

# Don't Despair - Take it to God in Prayer

Nehemiah 1:4-11

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Key Building Block: **Prayer and position.**

## The prayers that repair our lives.

- Pray **recognizing** God's character. (vs 5)  
**Exodus 34:6** And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, 7 keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing *the guilty*, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."
- Pray **repenting** of personal and corporate sin. (vs 6-7)  
**Psalm 106:6** We have sinned with our fathers, We have committed iniquity, We have done wickedly.
  - **My sins are mine - personal.**
  - **Our sins are ours - corporate.**
- Pray **reminding** God that you believe his promises. (vs 8-10)  
**Deuteronomy 4:29** But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find *Him* if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul. 30 When you are in distress, and all these things come upon you in the latter days, when you turn to the LORD your God and obey His voice 31 (for the LORD your God *is* a merciful God), He will not forsake you nor destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers which He swore to them.
- Pray **requesting** specific help from God. (vs 11a)  
**Philippians 4:6** Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.  
**Jeremiah 33:2** "Thus says the LORD who made it, the LORD who formed it to establish it (the LORD *is* His name): 3 'Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.'
- Pray **realizing** your position. (vs 11b)
  - You are always in the place where your prayer can be heard.
  - You are already in the position where your prayer can be answered.

**Luke 11:9** “So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

**Luke 18:1** Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart

**1 Thessalonians 5:16** Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

