

Victory Connect Lesson
Nehemiah Series: The Power to Pivot
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- 5. From criticism to construction.** [Neh 2:19-20]
- 6. From isolation to community.** [Neh 3] [Ecc 4:9 KJV] 9 Two [are] better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour.
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- 8. From sadness and weeping to joy and rejoicing.** [Neh 8:9-10 KJV] 9This day [is] holy unto the LORD your God; mourn not, nor weep. For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law. 10 Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for [this] day [is] holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

Discussion Questions:

1. Where are you in your pivot from fear to faith?
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