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You're invited to celebrate
Easter with Branch Life!

**SATURDAY
OR SUNDAY**

You'll experience a
welcoming atmosphere
and a powerful message
of hope for the whole
family.

We can't wait to see you
this Easter!



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MARKS OF 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.

TURNING FROM SIN AND SELF

THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH



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

Because of all this **we make a
firm covenant...**

**NEH
9:38**





**REPENTANCE MEANS TO TURN
FROM SELF AND SIN TO A NEW
COVENANT WITH GOD**

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SOME THINK A COVENANT IS LIKE A CONTRACT, WHERE TWO PARTIES SIGN ON THE DOTTED LINE AND GET REWARDS FOR DOING THEIR PART. HOWEVER, **A COVENANT IS THE BINDING PROCESS TIEING MAN TOGETHER WITH GOD** MUCH LIKE WEDDING VOWS BIND TOGETHER THE BRIDE AND GROOM.





A COVENANT IS A BINDING OATH

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OUR CHURCH COVENANT

HAVING BEEN BROUGHT TOGETHER BY GOD THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST AS LORD AND SAVIOR WITH A MUTUAL **DESIRE TO DEEPEN OUR FAITH AND REACH**

OUR WORLD, WE, AS A LOCAL CHURCH OF BAPTIZED BELIEVERS, JOYFULLY **MAKE THIS COVENANT WITH ONE ANOTHER.**

WE PURPOSE TO KEEP THE GOSPEL AT THE CENTER OF OUR LIVES; TO WALK DAILY IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT; TO SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES REGULARLY AND FOLLOW ITS TRUTHS; TO SEEK THE SALVATION OF THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW CHRIST BY **PRAYING FOR** THEM, **INVESTING IN** THOSE RELATIONSHIPS AND **INVITING THEM** TO FOLLOW JESUS.

WE PURPOSE TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER, TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER AND WHEN THE NEED ARISES TO FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER QUICKLY AS WE **STRIVE FOR UNITY IN OUR CHURCH BODY**; TO PRAY FAITHFULLY FOR THE BUILDING UP OF OUR CHURCH AS **WE LOVE GOD WHOLLY AND OUR NEIGHBORS FULLY...**

OUR CHURCH COVENANT

TO THESE ENDS WE PURPOSE TO **CONSIDER OUR LOCAL CHURCH AS**
--- **ESSENTIAL** TO OUR INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY LIVES; TO PRAY FOR, ENCOURAGE
AND SUBMIT TO OUR CHURCH LEADERSHIP; TO **PARTICIPATE WEEKLY IN OUR**
WORSHIP GATHERINGS WHEN NOT PROVIDENTIALLY HINDERED; TO **GIVE**
GENEROUSLY TO OUR CHURCH'S MINISTRY, VISION AND MISSION AS GOD
ENABLES AND DIRECTS; TO GUARD OUR REPUTATION WITH OTHERS; TO
LOVINGLY SERVE OUR COMMUNITY; AND TO USE OUR GOD GIVEN GIFTS
AND TALENTS TO FURTHER **OUR MISSION OF MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES,**
LEADERS AND CHURCHES FOR THE GLORY OF GOD.

**WE GLADLY MAKE THIS COVENANT TOGETHER WITH HUMBLE
DEPENDENCE ON GOD'S POWER TO CARRY IT OUT.**



WE ARE A CHURCH

FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

FOR EACH OTHER

FOR THE WIDER CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

FOR THE POTTSTOWN COMMUNITIES

FOR THE PHILADELPHIA AREA AND

FOR OUR WORLD

JOHN 3:16



"WE ALL ARE **COVENANT BREAKERS** BUT GOD IS THE **COVENANT MAKER** INSTITUTING THE **NEW COVENANT** AT THE LAST SUPPER AND SEALING IT WITH HIS BLOOD".

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HAVE YOU ASKED JESUS TO SAVE YOU?

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

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**WHAT NEW COVENANT SHOULD WE
MAKE AFTER TURNING FROM SIN?**

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we make a firm covenant...

...to walk in God's Law that was given by Moses the servant of God, and **to observe and do all the commandments** of the LORD our Lord **and his rules and his statutes.**

**NEH
10:29**




**"ONE ACT OF OBEDIENCE IS
BETTER THAN ONE HUNDRED
SERMONS."**

- DIETRICH BONHOEFFER





OBEDIENCE IS A RELATIONSHIP BINDER

- ✓ **WITH THE PERSON OF GOD**
ALLOWS GOD TO SHAPE YOUR HEART - 1 JOHN 5:3-5
 - ✓ **WITH THE WORD OF GOD**
ALLOWS THE BIBLE TO SHAPE YOUR CHOICES - JOHN 15
 - ✓ **WITH OUR GOD GIVEN AUTHORITY**
ALLOWS PARENTS, PASTORS, AND LEADERS TO GUIDE YOUR SEASONS OF LIFE - ROMANS 13:1
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This **is love for God: to keep his commands.** And his commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

1 JN
5:3-5



we make a firm covenant...

We also take on ourselves the obligation **to give ...** for the **service of the house of our God...and for all the work of the house of our God.**

NEH
10:32-34



We obligate ourselves to bring the **firstfruits** of our ground and the **firstfruits** of all fruit of every tree, year by year, to the house of the LORD.

NEH
10:35



WAYS WE HONOR GOD WITH YOUR FIRSTFRUITS

GIVE GOD YOUR
BEST TIME

GIVE GOD YOUR
BEST WORK

GIVE GOD YOUR
BEST TALENTS



GIVE GOD YOUR
BEST ATTENTION

GIVE GOD YOUR
BEST INVESTMENT

GIVE GOD YOUR
BEST PEOPLE

**PROV 3:9 - HONOR THE LORD WITH YOUR WEALTH AND
WITH THE BEST PART OF EVERYTHING YOU PRODUCE.**

MARKS OF TURNING TOWARD

A NEW COVENANT

We will once more covenant with you to obey you and follow your Word and believe your gospel." **Covenant with God anew today.**

OBEY & GIVE

These were are outward sign of one's inward condition that demonstrated the sincerity of one's commitment to God.

see LUKE 15:11-32



REPENTANCE

ARE YOU RUNNING TOWARD GOD?

HOME GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

TEXTS: NEH 9:38 - 10:38 & LUKE 15:11-32

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A COVENANT AND A CONTRACT?

WHY ARE OBEDIENCE AND GENEROSITY NECESSARY PARTS OF REPENTANCE ?

WHY IS OBEDIENCE SO HARD?

DOES GOD GET YOUR FIRSTFRUITS?

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CHURCH COVENANT** SLIDE #9 & 10

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FORGET
TO CHECK IN
EACH WEEK**



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SCANNING THE QR HELPS US

WHAT IS YOUR NEXT STEP?

THIS GOSPEL QR IS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE FAITH QUESTIONS

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NAME

EMAIL

PHONE

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.

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DO YOU NEED PRAYER?

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

PRAYER TEAM PLEASE
COME TO THE FRONT



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