

Sunday, 08-13-2023

Community of Confession
Bible Background: Nehemiah 9:1-37
Printed Text: Nehemiah 9:2, 6-7, 9-10, 30-36 KJV/NLT
Devotional Reading: Luke 15:1-10

Aim for Change:

- **UNDERSTAND** that confession and repentance is an act of worship. – *Fri: Luke 18:8-14*
 1. Why can't I **UNDERSTAND** that confession and repentance is an act of worship?
 - **FEEL** the need to confess and repent. – *Tue: Matthew 21:28-32*
 2. Do I **FEEL** the need to confess and repent?
 - **CONFESS** and repent of our shortcomings. – *Mon: 3:17-26*
 3. How often do I **CONFESS** and repent of my shortcomings?
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Devotional Reading: Sat: Joy in Heaven – Luke 15:1-10

- Is my mentality the same as the Pharisees and Scribes where I only associate with certain types of people? Do the non-Christians see the Jesus in me while I'm associating with them? What have I lost, then looked for until it was found?
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Focal Verses – The Community Confesses Together – Nehemiah 9:2-3, 6-7, 9-10, 30-36

1. The People Confess Their Sins (v. 2-3)

- Does the preached word help me to identify my sin to confess/repent of? How have I separated myself from non-believers if I don't confess my sins? – **Leviticus 20:24-26; Ezra 10:11** Am I confessing my sins publicly/one another or even in my prayers? – **Matthew 18:15-18; James 5:16; 1 John 1:9** Am I hiding sin from others to save face? Why is confession sometimes associated with negativity?

2. The People Numerate Their Sins in Their Confession (vv. 6-7, 9-10, 30-36)

- Is the name that I was given represent Jesus Christ? How patient has God been with me? How does disobedience cause chaos? – **Deuteronomy 27:11-26; 28:15-68** Are my hardships caused by not knowing the Word of God? What kind example am I setting as a Christian for others? Am I a good steward of the resources given, or have I become a slave to debt?
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Daily Readings:

- **Monday: Repent and Turn to God – Acts 3:17-26**
 - Do I want the benefits of being a Christian without the necessity of repentance?
- **Tuesday: A Changed Mind – Matthew 21:28-32**
 - Are my words backed by my actions? Does my heart reveal my intentions?
- **Wednesday: I Repent in Dust and Ashes – Job 42:1-6**
 - Do I make judgments before knowing what God is going to do?
- **Thursday: First Be Reconciled – Matthew 5:21-26**
 - Does the attitude I have towards others reflect the relationship I have with Jesus Christ? – **1 John 4:20-21**
- **Friday: God, Be Merciful to Me – Luke 18:9-14**
 - When I go to God in prayer, is my heart swollen or humbled?

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