

# READY FOR LAUNCH

Elementary  
Week 1

## **FAMILY BIBLE STUDY**

### **Read Nehemiah 1:4-11**

When I read this passage there are 3 things that hit me:

- Nehemiah was grieving, as he should have been, and instead of staying stuck in his grief forever he saw it as an opportunity to take initiative and follow God.
- He took ownership over why this has happened, even if he wasn't the one who caused it. He confessed his sin in it and repented of the way God's people had acted.
- He asked God to be with him as he approached the king.

I think it is easy for myself to get caught up in the grief of things and the question of where God is in the midst of it. I forget that God wants me and all his followers to act as his hands and feet on earth. That God is with me and if I choose to boldly follow him, then I do not need to be fearful.

Nehemiah grieved, and then took his grief and turned it into something productive. He took partial ownership of what went wrong, and then took initiative to seek God and to fix things. Even though it meant facing his boss, the king, and asking for a long amount of time off. God was with him and he did it.

**Is there anywhere you let yourself get stuck in grief?**

**Is there anything you are grieving that you can turn into something productive to help make things right?**