

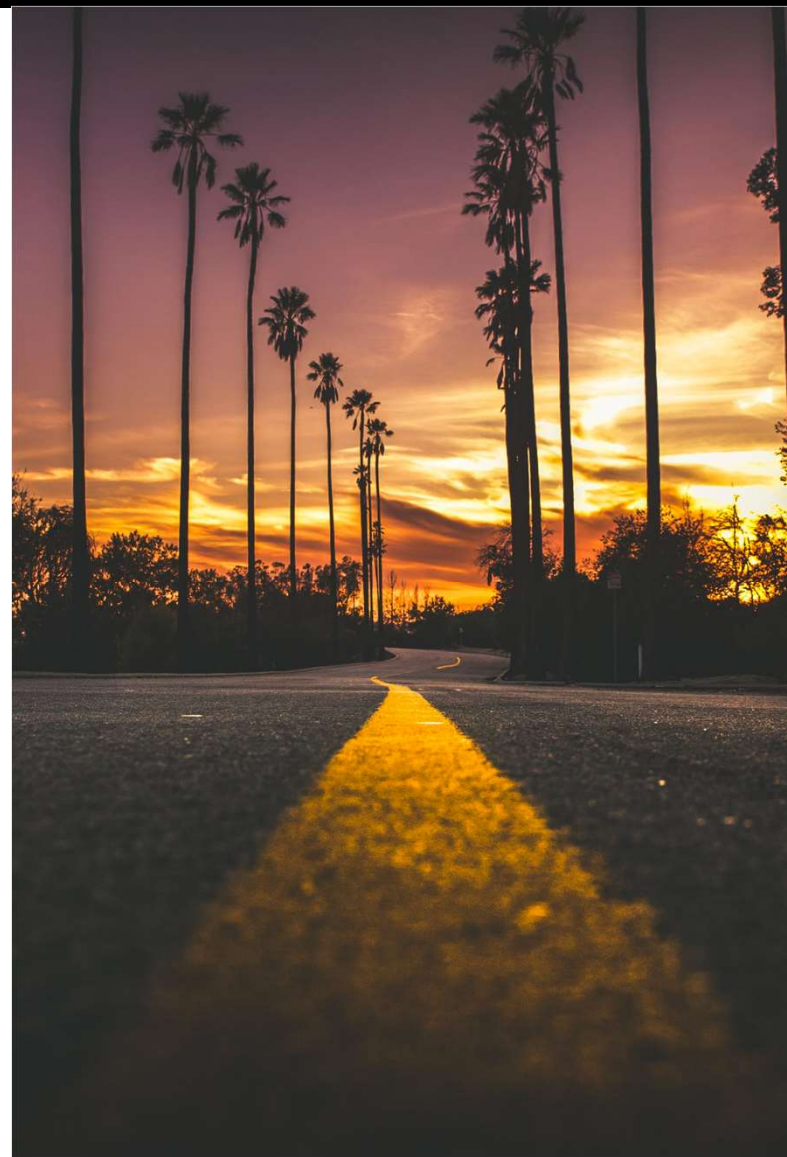
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¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,
¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is
named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he
may grant you to be strengthened with power
through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ
may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you,
being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have
strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the
breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to
know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:14-19





²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21

The words of Nehemiah son of Hacaliah. In the month of Chislev, in the twentieth year, while I was in Susa the capital, ² one of my brothers, Hanani, came with certain men from Judah; and I asked them about the Jews that survived, those who had escaped the captivity, and about Jerusalem. ³ They replied, “The survivors there in the province who escaped captivity are in great trouble and shame; the wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been destroyed by fire.” ⁴ When I heard these words I sat down and wept, and mourned for days, fasting and praying before the God of heaven.

Nehemiah 1:1-4

⁵ I said, “O Lord God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments; ⁶ let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel, confessing the sins of the people of Israel, which we have sinned against you. Both I and my family have sinned. ⁷ We have offended you deeply, failing to keep the commandments, the statutes, and the ordinances that you commanded your servant Moses.


Nehemiah 1:5-7



⁸ Remember the word that you commanded your servant Moses, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples; ⁹ but if you return to me and keep my commandments and do them, though your outcasts are under the farthest skies, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place at which I have chosen to establish my name.' ¹⁰ They are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great power and your strong hand. ¹¹ O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give success to your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man!"

At the time, I was cupbearer to the king.

Nehemiah 1:8-11

A photograph of a desert landscape featuring rolling sand dunes under a clear blue sky. The dunes are a warm, golden-brown color, and the sky is a deep, clear blue. The text is centered in the upper half of the image.

*"Seeking to forget makes exile all the longer;
the secret of redemption lies in remembrance."*

Baal Shem Tov

What message do you think is important to give the next generation based on your experience in the internment camps?

“Love one another, even the enemy. Love that is beautiful, relational, inclusive, and practical is needed in a world where the rich are becoming richer and the poor aren’t making it.”

Reverend Paul Nagano

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