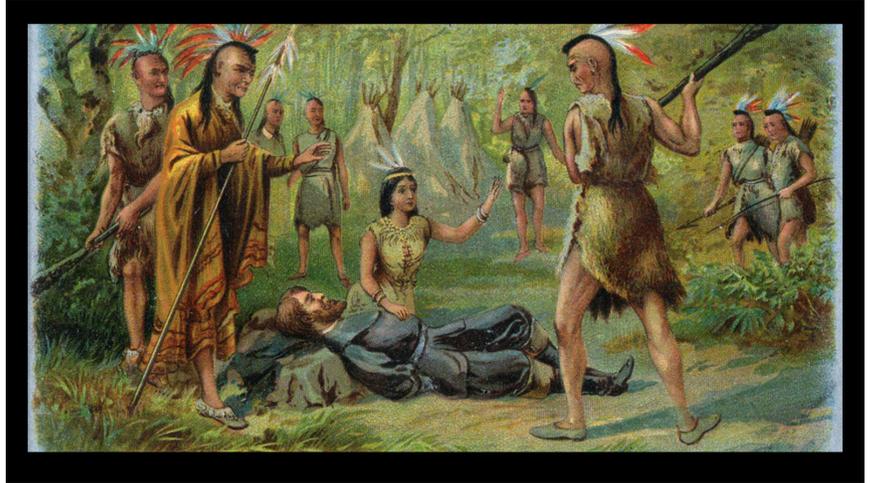


**STANDING IN THE GAP!**  
**(Nehemiah 1)**

*And I sought for a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in the breach (gap) before me for the land, that I should not destroy it, but I found none. Ezekiel 22:30*

**Display Text (Nehemiah 1:1-4)**

*Lindsey, since chap 1 is so long, we will display the text as we come to that portion in the message.*



1. THE AWARENESS OF A NEED.
2. THE APPEAL TO THE FATHER.
3. THE ACTION THAT FOLLOWS.

**1. THE AWARENESS OF A NEED.**

**1) You become a 'burden bearer'.**

*Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Gal 6:2.*

**2) You become a 'bridge builder'.**

*And behold, some men were bringing on a bed a man who was paralyzed, and they were seeking to bring him in and lay him before Jesus, but finding no way to bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the midst before Jesus. Luke 5:18-19*

**2. THE APPEAL TO THE FATHER.**

**1) The aroma of praise.**

*And I said, "O Lord God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments. Nehemiah 1:5*

**2) The attitude of brokenness.**

*If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14*

### 3) The adherence to God's promise.

*Remember your word to your servant, in which you have made me hope. Psalm 119:49*

#### Quote:

*“Whatever your need may be, you may readily find a promise in the Bible regarding it. When you read such a promise, take it back to the great Promiser and ask Him to fulfill His own Word. Take that promise to the throne continually. Go to God over and over again with this, “Lord You said, do as You have said.”*

*Charles Spurgeon*

### 3. THE ACTION THAT FOLLOWS.

*The Lord said to Moses, “Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. Exodus 14:15-16*

#### What could possibly ‘amaze and astonish’ God?

*He saw that there was no man—he was amazed that there was no one interceding. Isaiah 59:16 (CSB)*

