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1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



Unit 18 • Session 4

## THE PEOPLE PROMISED TO BE FAITHFUL

Nehemiah 9-10

**HOW SHOULD WE FEEL WHEN WE SIN?  
WHEN WE SIN, WE SHOULD FEEL SORRY THAT WE HAVE DISOBEYED GOD AND  
WANT TO TURN FROM OUR SIN BECAUSE WE LOVE HIM.**

God's people had returned to Judah from exile in Babylon. Nehemiah led God's people in Jerusalem to repent and confess their sin. They spent time reading and listening to God's Word, confessing their sin, and worshiping the Lord. Leaders stood and led God's people in prayer: "Blessed be the LORD your God forever and ever," they prayed. They remembered everything God had done in Israel's past, praying, "You chose Abram and changed his name to Abraham. You kept Your promise, for You are righteous."

They also remembered how God had seen the Israelites' suffering in Egypt and delivered them, dividing the Red Sea for them to cross. He gave them His law on Mount Sinai. He gave them bread and water in the wilderness. But the people had turned away from God. Yet God was forgiving, gracious, and compassionate. He did not abandon them.

They also remembered how God gave His people kingdoms and multiplied them. But the people turned away from God. The people thought back to when God sent prophets to warn them, but they did not listen. God let their enemies take over, but He did not destroy or abandon them because God is gracious and compassionate.

The leaders prayed, "We need help! So we promise to be faithful and worship only You." Then the leaders and some of the people stayed in Jerusalem, and everyone else went to live in the cities nearby.

**Christ Connection:** God's people remembered all He had done and promised to be faithful. God is gracious and compassionate. All along, God has been faithful to people who are unfaithful. We experience God's grace and compassion in Jesus, who gave His life so we can receive mercy and life forever.

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**God Is Faithful** | Use the space below to write a prayer of thankfulness to God for the ways He has been faithful to you.



Dear God,

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### Remember Word Search

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Abraham • Babylon • covenant • Egypt • exile • gracious • Israel • promise • prophets • Red Sea