January 13 & 14, 2017

"Making My List and Checking It Twice" Judges 16, Nehemiah 9

Message by Steve Fowler Worship led by Jeff Brown

Music:

How Great Thou Art	Cornerstone	Ever Be
All the Poor and Powerless	Come to the Alter	O Praise the Name

Sometime later Samson fell in love with a woman named Delilah, who lived in the valley of Sorek. The rulers of the Philistines went to her and said, "Entice Samson to tell you what makes him so strong and how he can be overpowered and tied up securely. Then each of us will give you 1,100 pieces of silver." So, Delilah said to Samson, "Please tell me what makes you so strong and what it would take to tie you up securely." — Judges 16:4-5

Make a searching and fearless moral inventory of myself.

On October 31 the people assembled again, and this time they fasted and dressed in burlap and sprinkled dust on their heads. Those of Israelite descent separated themselves from all foreigners as they confessed their own sins and the sins of their ancestors. They remained standing in place for three hours while the Book of the Law of the Lord their God was read aloud to them. Then for three more hours they confessed their sins and worshiped the Lord their God. — Nehemiah 9:1-3

God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the Day of Judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world. Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love. — 1 John 4:16-18

How can I know all the sins lurking in my heart? Cleanse me from these hidden faults. Keep your servant from deliberate sins! Don't let them control me. Then I will be free of guilt and innocent of great sin. — Psalm 19:12-13

What's it like to have me as your husband?

What's it like to have me as your Mom?

What's it like to have me as your _____?

I admit to God, to myself, and to another human being the exact nature of my wrongs.

When I refused to confess my sin, my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long. Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on me. My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat. Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the Lord." And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone.

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. — James 5:16

I am entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

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What's it like to have me as your _____?