

# When Bad News Comes

Nehemiah 1:1-11

*When bad news comes to us, we need to know that God has given us what we need to process it and to resolve it.*

1. Process it (vs. 4)

2. Resolve it (vs. 5-11)

## FOR FURTHER THOUGHT:

1. Where were you when the Twin Towers fell? What was your response?
2. What's the worst news you've received personally? How did it come to you? What did you do to process it?
3. Read Nehemiah chapter 1. What did Nehemiah do with the bad news about Jerusalem (v4)? How did that set him up for the prayer of v5-11?
4. Read Matthew 8:1-3. What strikes you about this account? How able and willing do you think God is to hear your prayers?
5. Look at the prayer of Nehemiah 1:5-11. What does it tell you about the character of God? Why is that important? How does our knowledge of God affect our prayers?
6. What would be some reasons Nehemiah would confess his nation's sin at that point? Why does he include himself? Is it good to confess our sin to God in prayer? Why? Do we do it?
7. Does prayer change things or does prayer change us? How does prayer lead us to certainty of what God wants us to do?