



*Being salt and light wherever He leads*

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**The Importance of the Covenant**

Nehemiah 10

**Where we live**

Many people think everything is open to \_\_\_\_\_, even their relationship with God.

**Where the text lives**

The wall is secured, the Word read, and the people have repented.

**What the text says**

There are no \_\_\_\_\_ covenants with God.

A covenant with God means no \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ covenants with anyone else.

Keeping a covenant with God in a fallen world will \_\_\_\_\_ the faithful.

A covenant with God means we will not \_\_\_\_\_ His house and those who serve there.

**Our response**

God, thank You for Your \_\_\_\_\_ when we break our covenant and for the \_\_\_\_\_ to seek forgiveness and reconciliation.

*As members of Wai'alaie Baptist Church, we subscribe to the following covenant:*

*Having received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and been baptized and being in general agreement with Wai'alaie Baptist Church's statement of mission of the church, vision statement, core activities, and statement of faith, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Wai'alaie Baptist Church family. In so doing, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following as enabled by the Spirit:*

- *Live my life under the Lordship of Jesus Christ in Christian community with my brothers and sisters in Christ at this church*
- *Accept the Word of God as the authority in all areas of my life and study it regularly and faithfully with pastors and teachers at the church and on my own*
- *Follow the senior pastor and others in church leadership as they are led by the Holy Spirit and the teachings of the Word of God*
- *Be equipped for service by the church leadership for ministry in the church*
- *Serve in the church in a role appropriate to my gifting and maturity and in accordance with the teaching in the Bible and leadership of the church*
- *Be diligent to maintain the unity of the church through loving each other in a spirit of grace and humility always looking to serve, honor, forgive, and reconcile with one another*
- *Support the ministries and activities of the church through faithful giving, regular attendance, and full participation.*

*This covenant is a sacred promise made between the members of this church and myself to be united as one body in Christ. Should I believe that God is leading me to leave this church, I will make every effort to seek the counsel of the senior pastor before deciding to do so and if I leave, I will look to join with another church of like faith as soon as possible.*