

Learning to Wait When Life is Difficult (Nehemiah 2, p 398)

- 1. Introduction: Heroes & Heroines**
- 2. When We Need to Wait (1:1, 5, 11, 2:1)**
- 3. When the Waiting is Complete (2:2-8)**
- 4. Dealing with Difficulties (2:9-17)**
- 5. Persistent Realities in Response (2:18-20)**
- 6. Conclusion: "...to Wait Patiently for God..."**

Hearing & Doing Questions

1. Describe a time when you were really impatient. What were the consequences of your impatience?
2. Why does God make Nehemiah wait to go to Jerusalem?
3. Why was Nehemiah afraid when King Artaxerxes noticed his sad countenance?
4. How long did it take to get to Jerusalem? What did he do once he got there? What is the importance of his initial 3 days?
5. What made the people of Jerusalem desire to help Nehemiah (v 18)?
6. Think about a time when someone mocked you or you were jeered at. How did you handle that situation? Was this the best way to handle it?
7. Describe Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arab. What is their role in Nehemiah's quest to help the Jews?
8. What was Nehemiah's reaction to the criticism? How do you usually handle criticism?
9. Compare and contrast the prayer in Nehemiah 1:5-11 and 2:4.