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ANOTHER BRICK IN THE WALL - NEHEMIAH CHAPTER 9 - LIFE APPLICATION

(The chapters in Nehemiah are quite long but do need to be read as a whole or they lose their narrative)

LAUNCH

'Sackcloth and ashes' and 'Eating humble pie' both describe situations where we mess up and have to admit our fault. When was the last time you messed up (even on a small scale) and how did you handle this?

'Those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it.' How does this quote apply to this chapter?

DISCOVERY & UNDERSTANDING

Why did the Israelites fast, wear sackcloth and have ashes on their head?

Which of these actions are appropriate today and why?

What wickedness of their fathers were the people repenting?

What is the point in doing this when surely we should be confessing our own sins?

For 3-4 hours the people read the book of the law which then clearly led to conviction of sin. God's word does this. When was the last time the bible spoke to you about an area of your life that needed changing?

What do we learn about the attributes of man from this passage?

Do you personally identify with any of these?

What do we learn about the attributes of God?

Describe ways in which you have experienced these.

When did the Israelites have problems with disobedience?

Do the same principles apply today?

APPLICATION

Spend a bit of time quietly confessing your sin.

Like a yoyo the people of God were either moving up towards him or down and away from him. Pray for one another that the Holy Spirit is moving your yoyo in the right direction.

[Please take time to pray for our Addiction Recovery Group. Many are struggling with very strong addictions. Please pray that God rescues them and gives them the power to resist future temptations.]

Some questions taken from the web site: [growing disciples.org](http://growingdisciples.org)