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When Life is in Shambles

Nehemiah 1:1-11

God's care for humanity was so great that he sent his unique Son among us, so that those who count on him might not lead a futile and failing existence, but have the undying life of God Himself. Dallas Willard (Jn.3:16)

The Context

- **Ezra began rebuilding the Temple under King Cyrus but had to stop for 13 yrs. due to:**
 - Lack of Funds
 - Political opposition and new Persian Kings
 - The original 42,000 went to home villages
- **Enter Hanani, brother of Nehemiah –King’s Cupbearer**
 - Life in Israel before God is a shambles
 - The ways of the people are far from God’s ways
 - They are in great trouble and disgrace
 - Nehemiah wept.

Meet Nehemiah- God Who Comforts

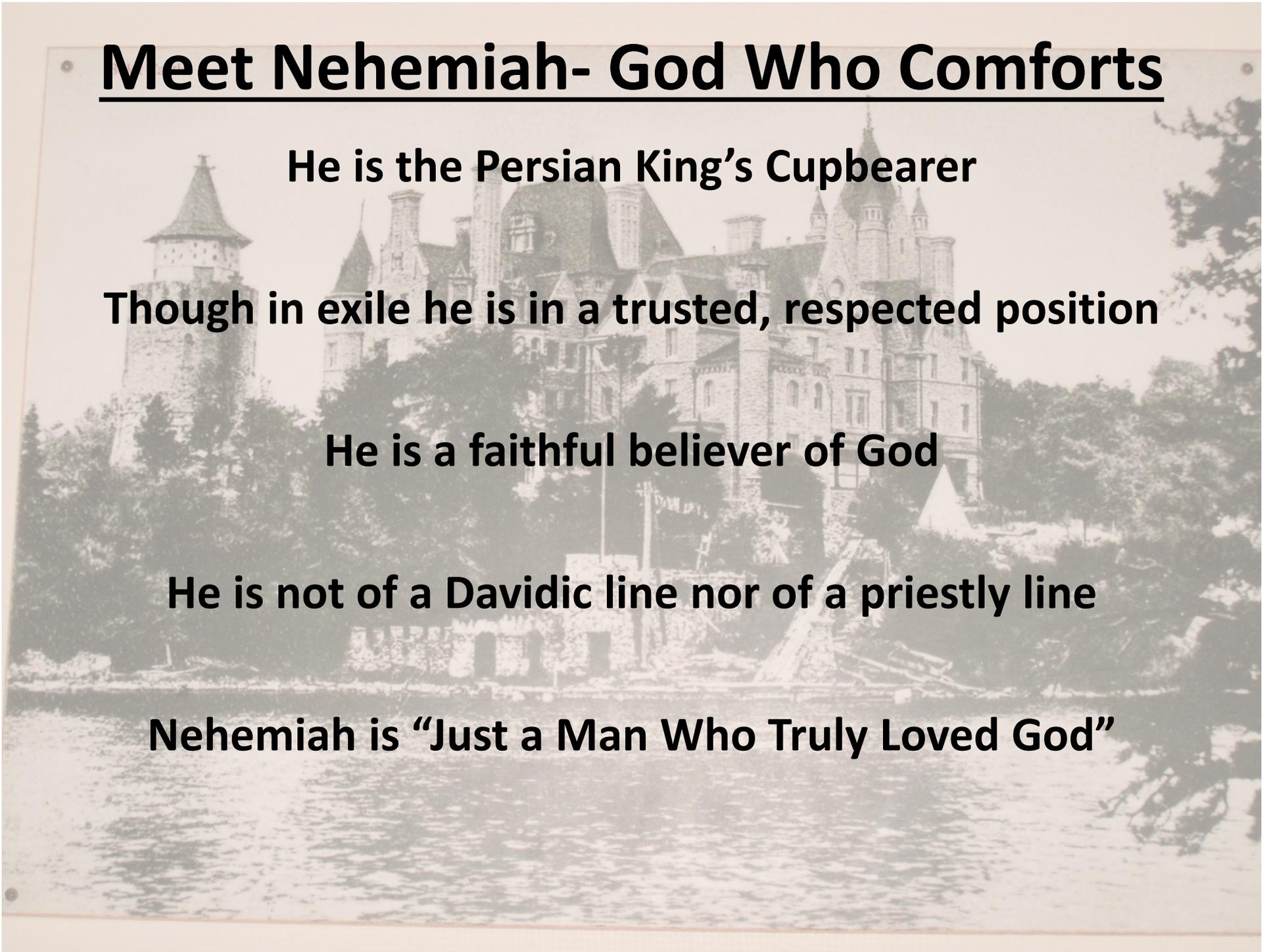
He is the Persian King's Cupbearer

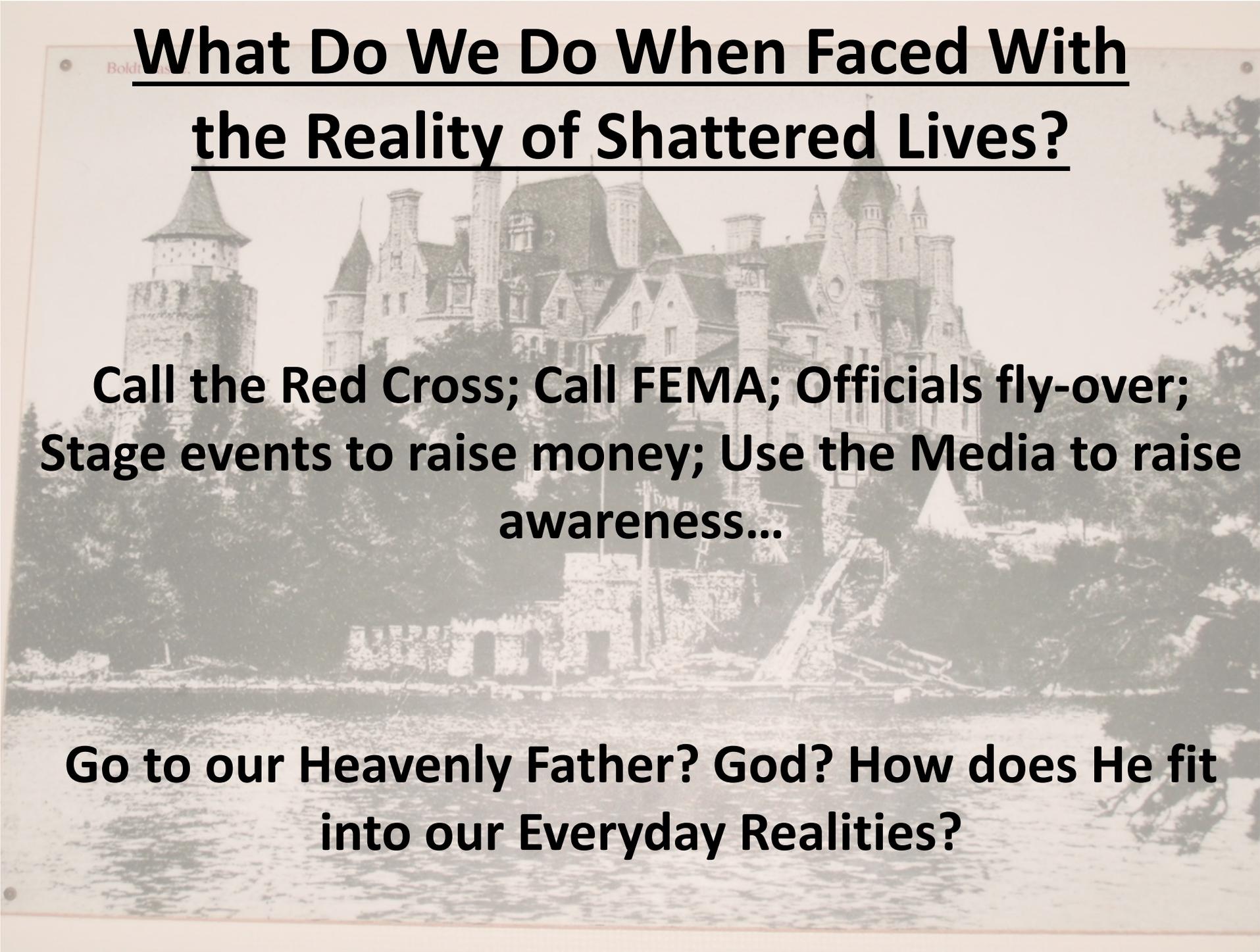
Though in exile he is in a trusted, respected position

He is a faithful believer of God

He is not of a Davidic line nor of a priestly line

Nehemiah is "Just a Man Who Truly Loved God"





**What Do We Do When Faced With
the Reality of Shattered Lives?**

**Call the Red Cross; Call FEMA; Officials fly-over;
Stage events to raise money; Use the Media to raise
awareness...**

**Go to our Heavenly Father? God? How does He fit
into our Everyday Realities?**

Who is God?

- **Great and Awesome is God**
- **He is the keeper of the Covenant of Love**
 - To those who love Him
 - To those who seek and follow his commands
- **Nehemiah prayed over several months**
 - **Confession:** Ownership of the root causes of brokenness; you told us what would happen in sin
 - **Hope:** You also told us if we would repent and return renewal would come
 - **Plan:** Prepare the King's heart as I ask for his help

Shattered Lives:

- If God loves lost people we better love lost people too.
- People around us are lost; in disarray; wandering
- Natural protective boundaries of faith are missing
- The ability to discern right and wrong are compromised
- The Shelter of God's wisdom is removed
- We live with the consequences of sin and the Laws of UnintendedConsequences

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The Invitation

**Fill out 3x5 card with a prayer request
Pass them to the Center Aisle**

Come at 6pm

The House of Prayer

Join in

The Word

Confession

And Prayer

Be a Nehemiah