

**Citizens of Heaven—on Earth**  
**HISTORY**  
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**Remembering...**

We receive great encouragement from our successes and great warning from our mistakes.

**GOD's Story— HISTORY, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

**1. Black Marks in Israel's History**

- Idolatry: The Golden Calf, Exodus 32
- Sexual Immorality, Numbers 25
- Mutiny, Rebellion, Numbers 16
- Grumbling, Numbers 21

Why were these embarrassing historical events preserved?

- To keep us from the same evil 1 Corinthians 10:6
- To warn us who live in this critical time, 1 Corinthians 10:11

**2. Nehemiah's Example of Handling His People's Sins of the Past, Nehemiah 1**

- He recognized Jerusalem's current plight was due to Israel's sin.
- He confessed Israel's sin, even though he was not a part of it.
- *He did not return to Jerusalem to tear down, her returned to rebuild!*

**3. How do we handle the blemishes on our own history—the sins of humanity?**

- The Holocaust
- 9/11
- The Trail of Tears
- Slavery
- We honor people for the good they have done. We do not condone their mistakes, rather we learn from them. And we do not erase them from history!
  - American Forefathers
  - MLK
  - King David

**Big Idea:** History is sacred, both the good and the bad. We learn from the sins of our past when we confess them. Then determined not to repeat them, we move forward to rebuild, so that God's kingdom may come, and his will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**Right On!**

(OT Scripture Readings: Psalm 119)