

Rebuilding Hope, Part 1
Recognizing What's Broken
Nehemiah 1:1-9 ESV
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Question: How do we restore a broken relationship?

¹ The words of Nehemiah the son of Hacaliah. Now it happened in the month of Chislev, in the twentieth year, as I was in Susa the citadel, ² that Hanani, one of my brothers, came with certain men from Judah. And I asked them concerning the Jews who escaped, who had survived the exile, and concerning Jerusalem. ³ And they said to me, "The remnant there in the province who had survived the exile is in great trouble and shame. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates are destroyed by fire."

⁴ As soon as I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days, and I continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven. - Nehemiah 1:1-4

1) We face and _____ what is broken, bringing it before God. [Nehemiah 1:4]

We cannot repair what we refuse to face.

¹⁸ The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. - Psalm 34:18

⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. - Matthew 5:4

Our pain can become the pathway that brings us to God.

Live it out!

Q: What do I need to face, feel and faithfully bring to God?

⁵ And I said, "O LORD God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, ⁶ let your ear be attentive and your eyes open, to hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you day and night for the people of Israel your servants, confessing the sins of the people of Israel, which we have sinned against you. Even I and my father's house have sinned. ⁷ We have acted very corruptly against you and have not kept the commandments, the statutes, and the rules that you commanded your servant Moses. ⁸ Remember the word that you commanded your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples, ⁹ but if you return to me and keep my commandments and do them, though your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there I will gather them and bring them to the place that I have chosen, to make my name dwell there.' - Nehemiah 1:5-9

2) We _____ our part of the brokenness and turn back to God's steadfast love. [Nehemiah 1:5-9]

Confession & Repentance

- ❖ REBIRTH: receiving Jesus as my Lord and Savior. This is spiritual rebirth.
 - Justification = Legal standing. Saved from the penalty of sin.
 - *One time* confession and repentance for salvation.

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. – Romans 5:1

- ❖ RESTORATION: closeness & fellowship with God.
 - Sanctification & Fellowship = growing in Christlikeness & presence with God.
 - *Ongoing* confession and repentance for restoration.

⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. – 1 John 1:9

Live it out!

Q: Where have I been blaming others instead of owning my part of the brokenness

before God? Will I turn from my sin today and trust God's steadfast love to restore what is broken?