

DAY 10: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

AND THE COVENANT WHICH I HAVE MADE ON EARTH, LET IT ALSO BE MADE IN HEAVEN. AMEN

Covenants are binding and lasting. They formalize an agreement that may seem like the conclusion of a task, but in truth, it only marks the beginning of a new journey. The Bible contains many examples of covenants, but one that relates to our time of prayer and fasting together is found in Nehemiah 9.

The book of Nehemiah takes place after the Babylonian exile when the Jews were allowed to return to Jerusalem. Nehemiah led efforts to rebuild the city walls and restore the community. Chapter 9 describes the ratification of a covenant. The people gather for a day of fasting and confession, recounting God's faithfulness throughout their history. They acknowledge their ancestors' disobedience and the consequences that followed, recognizing God's mercy despite their repeated unfaithfulness. At this point, they transition from confession to action, making a covenant to recommit themselves.

Read all of Nehemiah 9 to see the power of covenantal renewal as a community.

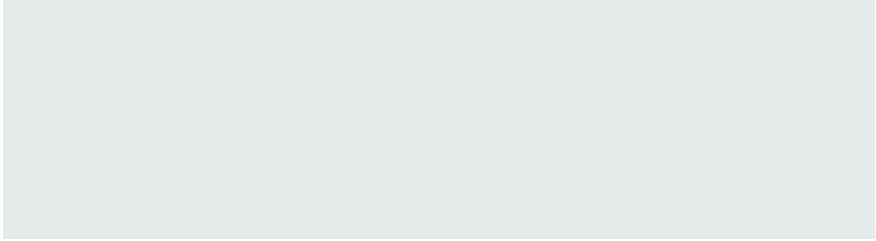
During this 10 Days of Prayer and Fasting, we have engaged in a similar process. We committed to fasting for the sake of repentance, looked back on past events to remind ourselves of God's faithfulness, and acknowledged our own disobedience. Now, it's time for us to turn from confession to action and ask the Holy Spirit to transform us for the continued journey.

I pray this has been an enriching time for you. I can't wait to see how God continues to move in your life in 2025.

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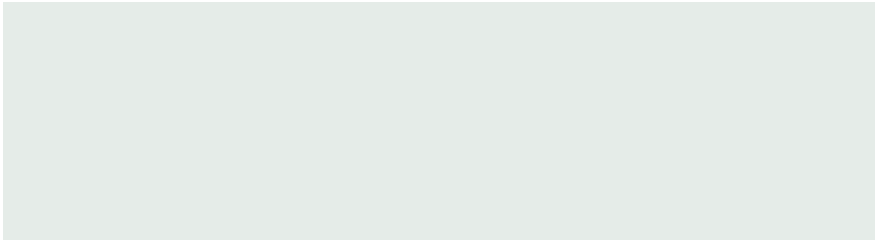
PAUSE

Take a moment to sit in silence, centering yourself in God's presence. As you quiet your mind, reflect on this question: Am I prepared to enter into a covenant with God?



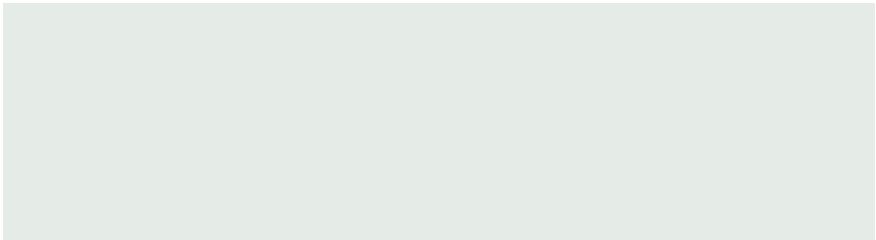
REJOICE

Where have you seen God's faithfulness in your life? Write down some examples and thank God for His faithfulness.



ASK

Pray for the strength to transform your "confession into action." Consider: How can I respond to God's faithfulness by becoming a more devoted follower of Jesus? Ask, "Help me Holy Spirit."



YIELD

As we conclude our prayer, remember that "Amen" means "so be it." It's the seal of our commitment. Pray: "Lord, may these 10 days of prayer and fasting be sealed with our heartfelt 'Amen.' Let your will be done in our lives as we've dedicated this time to You."