

2 - HE CARED ENOUGH TO WEEP - vs. 4

- What makes us laugh or weep indicates character
- Some who laugh at mistakes, misfortunes of others lack char. or culture
- Weeping viewed by some as a sign of weakness but in Neh. it was a sign of strength just like with Jeremiah (8:1), Paul (Acts 20:19), and even Jesus (Lk. 19:41) Jn. 11:35
- what a burden Neh. felt, breaking his heart
- It is not anger or frustration that overwhelms him
- It is burden/brokenness — and so he weeps!

3 - HE CARED ENOUGH TO PRAY - vs. 5-10

- This is the 1st of 12 instances of prayer in this book
- Neh. opens + closes w/ prayer
- Alan Redpath, "Too much working before man, too little waiting before God."

* Neh. Prayer — PRAISE TO God
Confession of sins — "WE"
Expression of confidence in the Lord

4 - HE CARED ENOUGH TO VOLUNTEER - vs. 11

He prayed, wept, fasted, mourned — and God did something in his heart — God showed him what to do, when to do it, how to do it

(but not for someone else to be sent)
he didn't argue about difficulty or just discuss what "ought" to be done

He said basically, "Here am I - send me!"

- * Personal Invol.
- * Financial
- * Spiritual

* AND — He got the job done — in 52 days!
Walls built, gates restored, people rejoicing!
→ All because one man cared enough!