



# Worship Team Lunch- all are welcome

- **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month**
- Light Lunch and fellowship
- Collaborate and pray
  
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month**
- Lunch and youth band rehearsal in preparation for leading worship 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday.

December

- Special Music- all are welcome to rehearse two choral songs after service next week. Stay for soup, rehearse 12-12:45. Carols will be a part of worship service Dec 11<sup>th</sup>.



Meet next door

# KIDS

CHURCH

**Ages 4 to 3rd Grade**

# NEHEMIAH

The background of the image shows the ruins of an ancient stone wall, likely the walls of Jerusalem. The stones are dark and weathered, with some sections appearing to be reconstructed or restored. The sky is a clear, light blue.

*Rebuild + Restore*

**Key Truth #1:**

We can only love God  
when we love him fully.

No one can serve two masters.

Either you will hate the one and love the other,  
or you will be devoted to the one and despise  
the other. You cannot serve both God and money

– *Jesus in Matthew 6:24*



**Key Truth #2:**

You can have faith,  
or you can have control.

But, you can't have both.

– *Craig Groeschel*

“That men do not learn very much from the lessons of history is the most important of all the lessons that history has to teach”

– *Aldous Huxley*

“Those who do not remember  
the past are condemned to relive it”

– *George Santayana*







## Nehemiah 9:5-19

“Stand up and praise the LORD your God, who is from everlasting to everlasting.”

“Blessed be your glorious name, and may it be exalted above all blessing and praise. <sup>6</sup> You alone are the LORD. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host,

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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. <sup>7</sup> “You are the LORD God, who chose Abram and brought him out of Ur of the Chaldeans and named him Abraham.

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<sup>8</sup> You found his heart faithful to you, and you made a covenant with him to give to his descendants the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Jebusites and Girgashites. You have kept your promise because you are righteous.



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<sup>9</sup> “You saw the suffering of our ancestors in Egypt; you heard their cry at the Red Sea. <sup>10</sup> You sent signs and wonders against Pharaoh, against all his officials and all the people of his land, for you knew how arrogantly the Egyptians treated them.

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You made a name for yourself, which remains to this day. <sup>11</sup> You divided the sea before them, so that they passed through it on dry ground, but you hurled their pursuers into the depths, like a stone into mighty waters.

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<sup>12</sup> By day you led them with a pillar of cloud, and by night with a pillar of fire to give them light on the way they were to take. <sup>13</sup> “You came down on Mount Sinai; you spoke to them from heaven. You gave them regulations and laws that are just and right,



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and decrees and commands that are good. <sup>14</sup> You made known to them your holy Sabbath and gave them commands, decrees and laws through your servant Moses. <sup>15</sup> In their hunger you gave them bread from heaven and in their thirst you brought them water from the rock;

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you told them to go in and take possession of the land you had sworn with uplifted hand to give them.

<sup>16</sup> “But they, our ancestors, became arrogant and stiff-necked, and they did not obey your commands.

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<sup>17</sup> 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. But you are a forgiving God, gracious and compassionate,



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slow to anger and abounding in love.

Therefore you did not desert them,

<sup>18</sup> even when they cast for themselves an image of a calf and said, 'This is your god, who brought you up out of Egypt,' or when they committed awful blasphemies.

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<sup>19</sup> “Because of your great compassion you did not abandon them in the wilderness.

## MAIN IDEA:

We grow in faith and love for God when we realize he is the only one worthy of our faith and love.



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- 2) The faithfulness of God and the fickleness of man
- 3) The wisdom of God and the foolishness of man

“In our worship, it’s wise to begin with the greatness of God. If we focus too much on what He gives or what we want him to do, we may find our hearts becoming selfish. Sincere worship honors God in spite of circumstances or feelings or desires.”

– *Warren Wiersbe*

## Romans 2:3-4

So when you, a mere human being, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment?

<sup>4</sup> Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?







# ADVENT CONSPIRACY

