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Habakkuk 3:2

- Lord, I have heard of your fame;
 I stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord.
 Renew them in our day,
 - in our time make them known;
 - in wrath remember mercy.

We need another sovereign move of the Holy Spirit.

"Christianity has died many times and risen again, for it has a God who knows the way out of the grave."

— G.K. Chesterton, The Everlasting Man

Restoration under Ezra and Nehemiah:

- 1. Decree of Cyrus to return and rebuild
- 2. Exiles return under Sheshbazzar
- 3. Exiles return under Zerubbabel
- 4. Rebuilding of the altar and the Temple against opposition
- 5. Ezra's return to Jerusalem, his religious and social reforms
- 6. Nehemiah's return to Jerusalem, economic and social reforms
- 7. Rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem against opposition
- 8. Re-populating Jerusalem, dedicating the wall, further reforms

Nehemiah 9:1-7

On the twenty-fourth day of the same month, the Israelites gathered together, fasting and wearing sackcloth and having dust on their heads. Those of Israelite descent had separated themselves from all foreigners. They stood in their places and confessed their sins and the wickedness of their fathers. They stood where they were and read from the Book of the Law of the Lord their God for a quarter of the day, and spent another quarter in confession and in worshiping the Lord their God. Standing on the stairs were the LevitesJeshua, Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani and Kenani—who called with loud voices to the Lord their God. And the Levites—Jeshua, Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah, Shebaniah & Pethahiah— said: "Stand up and praise the Lord your God, who is from everlasting to everlasting."

"Blessed be your glorious name, and may it be exalted above all blessing and praise. You alone are the Lord. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you.

"You are the Lord God, who chose Abram and brought him out of Ur of the Chaldeans and named him Abraham. You found his heart faithful to you, and you made a covenant with him to give to his descendants the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Jebusites and Girgashites. You have kept your promise because you are righteous.

1. Fasting and Mourning

If our sin matters to God, it must matter to us.

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- 2. Separation and Godliness

Don't compromise on truth and values with people who hate what you love.

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- 3. Sitting under the Word of God

Know the Word. Love the Word.

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- 4. Confession of Sin

If we fail to respect God's holy truth, and if we fail to recognize our vulnerability toward temptation, we will slip into deception and compromise.

2 Corinthians 7:8-11

Even if I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it. Though I did regret it—I see that my letter hurt you, but only for a little while—yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance. For you became sorrowful as God intended and so were not harmed in any way by us. **Godly sorrow** brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. See what this godly sorrow has produced in you: what earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what concern, what readiness to see justice done.

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- 5. Worship

2 Timothy 2:11-13

Here is a trustworthy saying:

If we died with him, we will also live with him;

if we endure, we will also reign with him.

If we disown him, he will also disown us;

if we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself

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- 6. Prayer

"Prayer brings Revival." Prayer sustains Revival."

Nehemiah 9:17

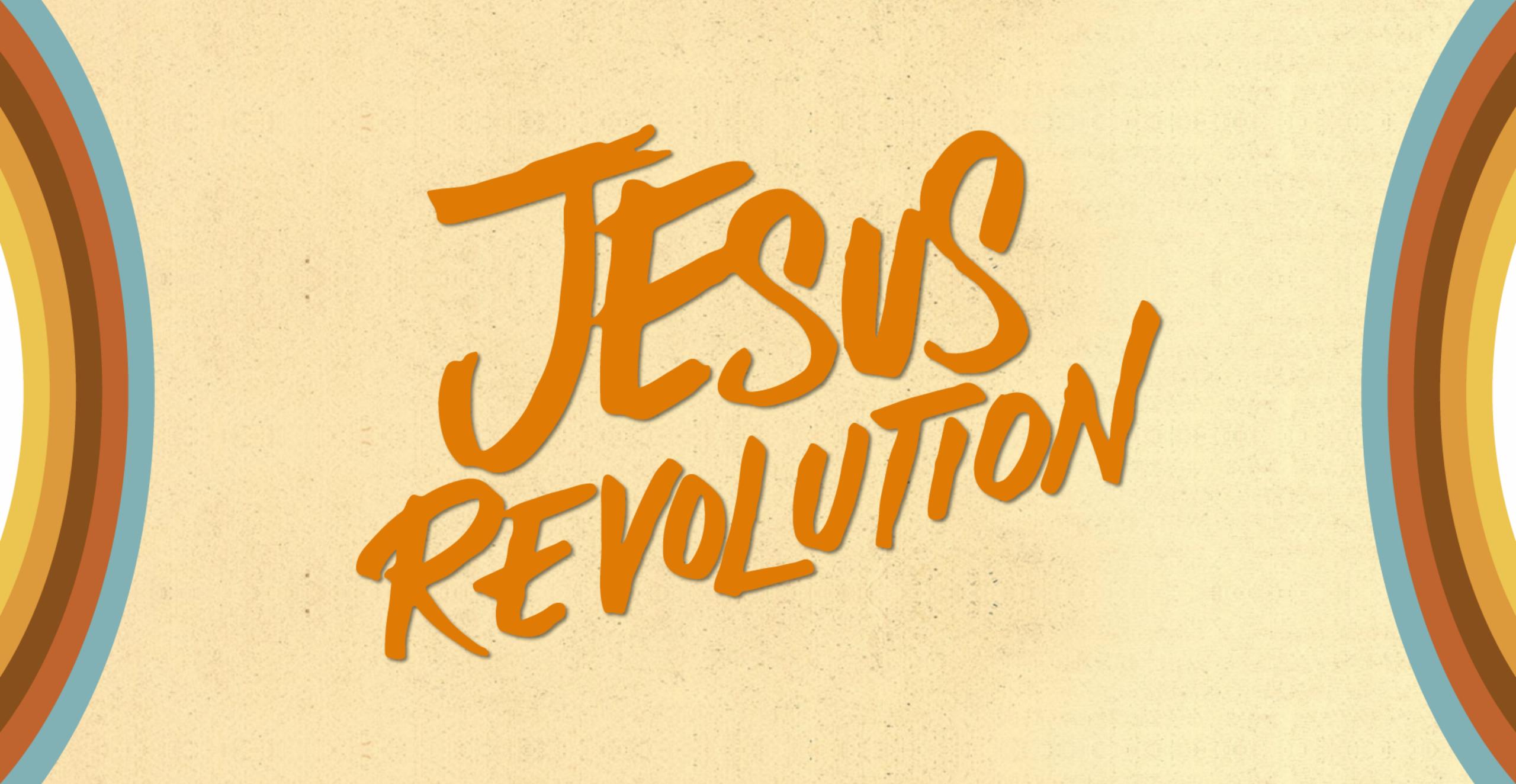
But you are a forgiving God, gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love.

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- 7. Recommitment to Follow God Whole-heartedly

Revelation 2:4-5

"To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands: 2 I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked men, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. 3 You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary...

4 Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love. 5 Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. 6 But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.



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