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1) A _____ is fertile soil for God to move

The words of Nehemiah son of Hakaliah: In the month of Kislev in the twentieth year, while I was in the citadel of Susa, 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.

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." When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. Nehemiah 1:1-4a (NIV)

"You're not truly a Christian in the full sense of the word until your heart is broken by the things that break the heart of Jesus." -Roberta Hestenes

2) We often _____ without bathing the issue in _____

For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven. Nehemiah 1:4b (NIV)

"We tend to use prayer as a last resort, but God wants it to be our first line of defense. We pray when there's nothing else we can do, but God wants us to pray before we do anything at all." — Oswald Chambers

a) A vision does not necessarily require _____

There are 3 Important reasons why waiting is a good idea

- i) The _____ in us
- ii) We mature in preparation for _____
- iii) God is at work _____ preparing the way

3) Prayer is more than just _____ God for stuff

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, 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. We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses. Remember the instruction you gave your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations, 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.' They are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great strength and your mighty hand. 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 favour in the presence of this man." I was cupbearer to the king. Nehemiah 1:5-11 (NIV)

In Nehemiah's prayer, we see a good example of the ACTS acronym for prayer

A _____ **C** _____ **T** _____ **S** _____

"God has determined that certain expressions of _____ will only be exercised in response to _____.

Simply put, God won't do it unless you _____ for it. We have not because we ask not... The greatest tragedy in life is the prayers that go unanswered because they go _____." -Mark Batterson, The Circle Maker

Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain. Psalms 127:1 (NIV)