



WEEK TWO

## Stand

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The second chapter of Nehemiah shows us how to stand strong for what's right, to stand in faith, and to stand firm, relying on

God's power to overcome our weaknesses.

### STUDY QUESTIONS

**1. What does it mean to take a stand on something?**

What is the opposite of taking a stand?

What does it mean stand strong?

**2. Take a look at Nehemiah 2:1-10.** Describe what is happening in these verses in your own words.

How was God working in the background here?

One of Pastor Jeff's points is that God does more than we can see. What did he mean? How have you seen this to be true?

**3. Why does God's power show up best when we are weak? (see 2 Corinthians 12:7-9).**

How did God's power affect Nehemiah's desire to take a stand?

**4. Now read Nehemiah 2:11-20.** What happened when Nehemiah arrived at Jerusalem?

Why do you think Nehemiah waited before he said anything to the city leaders about why he was there?

What reaction did he get?

**5. Pastor Jeff said that Nehemiah's public life was a reflection of what his private life was like.** What did he mean?

How does your private life show up in your public life?

**6. It's been said that the only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good people to do nothing.** How does what we've studied in Nehemiah so far speak to this?

How does holy discontent fuel our ability to take a stand?

**Memorize 2 Corinthians 12:9** — "Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."

**Personal Meditation:** When was the last time you took a stand for something which required you to rely on God's strength? If it's been a while since you've been inspired to make a difference in your world, spend some time praying this week for God to show you where he wants you to step in and take a stand.