essence of inhumanity." Nehemiah was a man who cared. He cared about the past, present, and future. He cared about his heritage and his ancestral city. He cared about God.

**1. He cared enough to \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"And I asked them concerning the Jews who escaped, who had survived the exile, and concerning Jerusalem..."*  
Nehemiah 1:2

**2. He cared enough to \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"As soon as I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days..."* Nehemiah 1:4

**3. He cared enough to \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"And I said, "O Lord God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments..."* Nehemiah 1:5

**4. He cared enough to \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant... and give success to your servant today and grant him mercy in the sight of this man."* Nehemiah 1:11

Nehemiah prayed that prayer for 4 months, from the month of Chislev (it would be our December) to the month of Nisan (it would be our April). Nehemiah cared and remained steadfast – allowing God to work in his life. God is still looking for people who care, will we answer the call?