



Rebuild Our City: Dealing With Success

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The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold, but people are tested by their praise. Proverbs 27:21 (NIV)

Failure is our common problem.

They refused to listen and failed to remember the miracles You performed among them. They became stiff-necked and in their rebellion appointed a leader in order to return to their slavery. Nehemiah 9:17a (NIV)

Forgiveness our greatest provision.

But You are a forgiving God, gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. Nehemiah 9:17b (NIV)

Faithfulness is our abundant promise.

But in Your great mercy You did not put an end to them or abandon them, for You are a gracious and merciful God. Nehemiah 9:31 (NIV)

Following is our natural priority.

We promise... Nehemiah 10:30 (NIV) We assume the responsibility... Nehemiah 10:32 (NIV)
We also assume responsibility... Nehemiah 10:35 (NIV)

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. How were you taught as a child to deal with failure? What is your emotional reaction when you fail, in relationships, in workplace, or in personal values?
2. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 1 John 1.8. What makes it hard to admit our own personal sin?
3. Recall for yourself (or share in your group) ways in which you have seen God's faithfulness to you?
4. As you rebuild your "new normal", what commitments ("binding agreements") are you wanting to make a part of your life?