





# 21 DAYS OF PRAYER



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*With* | BRANCH LIFE

**EASTER WEEKEND**  
SAT 4 & 6P / SUN 8, 9:30 & 11A



# THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH



**REPENTANCE MATTERS**  
**PT1: TURN FROM**  
**NEHEMIAH 9:1-37**



The background of the slide features a scenic landscape with mountains and a large, fluffy cloud formation. A semi-transparent blue rectangle is centered over the image, containing the main text. Within this rectangle, there is a faint, light-blue silhouette of a multi-story house with a chimney, positioned behind the text.

# REPENTANCE MEANS TO TURN AROUND

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# REPENTANCE IS TURNING FROM SIN AND TOWARDS GOD

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PART 1: TO TURN FROM  
PART 2: TO TURN TOWARDS

NEHEMIAH 9:1-37

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the people of Israel were assembled **with fasting and in sackcloth, and with earth on their heads.** And the Israelites separated themselves from all foreigners and stood and **confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers.**

# NEH 9:1-2





# 4 TYPICAL REACTIONS TO SIN

- ✓ HIDE IT
- ✓ RATIONALIZE IT
- ✓ BLAME SHIFT
- ✓ REPENT

FROM J.D. GREER





# MARKS REPENTANCE

## FASTING

To set aside food for a meal, a day or more, to say 'more than I need food, I need God. More than I need food for my body, I need time with God'.

## SACKCLOTH & ASHES

These were an outward sign of one's inward condition that demonstrated the sincerity of one's grief and / or repentance.

see: Jonah 3:5–7



The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, **not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.**

## 2 PETER 3:9







**CONFESSION IS THE NECESSARY  
FIRST STEP OF REPENTANCE**

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**“EVERYBODY SINS. IT’S WHAT YOU  
DO AFTER YOU SIN THAT MAKES THE  
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND  
DEATH.”**

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**- J.D. GREER**





# HAVE YOU ASKED JESUS TO SAVE YOU?

JOHN 3:16 / ROMANS 10:9 / EPH 2:8-9

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**"YOU"**  
(GOD)  
x50

**NEH**  
**9:6-33**







**TURNING YOUR FOCUS FROM  
YOU TO GOD IS THE NEXT STEP IN  
REPENTANCE**

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Oct 2011 - Nov 2017: 259 SELFIE DEATHS / 48 SHARK DEATHS

**SELFIES ARE MORE  
DEADLY THAN SHARKS**



# **6 SIGNS YOU'RE A SELFIE CENTERED CHRISTIAN**

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**You are easily  
offended**

**You have a “never  
enough” mindset**

**Your mood shifts,  
based on others  
opinions**



**You have few  
meaningful  
relationships**

**You are your own  
worst cynic**

**You are not good  
at gratitude**



**“WORSHIP IS GOD’S WAY OF GIVING US AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHIFT OUR FOCUS FROM OUR OWN CONCERNS, PROBLEMS, AND CIRCUMSTANCES TO THE WAY THINGS ARE IN HEAVEN.”**

**— DAVID JEREMIAH**





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**IT IS HARD TO FIX YOUR EYES ON  
JESUS WHEN YOUR ALWAYS  
TAKING A SELFIE**

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**HEB  
12:2**



Yet **you have been righteous** in all that has come upon us, for you have dealt faithfully and **we have acted wickedly.**

**NEH**  
**9:33**





# TALK BACK IN YOUR GROUP OR HOME

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

HOW CAN CONFESSION BECOME A REGULAR LIFE RYTHM?

HOW IS REPENTANCE AND REGRET DIFFERENT?

ARE YOU A SELFIE CENTERED CHRISTIAN?

WHEN HAS WORSHIP HELPED YOU REFOCUS ON GOD?

## DISCUSSION VIDEO: IS GOD'S LOVE CONDITIONAL?

<https://youtu.be/fcOzTZUOBn0?si=l4lUK9JdxZlvnGMQ>





# REPENTANCE

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO TURN FROM?



# THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH



**PART 2 TURN TO:  
WHY REPENTANCE  
MATTERS** NEH 9:38-10:38



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# WHAT IS YOUR NEXT STEP?

THIS GOSPEL QR IS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE FAITH QUESTIONS

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RESPONSE, QUESTIONS, PRAYER REQUESTS

I AM A ...

☐ Guest

☐ Regular Attender

☐ Member

TODAY I ...

☐ decided to follow Jesus!

☐ am interested in baptism.

☐ am interested in serving.

☐ am interested in joining a group.

☐ am interested in becoming a member.

☐ am celebrating the salvation of a friend!



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☐ am celebrating the salvation of a friend!

☐ becoming a member.

COMPLETE THIS CARD ONLINE



# DO YOU NEED PRAYER?

WE ARE AVAILABLE TO PRAY WITH YOU  
NEAR THE PLATFORM AFTER EACH  
SERVICE.

PRAYER TEAM PLEASE  
COME TO THE FRONT

