

Title: **Retry**
Text: **Nehemiah 13**
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Big Idea

The story of our lives doesn't have to be filled with just failures and mistakes, but can be filled with redemption, forgiveness and hope in Jesus as we persevere in keeping our eyes and hearts fixed on Him!

Israel's C_____ (S_____)

1. N_____ the H_____ of God (vv. 4-7, 10)
(cf. Nehemiah 10:32-39, Haggai 1:4)

Not g_____ to God what b_____ to God

2. B_____ the S_____ (vv. 15-16)
(cf. Nehemiah 10:31, Exodus 31:14-15, Jeremiah 17:21-23)

Not t_____ God's p_____ in rest & worship

3. I_____ with F_____ (vv. 1b-2, 23-24)
(cf. Nehemiah 10:30, 1 Kings 11:1-2, 2 Corinthians 6:14-18)

Not being f_____ to God

Nehemiah's R_____

1. S_____ Up (R_____) (vv. 11, 17, 25)
(cf. Hebrews 12:5-8, Luke 11:37-52, Matthew 18:15-16)

2. Took A_____ (vv. 8-9, 13, 19-22, 25, 28)
(cf. John 2:13-16, Romans 5:8)

3. P_____ (vv. 14, 22b, 29, 31b)
(cf. Romans 8:34, 1 John 2:1, Hebrews 7:25, Luke 22:31-34)



Reflection Questions

- As you reflect on the past months/year, what are some areas (church, work, home) where you have, currently are, or might be tempted to compromise (to sin) as you follow Jesus? Why?
- Are there areas where you need to take drastic action -- or pray about -- in dealing with certain areas of sin? What might it look like? Is there someone you know that you can encourage (or perhaps even confront or be in prayer for) in their walk with Jesus?
- In what areas of your life do you need to be reminded of the Gospel and the power of Jesus to redeem and transform you? Who are some people around you who you need to be reminded that they are not a "finished product" but a, "work in progress"?

Parent Corner: What are some ways you can encourage, teach, be an example to your children what it looks like to persevere in dependence on Jesus despite setbacks?

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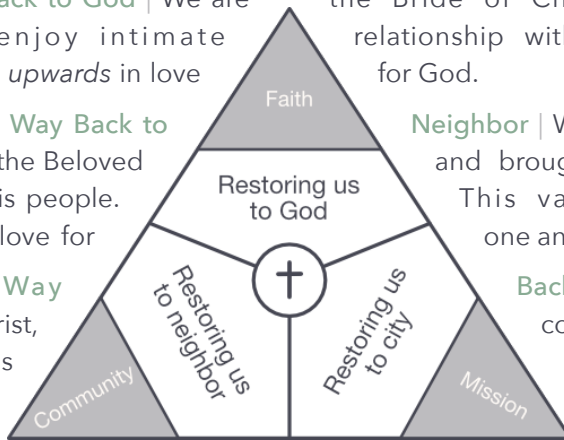
the Bride of Christ, created and relationship with him. This value for God.

COMMUNITY: The Way Back to Christ, adopted in the Beloved relationship with his people. church *inwards* in love for

Neighbor | We are the Family of and brought into covenantal This value presses our one another.

MISSION: The Way the Embassy of Christ, Savior to be his value presses our in love for the

Back to City | We are commissioned by the ambassadors. This church *outwards* unbelieving.



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Welcome to Mercy Hill Church.
We are so glad you've joined us today!

Announcement Spotlight

Week of Prayer!

The church is always called to be praying and seeking God together, but sometimes it is good to set aside special time to do so. That's what we have made a habit of doing during the first week of every new year. This year the first Sunday in January is the 7th, so our Week of Prayer will span from January 7th to the 14th. More information is coming soon, but please mark your calendars and plan to dive into this with us. We're excited to see what our God will do!

For more information, feel free to contact us at info@mercyhillchurch.org.

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