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Home of the Brave
Part 2—When a Nation Honors God
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1. Have you ever been to Washington D.C.? What do you remember about our nation's capital?
2. Do you have a relative that has served in a war? How do you remember them and others who have served in the military?
3. Do you feel strongly that you have a dual citizenship in America and in the Kingdom of God? Would you say your primary allegiance is to the Kingdom of God and if so, how is that manifested? Do you have any problem doing patriotic songs in church? Do you think some are more appropriate than others in a church setting?
4. How do you show love to those who don't believe like you do?
5. Have you experienced or seen repetition in unhealthy or sinful behavior. Why is it so hard to break free and move forward to more abundant living?
6. Do you love to celebrate during the WHFC singing segment of worship? What else do the songs move you to do?
7. In Nehemiah 13 we find the Israelites have already strayed from doing right. Do you think all the Israelites even wanted to be God's obedient children? Do all Christians want to be led by God?
8. Nehemiah 13:25 says, "I (Nehemiah) rebuked them and called curses down on them. I beat some of the men and pulled out their hair."
 - *Why would Nehemiah react in such a way?
 - *Can you imagine that he did these things?
 - *What would you have thought?
 - *What did Ted say the application was? (**An example of passion for and commitment to the Lord.**)
 - *How do you respond when people let you down?
9. C.S Lewis wrote that the love of country "becomes a demon when it becomes a god." Does that make sense to you?
10. How does worship prepare you for difficult tasks? How does it prepare our hearts to endure or persevere? How does it help us celebrate victory?
11. Nehemiah ends with this verse: "Remember me with favor, my God."
 - *Do you desire his favor above any others?
 - *Do you think to pray this? Have you felt his favor? In what way?