



Renewal – Life Lessons From Nehemiah
Conviction – Neh. 1
 By Louie Marsh, 9-13-2020

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2) I _____ through conviction.

And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: John 16:8 (ESV)

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“Remember the instruction you gave your servant Moses, saying, ‘If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations, but if you return to me and obey my commands, then even if your exiled people are at the farthest horizon, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place I have chosen as a dwelling for my Name.’ Nehemiah 1:8-9 (NIV)

- **I depend on God to do _____.**

“They are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great strength and your mighty hand. O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man.” ... Nehemiah 1:10-11 (NIV)

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