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**Sermon – Nehemiah**

**Scripture – Neh 1-2** #6

**Main Message – God's people demonstrate consistency, competency, compassion and also a very sincere genuine love for God's people.**

Ever meet a person who is always positive, happy, competent and consistent? Ever meet a person who is never happy, run down, exhausted and nothing seems to go right in their life. In either case, if both had a passion for the people of God, then these feelings and actions can be genuine. If you're always happy, I got questions. If you're always sad, I got questions. We are all different. IF you're happy one day and sad the next and you're all over the map, I still got questions, because you may be crazy. 😊

You may be tempted to say, If you have God in your heart and your blessed why couldn't you be happy all the time. I'll answer that by taking you to the next hero in the Bible, Nehemiah.

Consider the discipline that Nehemiah showed during his years of service to King Artaxerxes. For 11 years he was always professional, pleasant, consistent, with a positive demeanor as he served as cup bearer to the King. He didn't show up each day different. So after 11 years of service he is finally SAD in front of the king speaks volumes. The king took notice, because this was not the consistency he had come to know.

He answered the king boldly. He answered the king forthrightly. When asked he didn't say, "nothing" or sorry O' King. He answered from his heart with genuine ache in his heart for God's people.

Because of this consistency and proper management at a pivotal moment, he got all that he asked and they began to rebuild Jerusalem.