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Our journey with Nehemiah has been a journey toward renewal. A journey toward revival. What started with a people that were troubled and disgraced and a city with broken walls and burned gates, has come through trials and opposition to a place of commitment to God and his house. And the lesson as we strive to live this renewed, revived life is this:

What you do on a regular basis will determine what you become!

Within this binding agreement, they made promises to God to basically live life as God intended. This renewal was going to show most prominently in three areas of environments of their lives.

1. Renewal at Home

vs. 30 - "We promise not to give our daughters in marriage to the peoples around us or take their daughters for our sons."

2. Renewal at Work

Vs. 31, "When the neighboring peoples bring merchandise or grain to sell on the Sabbath, we will not buy from them on the Sabbath or on any holy day. Every seventh year we will forgo working the land and will cancel all debts."

"For the Christian, it may be said that every act of his life is or can be as truly sacred as prayer or baptism or the Lord's supper. To say this is not to bring all acts down to one dead-level; it is rather to lift every act up into a living Kingdom and turn the whole life into a sacrament...It is not what man does that determines whether his work is sacred or secular, it is why he does it. The motive is everything. Let man sanctify the Lord God in his heart and he can thereafter do no common act." - A.W. Tozer

3. Renewal at Church

Vs 39, "We will not neglect the house of our God."

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