

Day 5

Break my heart for what breaks yours!

When I heard these words, I sat down and wept and mourned for days; and I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven.

Nehemiah 1:4 (NASB)

Observation

There are lots of things that we would like to see changed in the world. There are many good causes worth our time and attention. At the end of the day, the thing that matters most is what God holds dear to His heart. As believers, there is no greater sign of surrender than asking God to break our hearts for what breaks His.

Here, Nehemiah is able to feel the heart of God as he hears the bad report about Jerusalem. He sits down and begins to weep and mourn for days. His heart is broken for the thing God cares about most - people. Nehemiah now makes this problem very personal. He has officially received a burden from God for the people of Jerusalem. We need to ask ourselves, "Is my heart broken for the lost and the hurting? Does it move me in the deepest parts of my soul?" A burden will make you cry, but it will also fill your heart with passion. God is looking for people who will be open to lead people to a place of hope because we are passionate about Him and compassionate towards the people.

Application

Identify the last time your desire to reach people made your heart break. If you have never experienced this before, take time to reflect on how it felt when you knew you were far from God. That feeling is how thousands of people feel today. God's heart breaks because people are separated from Him. Ask God to move you to a place of brokenness today for those who have never known the peace and power of life in Christ. Be open to become the person they hear the "Good News" through.