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**Nehemiah 1:3** **MSG** *“The exile survivors who are left there in the province are in bad shape. Conditions are appalling. The wall of Jerusalem is still rubble; the city gates are still cinders."*

**It has been 13 years since Ezra led the 2nd group of exiles back.**

* **Zerubbabel had led the 1st group of exiles back 538 BC,** **(Ezra 1:1, 1st year of King Cyrus)**
* **Artaxerxes became king in 465 BC Esther became his queen.**
* **Ezra had led the 2nd group of exiles back 458 BC (Ezra 7:7 arrived in Jer. the 7th year of King Artaxerxes)**
* **It is now the 20th year of King Artaxerxes. 445 BC**

**Trauma therapist Dr. H. Norman Wright speaking on Focus on the Family.**

***“We are all in the same boat. We are not all in the same storm. For some people, it’s sprinkling. This is a break. It’s a breather. It’s a rest, a pause, a time to reconnect with their families. Honestly, it’s kind of peaceful. But for some others, it’s a storm. It’s a bit scary. It’s disruptive. For some, it’s a hurricane. It’s tearing at boards. It’s pulling off roofs. It’s washing them out to sea.***

***It’s not wrong to be enjoying a sprinkle or enduring a storm. But please don’t negate the difference. Rest with your family, but don’t minimize the hurricane engulfing your neighbor. Laugh when you can but get on your knees for your friends.”***

**Nehemiah 1:5-6** *Then I said: “LORD, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, 6 let 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.*

**LORD is the Hebrew word, *Jehovah*- The Self-Existent One, who never changes, whose promises never fail, He is faithful to all generations.**

**God is the Hebrew word, *Elohim*-The All-Powerful God of the universe, Creator of heaven and earth, who is worthy of all reverence**.

**Has God spoken to you about repairing something?**

**What have you been called to repair?**

* **Fire safety – Stop, Drop, and Roll**
* **Spiritual safety – Stop, Drop, and Pray!!!!**