Overcoming

"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]

1. Don't pretend. Acknowledge reality

God can't work with what you prefer to be, He only works with what we are.

2. Slow down before you speed up

"In the month of Kislev." [Nehemiah 1:1]

"In the month of Nisan." [Nehemiah 2:1]

4 months of prayer

Turned pain into a pathway for prayer

3. Learn to pray God's way

"Then I said: Lord, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant of love with those who love Him..." [Nehemiah 1:5]

Praise

Repentance

"...I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father's family, have committed against You." [Nehemiah 1:6]

Boldness

"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." [Nehemiah 1:8-10]

Prayer - communicating with God & confrontation with the enemy.

4. Live with an expectant disposition

"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." [Nehemiah 1:11]

Success: is caring about what God cares about.