# Lesson 01 Nehemiah's Journal

**Power Text**

"Serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you"
1 Samuel 12:24 NIV

## Across

3. Everybody-people, priests, nobles, officials-wants to help! I told them what God has done so far & how King Art helped me. When I finished they said, "Let's start ____!" And they did.
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10. Maybe he could help me even more. I took a deep breath & asked for a ____ escort, letters of introduction for the governors of the provinces on the way, & timber for the walls, the gates, & the house I will live in. He gave me everything I asked for! GOD IS GOOD!
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12. I went out through the Valley Gate & rode toward the Dragon Well & the ____ Gate. These are all broken down.
13. 30th day, Kislev, Year 20 Today I asked God to ____ the sins of Israel. We disobeyed God in terrible ways. We deserved what we got, but it still breaks my heart to think of Jerusalem in ruins.
14. 29th day, Tammuz, Year 20, 7:00 a.m. I decided not to tell anyone except a few of the men I brought with me about my plans for last night. We got up at ____ to inspect the city. It's even worse than I thought.

## Down

1. Of course Sanballat, Tobiah, & their new partner in crime, Geshem the Arab, heard about what we're trying to do. They tried to accuse me of ____ (they know nothing about my close relationship with King Art).
2. [Thursday's lesson] Read Nehemiah 2. What reasons do you think Nehemiah had to be afraid of the king? Ask an adult to tell you about a time they were afraid to tell the truth to someone in ____.
4. Fire has destroyed the gates. Then I rode toward the ____ Gate & the King's Pool. There wasn't even enough room for me to get through on my horse, so I went through the valley & inspected the wall.
5. He asked me, right out, "What do you want?" I said a quick prayer in my head before I answered. I told him I wanted to go back home to rebuild the ____.
8. Others in my position have poisoned their bosses, but he knows he can trust me. Still, I was afraid for my life. But I told him about ____ anyway. I've been waiting four months for this chance!
9. [Tuesday's lesson] Use Nehemiah's prayer as a model. Praise God first, confess your sins, claim His ____, ask Him to meet your needs.
11. While I was serving lunch, King Art mentioned how sad I've been looking. How could he tell anything was wrong? I've been trying to hide it, but the ____ & prayer has caught up with me. I can't blame him for asking what's wrong.

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