



## “Breaking Free From Failure!”

Despite incredible evidence of the favor of God on the Israelites' return to Jerusalem in Nehemiah's time, it wasn't long before they began to act rebelliously toward God. (Neh. 13:4-5)

The natural inclination in all of our lives is to move away from the core of our faith. Don't be deceived about this!

Four Core Practices to “break free from failure”:

1. Honor Christ (Heb. 13:8, Heb. 12:2, Phil. 2:12-13)
2. Honor content (2Tim. 3:16, Prov. 4:6, 2Tim. 4:2)
3. Honor community (Acts 4:32-33, Rom. 12:9-10)
4. Honor cause (Matt. 28:19, 2Tim. 4:6-8)

Embrace these four core practices in both good and bad times and you'll be most likely to “stand firm” in your faith!

### Small Group or Personal Reflection Questions

1. Why do you feel the people acted rashly and turned from God as soon as Nehemiah left the city of Jerusalem?
2. Why was Nehemiah so decisive in his response to the situation? (Neh. 13:8-9)
3. Which of the four “core practices” do you most need to attend to in this season of your life?
4. Do you think you are vulnerable to “drifting” in your faith? Why or why not?