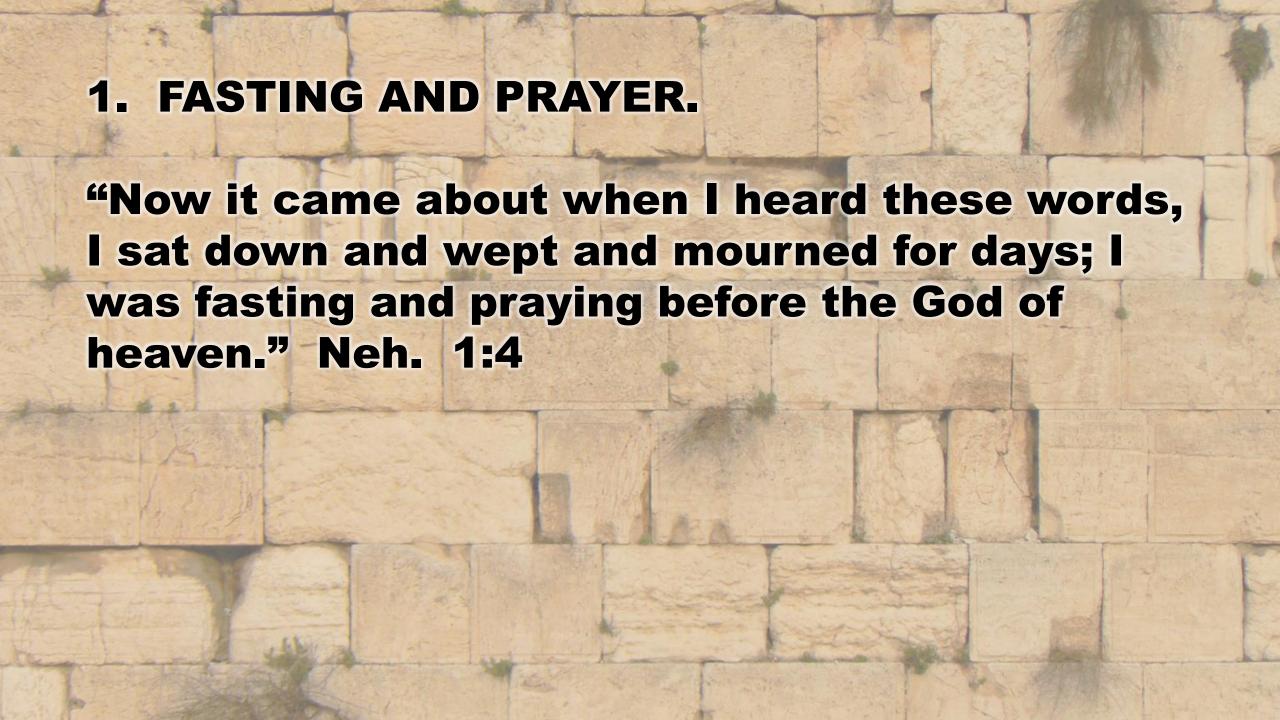
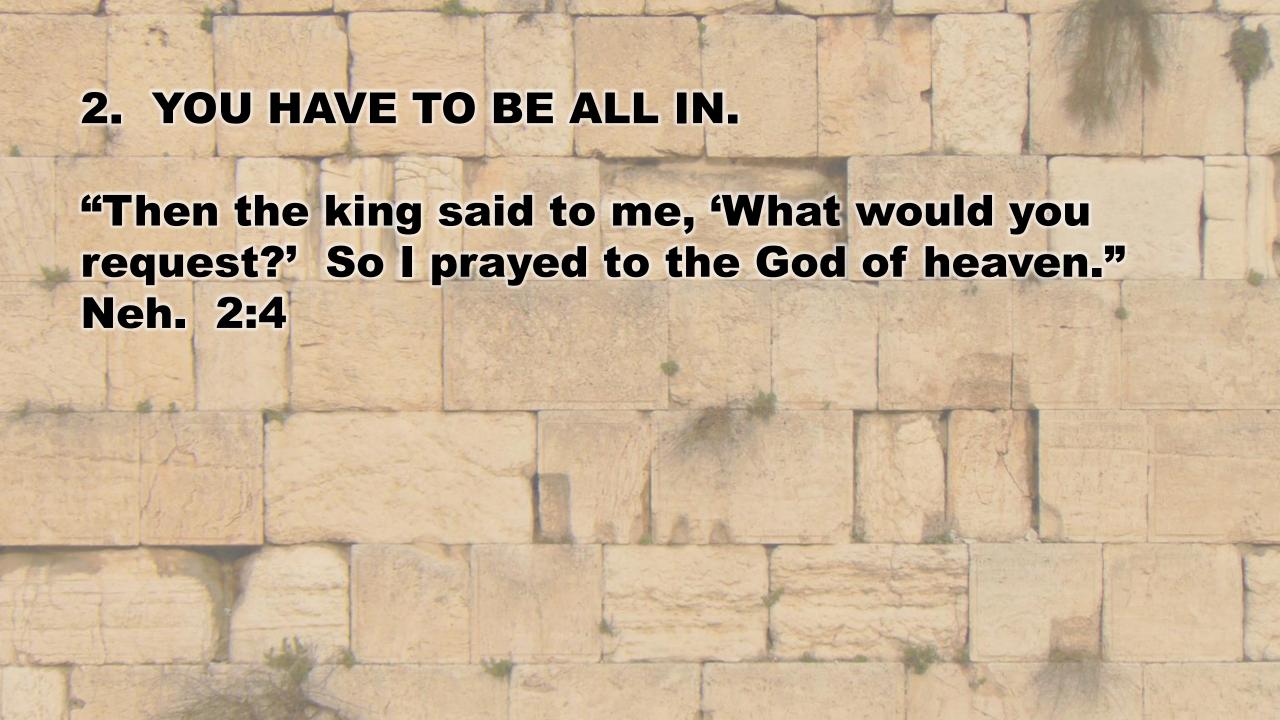


"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost, to see if he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation, and is not able to finish, all who observe it begin to ridicule him." Luke 14:27-29





3. MORE INTENSE SPIRITUAL ATTACKS.

"And when Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official heard about it, it was very displeasing to them that someone had come to seek the welfare of the sons of Israel." Neh. 2:10

"Now it came about when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites heard that the repair of the wall of Jerusalem went on, and that the breaches began to be closed, they were very angry. And all of them conspired together to come and fight against Jerusalem and to cause a disturbance in it." Neh. 4:7-8

"But we prayed to our God, and because of them we set up a guard against them day and night." vs. 9

4. TAKING UP THE SLACK.

"...next to him the Tekoites made repairs, but their nobles did not support the work of their masters." Neh. 3:5

"...the Tekoites repaired another section in front of the great projecting tower and as far as the wall of Ophel." Neh. 3:27

"So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of the month Elul, in fifty-two days. And it came about when all our enemies heard of it, and the nations surrounding us saw it, they lost confidence; for they recognized that this work had been accomplished with the help of our God." Neh. 6:15-16

*THE LORD IS TO RECEIVE ALL THE GLORY!

"Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it..." Ps. 127:1

"But now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love." 1 Cor. 13:13

- *WE ARE PEOPLE OF FAITH.
- *WE ARE PEOPLE OF HOPE.
- *WE ARE PEOPLE OF LOVE.

"Now as to the love of the brethren, you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another."

1 Thess. 4:9

