

**LOOKING BACK
SO WE CAN
MOVE FORWARD**
Nehemiah 9

1. I need to get **ALONE** with God (with no one to point at but myself) and **CONFESS** to Him **MY** sins. (verses 1-5; Genesis 3:11-13; Psalm 32:5, 51:4; Proverbs 28:13; Matthew 7:3-5; Romans 2:1; Galatians 6:3-4; James 5:16; 1 John 1:9)
2. **PRAISING** our glorious God and rehearsing His **FAITHFULNESS** can recalibrate the posture and direction of our heart. (verses 1-5; Numbers 23:19; Joshua 21:45, 23:14; 1 Samuel 2:2; Psalm 89:34, 105:8; Proverbs 30:5; Philippians 1:6; 2 Corinthians 1:20; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24; 2 Timothy 2:13; Hebrews 10:23, 12:2)
3. God has rescued us from '**EGYPT**' and given us a new land where He **GUIDES** us every step of the way. (verses 6-14; Exodus 3:7-8, 13:17-22, 20:2; Deuteronomy 26:8; Psalm 32:8, 106:10, 119:105; Proverbs 3:5-6, 16:9; John 16:13; Romans 8:14; Colossians 1:13; James 1:5; 1 Peter 2:9)
4. God is faithful to sustain us and **PROVIDE** for us - even in our seasons of **WANDERING**. (verses 15-25; Genesis 3:21; Exodus 6:10-12; Deuteronomy 31:8; 2 Chronicles 30:9; Psalm 139:7-10, 119:176; Luke 15:4-7; Romans 8:38-39)
5. God is **PATIENT** with us, but He is also faithful to **CORRECT** us. (verses 26-37; Exodus 34:6; Psalm 94:12, 103:8; Proverbs 3:11-12, 6:23, 8:33, 12:1, 29:15; Romans 2:4; 2 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 12:5-11; 2 Peter 3:9; Revelation 3:19)
6. In light of all God has **DONE**, how will I - from this point forward - **LIVE** my **LIFE**? (verse 38; Micah 6:8; Matthew 6:33; Mark 12:30; John 13:15, 15:8; Romans 12:1; Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 4:29-32; Philippians 2:14-15; Colossians 2:10, 3:12-17, 23)



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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, confused, or edified you?
2. Read 1 John 1:9. Why is it important that we confess our sins? What happens when we don't? (See Psalm 32:1-4.) What happens when we do? Why would we rather blame someone else than admit and own our wrongdoings?
3. We often sing the line, "All my life You have been faithful, all my life You have been so, so good". What happens when we forget or fail to rehearse the goodness of God in our lives? How does neglecting to look back negatively affect moving forward?
4. Here is one well-known line of the hymn *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*: "Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love..." What makes us prone to wander? Share a time when you have 'wandered' and God has pursued you and brought you back. How did this impact your relationship with Him?
5. In what ways did God correct His people? In what ways has He corrected you? Why did God continue to show mercy and provide for His people despite their repeated disobedience and rebellion?
6. Based on all God has done for YOU, what is one thing you believe you need to do (maybe a way you need to think) differently moving forward? (Be careful to not turn this into legalism. Respond in light of Romans 12:1.)