

THE MARKS OF A REAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

4When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven. 5Then I said:

“O Lord, God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commands, 6let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel. I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father’s house, have committed against you. 7We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses.

8Remember the instruction you gave your servant Moses, saying, ‘If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations, 9but if you return to me and obey my commands, then even if your exiled people are at the farthest horizon, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place I have chosen as a dwelling for my Name.’

10“They are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great strength and your mighty hand. 11O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man.”

I was cupbearer to the king.

Nehemiah 1:4-11 (NIV)

For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to him.

2 Chronicles 16:9 (NKJV) **I MUST KEEP MY FOCUS ON THE REALITY OF GOD.**

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TRUTH: You can always tell how serious people are about the reality of God by the seriousness of their prayers!

Reality 1: Our God is a God of incredible power!

“O Lord, God of heaven, the great and awesome God . . .” Nehemiah 1:5 (NIV)

**Reality 2: Our God is a God of _____
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“O Lord, God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and obey his commands. Nehemiah 1:5 (NIV)

I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father’s house, have committed against you. We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses. Nehemiah 1:6 (NIV)

TRUTH: Where there is a breakdown in _____ there will be a breakdown

in the _____ .
I confess the sins we Israelites . . . have committed . . .
Nehemiah 1:6 (NIV)

TRUTH: The _____ of a culture is tied directly to the _____ of God’s people.

For the time has come for judgment, and it must begin first among God’s own children. 1 Peter 4:17 (NLT)

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TRUTH: If you really want to be part of the _____, you must understand your own _____ to the problem.

“If my people, my God-defined people, respond by humbling themselves, praying, seeking my presence, and turning their backs on their wicked lives, I’ll be there ready for you. I’ll listen from heaven, forgive their sins, and restore their land to health.”
2 Chronicles 7:14 (MES)

Remember the instructions you gave your servant Moses, saying, “If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations, but if you return to me and obey my commands, then even if your exiled people are at the farthest horizon, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place I have chosen as a dwelling for my Name.” Nehemiah 1:8-9 (NIV)

The Lord will be with you and help you as long as you obey and worship him. But if you disobey him, he will desert you. 2 Chronicles 15:2 (CEV)

“Return to me,” declares the Lord Almighty, “and I will return to you.” Zechariah 1:3 (NIV)