

OVERCOMING COMPLACENCY

BIG IDEA

The difference between “success that leads to failure” and “success that leads to more success” is **chosen dependence** on God after the crisis.

OPENER

What do you consider some of your greatest successes?

Think of a time when you have experienced a crisis. Briefly share why and how you turned to God.

When blessing came, the people of God faced a choice between complacency or dependency. How does this relate to your life right now?

SCRIPTURE

Read aloud Nehemiah 9 & 10:28-39. These verses show us that Nehemiah was aware of Israel’s failure to stay faithful to God; however, Nehemiah also provides a plan for lifelong faithfulness to God and thus success!

QUESTIONS

1. How do you identify sin in your life?
2. What habit might you need to prioritize in your life? Or what habit might you need to eliminate?
3. To remain obedient and dependent on God what steps can you take when the crisis has passed?
4. Have you made a binding agreement that you belong to God and your life will follow His plan?
5. How do you demonstrate your heart is captured by God?

Nehemiah’s legacy is the result of a life that obeyed God – no matter the consequences. Are you building a similar legacy?

TAKEAWAY

How to avoid the common cycle of success leading to complacency:

Step 1: REPENT from the ways other than God’s ways.

Step 2: REORGANIZE your ongoing lifestyle habits.

Step 3: RESOLVE to remain humbly dependent on God when blessing and comfort follow obedience.

REFERENCES

- Nehemiah Chapters 9 and 10
- 2 Corinthians 7:10a
- 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Jeremiah 17:9
- Proverbs 14:12
- 1 Peter 3:10-12