## Nehemiah 1 - Rising from the Ashes

Helplesness in the face of bad news

## The devastating news (verse 1-4)

Jerusalem lies in ruins - God's judgement

## Remorse and Confession (verse 5-7)

Insight into Nehemiah's belief and trust in God

- Persistent in prayer
- Doesn't hide from the true situation

## God's Covenant Faithfulness (verse 8-11)

Christians don't dwell in their sin, we rejoice in God's salvation

- Nehemiah wants to act
- wants God to open the way for him

Being paralysed into inaction

Being prayerful into action