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## Hebrews 12:9-11

Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.



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Nehemiah 8:1

Community/Identity

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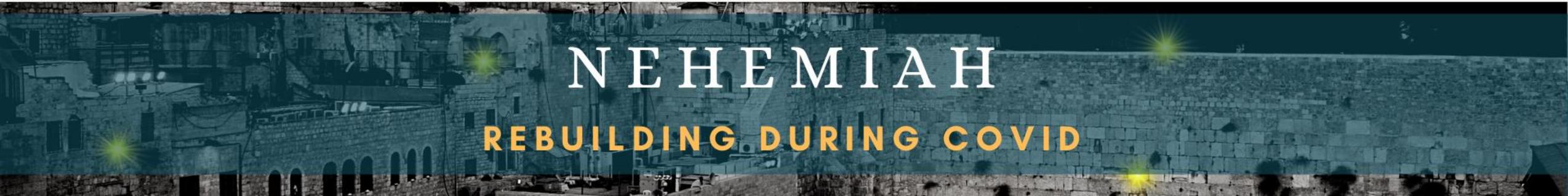
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- How do I perceive my participation in my local church/God's family?

Nehemiah 8:2-3a

Connection with others

So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, *both men and women and all who could understand what they heard*, on the first day of the seventh month. And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, *in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand*.



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- Love relationship allows me to expose my shame and guilt to be healed and forgiven.

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And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.



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- What is my response to God's Word especially when God reveals my heart to me?

# Nehemiah 8:9-12    Celebration of God's forgiveness

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."



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So the Levites calmed all the people, saying, “Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.” And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.



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- Enjoy and look forward to God's correction in my life because it the best thing forever for me!

Transformational correction that sticks!

Psalm 119:67 Before I was afflicted I went astray,  
but now I keep your word.

Psalm 119:71-72 It is good for me that I was afflicted,  
that I might learn your statutes.

The law of your mouth is better to me  
than thousands of gold and silver pieces.



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