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Nehemiah 10: Making A Commitment To The Lord

Revival (from Latin: live again): a reawakening of religious fervor

Revival in Nehemiah

1. Reading, Teaching, and Hearing of God's Word

He read it aloud from daybreak till noon... (Nehemiah 8:3)

2. Confession

They stood in their places and confessed their sins and the sins of their ancestors. (Nehemiah 9:2)

3. A Commitment to Change

"In view of all this, we are making a binding agreement, putting it in writing, and our leaders, our Levites and our priests are affixing their seals to it." (Nehemiah 9:38)

Read 9:38-10:39

Five things they promise before God:

1. Nurture their Family.

But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. (Joshua 24:15)

2. Follow God's Laws concerning the Sabbath.

"If you want to grow in the Christian life, determine to come to gather with the 'church' more than once a week, witness to your friends, ask your pastor for a job, and then get busy serving Jesus."

3. Be responsible for the temple and the provisions for the temple.

The fire on the altar must be kept burning; it must not go out. Every morning the priest is to add firewood and arrange the burnt offering on the fire and burn the fat of the fellowship offerings on it. The fire must be kept burning on the altar continuously; it must not go out. (Leviticus 6:12-12)

4. Dedicate their firstborns and pay the redemption price.

"After the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites and gives it to you, as he promised on oath to you and your ancestors, you are to give over to the Lord the first offspring of every womb. ... "In days to come, when your son asks you, 'What does this mean?' ...When Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the Lord killed the firstborn of both people and animals in Egypt. This is why I sacrifice to the Lord the first male offspring of every womb and redeem each of my firstborn sons.'" (Exodus 13:11-15)

*And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.
(2 Corinthians 5:15)*

5. To not neglect their contributions.

*Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.... No one can serve two masters.... You cannot serve both God and money.
(Matthew 6:19-21, 24)*

Membership at Hope:

- I will endeavor to connect with the people of HCC by being involved in one of its many ministries where I can walk in Christian love with my brothers and sisters, mutually exercising Christian care and watchfulness over one another, and praying for one another as we share our burdens, sorrows, and joys.
- I will submit to the authority of God's Word in all matters of faith and morality, making it a priority for study and meditation.
- I will regularly commit myself to both corporate and personal worship.
- I will submit to the leadership of the elders as they submit to God's word.
- I will contribute to the works of the Lord at HCC by actively using the gifts, talents, and resources God has given me.
- I will pursue spiritual growth for myself and others within the ministries of HCC, and endeavor to share my faith in Jesus Christ as God provides opportunity

HOME GROUP Questions ...

Commitment to Christ also involves committing to His people.

Read the following verses in your group and discuss how we should live out our faith with care for one another.

Romans 12:10; 14:13; 15:7, 14;

Galatians 5:26;

Ephesians 4:32;

1 Thessalonians 3:12; 5:11, 15;

Hebrews 10:24-25;

1 Peter 4:9

Have you seen someone live one of these verses out really well?

Which is an area you could personally grow in? What are some ways you could grow in that area?

What are the excuses we use not to live out our faith for care for one another? How do we overcome those excuses?