

REBUILDING FROM THE RUBBLE*

Nehemiah 9:1-37

Rebuilding always involves ______.

Brokenness always has ______.

Restoration always requires ______.

Lessons:

- 1) True confession requires ______.
- 2) Pursuing ______has real risks.
- 3) Sincere _____ prevents a multitude of sins.

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REALife Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or REALife Group.

- 1. Read Nehemiah 9:1-5. Notice the extent to which people go to express their sorrow over sin. Have you ever gone to these extremes in confession?
- 2. The history of Israel teaches us many things about God's nature and character. Read 9:5-37 and make note of these characteristics.
- 3. How did times of prosperity and times of hardship affect the spiritual responsiveness of Israel? How much does prosperity play a role in your daily life?
- 4. Would you consider yourself a thankful person? How do you demonstrate this? What specific steps will you take to open this area?

Memory Verse: "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." Nehemiah 9:6