

# CrossWalk **notes**

## Leading God's Way

### Motivated by Mercy

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<sup>1</sup> *The words of Nehemiah son of Hakaliah: In the month of Kislev in the twentieth year, while I was in the citadel of Susa,*

<sup>2</sup> *Hanani, one of my brothers, came from Judah with some other men, and I questioned them about the Jewish remnant that had survived the exile, and also about Jerusalem.*

Nehemiah 1:1-2, NIV

Effective leadership starts with good \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>3</sup> *They said to me, "Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are **in great trouble** and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire." Nehemiah 1:3 NIV*

The responsibility of leadership is \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>4</sup> *When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven. Nehemiah 1:4, NIV*

A Godly leader always has \_\_\_\_\_ for his people.

<sup>5</sup> *Then I said: "LORD, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments,"*<sup>6</sup> *let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel. I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father's family, have committed against you.*<sup>7</sup> *We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses. Nehemiah 1:5-7, NIV*

Leaders own their own \_\_\_\_\_ and, in mercy, own the \_\_\_\_\_ of those they are leading.

<sup>8</sup> *"Remember the instruction you gave your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations,'*<sup>9</sup> *but if you return to me and obey my commands, then even if your exiled people are at the farthest horizon, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place I have chosen as a dwelling for my Name.' Nehemiah 1:8-9, NIV*

Godly leaders call on God and direct their followers to the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

<sup>10</sup> *"They are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great strength and your mighty hand. Nehemiah 1:10, NIV*

A leader \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ his followers of their true identity.

<sup>11</sup> *Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man." I was cupbearer to the king. Nehemiah 1:11 NIV*

My success as a leader comes from \_\_\_\_\_ who gives it.

## MEMORY VERSE

<sup>10</sup> *"They are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great strength and your mighty hand. Nehemiah 1:10, NIV*

**My next step:** I will embrace the leadership role God has placed before me today. I will listen to and empathize with my followers as I lead them, motivated by mercy.

What's your next step today?  
Mark it on your Communication Card.