

Revive Devotional – Week of May 23

Rebuilding

Subtitle: **Remembering, Repentance, and Recommitment**

Hi Revive Family,

Jumping into our devotional for this week, we are continuing our rebuilding series based off of the book of Nehemiah. And this week we will be going over Nehemiah 7-10. So these chapters can be broken down into three R's (shoutout to Michael for coming up with this): remembering, repentance, recommitment. So it starts off:

Timeline

- Wall is finished
- God put it in Nehemiah's heart to create a registry of everyone
- 7th month came and Israelites had settled into town by this point
- Remember: they gathered together to read the Law, Bowed and worshiped God. They remembered their history together.
- Repentance: They were convicted of their sins and began to weep. But Nehemiah says to not grieve but to Celebrate with great joy. And so they Confessed their sins and celebrated.
- Recommitment: They Recommitted to the Lord

Reflection of the Word:

Nehemiah 8:8-12

8 They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear[a] and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read. 9 Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, "This day is holy to the Lord your God. Do not mourn or weep." For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law. 10 Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." 11 The Levites calmed all the people, saying, "Be still, for this is a holy day. Do not grieve." 12 Then all the people went away to eat and drink, to send portions of food and to celebrate with great joy, because they now understood the words that had been made known to them.

My observations:

They recognize how good God is and They realize how they have turned away from God. through the remembering that they are convicted of their sins.

Their sorrow over their sin is overpowering the joy of God's work → "joy of the Lord is your strength" Though we are made aware of our downfalls we walk in joy because God is doing a great work in us. Instead of focusing on the mountain focus on God before us.

Nehemiah 8:8-12

Reading Notes & Observations:

Questions:

Key Verses or Phrases:

Application:

- Close your eyes and spend a few moments to reflect on your situation. Is there a mountain you're facing/have you faced?
- Look back- what were some mountains that you previously faced? How did God bring you through?
- Looking at your mountain again: What are some truths about God that you need to remember?
- What are some truths about you/your story that you need to remember?

Encourage you to say these things out loud. Through declarations- physical action brings spiritual release.