

# ASSIGNMENTS

## Assignment 5-1

In this passage from Nehemiah 1:1-11, make as many observations as you can.

Nehemiah 1:1-11 ESV The words of Nehemiah the son of

Hachaliah. Now it happened in the month of Chislev, in the

twentieth year, as I was in Susa the citadel, (2) that

Hanani, one of my brothers, came with certain men from

Judah. And I asked them concerning the Jews who

escaped, who had survived the exile, and concerning

Jerusalem. (3) And they said to me, "The remnant there in

the province who had survived the exile is in great trouble

and shame. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its

gates are destroyed by fire." (4) As soon as I heard these

words I sat down and wept and mourned for days, and I

continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven.

Repetition:

- sinned / sin
- commanded / command / order
- praying / prayer / pray
- God / Lord

Nehemiah

shift



(5) And I said, "O LORD God of heaven, the great and  
 awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with  
 those who love him and keep his commandments, (6) let  
 your ear be attentive and your eyes open, to hear the prayer  
 of your servant that I now pray before you day and night for  
 the people of Israel your servants, confessing the sins of the  
 people of Israel, which we have sinned against you. Even I  
 and my father's house have sinned. (7) We have acted  
 very corruptly against you and have not kept the  
commandments, the statutes, and the rules that you  
commanded your servant Moses. (8) Remember the word  
 that you commanded your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are  
 unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples,' (9) but if

*we Israel include Nehemiah*

*cc*



Contrast between being unfaithful & keeping my ~~commandments~~ commandments

you return to me and keep my commandments and do them,

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though your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven,

from there I will gather them and bring them to the place that

I have chosen, to make my name dwell there.' (10) They

are your servants and your people, whom you have

redeemed by your great power and by your strong hand.

(11) O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your

servant, and to the prayer of your servants who delight to

fear your name, and give success to your servant today, and

grant him mercy in the sight of this man." Now I was

cupbearer to the king.



**Assignment 5-2**

Read Mark 5:21-43, which contains two stories. The first story is about Jairus and his daughter, the second about a bleeding woman. Note that the second story interrupts the first; that is, the bleeding-woman story is presented right in the middle of the Jairus episode. This is suggestive to us. Look at the two stories and list as many direct comparisons and contrasts between the two as you can find. Read carefully! Look hard! There are many to find.

<sup>21</sup>When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. <sup>22</sup>Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. <sup>23</sup>He pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." <sup>24</sup>So Jesus went with him.

A large crowd followed and pressed around him. <sup>25</sup>And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. <sup>26</sup>She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. <sup>27</sup>When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup>because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." <sup>29</sup>Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

<sup>30</sup>At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

<sup>31</sup>"You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?'"

<sup>32</sup>But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup>Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup>He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

<sup>35</sup>While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher anymore?"

<sup>36</sup>Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, "Don't be afraid; just believe."

<sup>37</sup>He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. <sup>38</sup>When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup>He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep." <sup>40</sup>But they laughed at him.

After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup>He took her by the hand and said to her, "*Talitha koum!*" (which means "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). <sup>42</sup>Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around

(she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. <sup>43</sup>He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Just to get you started:

**Jairus**

**Bleeding woman**

1. aman	1. a woman
2. goes to Jesus for help publicly	2. goes to Jesus for help privately
3. He fell at Jesus' feet	She fell at Jesus' feet
4. leader, probably wealthy	4. Not a cent to her name
5. Thought Jesus would have to touch his daughter	5. Thought "if I just touch his clothes, I will be healed"
6. The faith of some on behalf of someone else	6. Personal faith to be healed
7. Not healed straight away	7. Immediately was healed
8. Seemed to need to witness the other miracle to gain "healing" faith	8. Had "healing" faith straight away
9. Large crowd around Jesus	9. A large crowd around Jesus
10. Saw Jesus	10. Heard about Jesus

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## Assignment 5-3

Read the story below from Mark 11. Make as many observations as you can on the text. Notice that the text has two encounters with a fig tree (vv. 12-14, 19-21) sandwiched around an event in the temple (vv.15-18). In addition to making observations, explain how the fig tree relates to the episode in the temple

Mark 11:12-21 ESV On the following day, when they came

Repetition

from Bethany, he was hungry. (13) And seeing in the

- Fig tree
- temple

distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see if he could find

anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but

leaves, for it was not the season for figs. (14) And he said

to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his

Links to fig tree account  
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disciples heard it. (15) And they came to Jerusalem. And

he entered the temple and began to drive out those who

sold and those who bought in the temple, and he



overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats

of those who sold pigeons. (16) And he would not allow

anyone to carry anything through the temple. (17) And he

was teaching them and saying to them, "Is it not written, 'My

house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'?

But you have made it a den of robbers." (18) And the chief

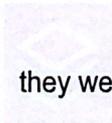
priests and the scribes heard it and were seeking a way to

destroy him, for they feared him, because all the crowd was

*connects temple episode back to fig tree*

astonished at his teaching. (19) And when evening came

they went out of the city. (20) As they passed by in the



18  
morning, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots.

(21) And Peter remembered and said to him, "Rabbi, look!

The fig tree that you cursed has withered."

When Jesus saw the fig tree He expected to find something other than what He found. He only found leaves, no buds or developing fruit - The leaves were just for show. It was the same story for the temple, when Jesus came to the temple He was looking for some "fruit," but could not find anything - it was all for show.

