



Message



'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.'

(Neh. 1:11)

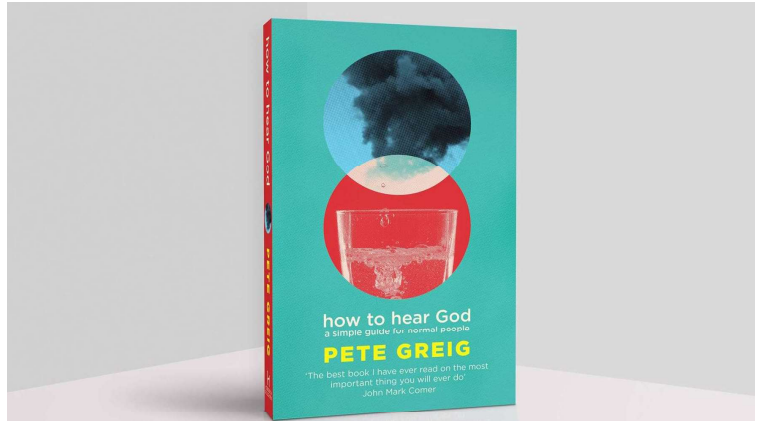
Prayer changes things

'The king sent this reply...The letter you sent us has been read and translated in my presence. I issued an order and a search was made, and it was found that this city has a long history of revolt against kings and has been a place of rebellion and sedition...

Now issue an order to these men to stop work, so that this city will not be rebuilt until I so order. Be careful not to neglect this matter. Why let this threat grow, to the detriment of the royal interests?...

As soon as the copy of the letter of King Artaxerxes was read...they went immediately to the Jews in Jerusalem and compelled them by force to stop.'
(Ezra 4:17-23)

Prayer changes things



'When I pray, coincidences happen, and when I don't, they don't.'
(William Temple)

'You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives...' (James 4:2-3)

Prayer changes things

'...I took the wine and gave it to the king. I had not been sad in his presence before, so the king asked me, 'Why does your face look so sad when you are not ill? This can be nothing but sadness of heart.' I was very much afraid'
(Neh. 2:1-2)

Prayer prepares things

'Lord, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God...Give your servant success today by granting him favour in the presence of this man.'
(Neh. 1:5, 11)

Prayer prepares things: BOLDNESS

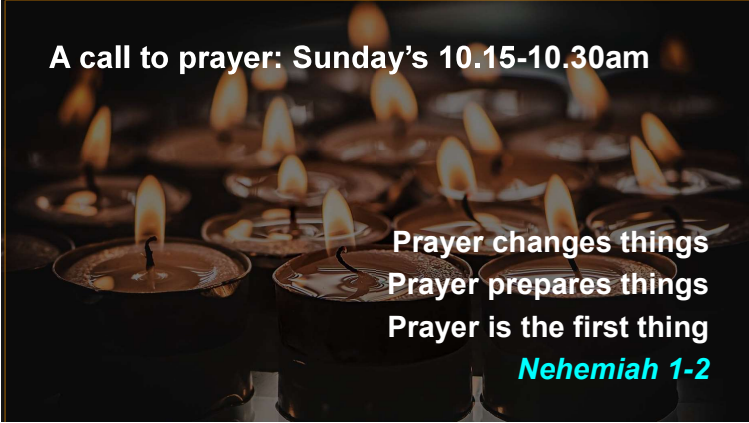
'I answered the king, 'If it pleases the king...let him send me to the city in Judah where my ancestors are buried so that I can rebuild it...[and] may I have letters to the governors...[and] a letter to Asaph, keeper of the royal park...'
(Neh. 2:5, 7, 8)

Prayer prepares things: WISDOM & GRACE



Prayer is the first thing

**Before title or reputation
Before action
Before restoration**



A call to prayer: Sunday's 10.15-10.30am

**Prayer changes things
Prayer prepares things
Prayer is the first thing
*Nehemiah 1-2***



**MP-151 *For I'm building
a people of power***

