



**Renewal – Life Lessons From Nehemiah, #8**  
**Continuing – Neh. 13**  
**By Louie Marsh, 11-1-2020**

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**NEHEMIAH DIDN'T QUIT!**

**Three Ways To Last In Ministry:**

**1) \_\_\_\_\_ who I'm really serving.**

*“<sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.” (Hebrews 12:2, ESV)*

*Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we're in. Study how he did it. Because he never lost sight of where he was headed—that exhilarating finish in and with God—he could put up with anything along the way: cross, shame, whatever. And now he's there, in the place of honor, right alongside God.  
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**LIVE FOR AN AUDIENCE OF \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_**

**Not Jesus \_\_\_\_\_**

**2) \_\_\_\_\_ my past.**

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**How Can I Forget?**

- \_\_\_\_\_ on Christ's work on the cross.

*“<sup>13</sup>And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.” (Colossians 2:13–14, ESV)*

- \_\_\_\_\_ His Forgiveness and let go of my past.

*“<sup>43</sup>To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” (Acts 10:43, ESV)*

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*We pray that you'll have the strength to stick it out over the long haul—not the grim strength of gritting your teeth but the glory-strength God gives. It is strength that endures the unendurable and spills over into joy, Colossians 1:11 (MSG)*



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