



BEULAH FIRST BAPTIST

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Focus: Nehemiah - Rebuilding with God

Week 6: Revival Through The Word

Text-Nehemiah 7-8

Introduction: By chapter 7, the walls of Jerusalem were complete. But Nehemiah knew that strong walls could not guarantee strong faith. The people needed more than protection. The people needed **revival**. True revival begins when God's people gather around His Word, allow it to convict them, receive its joy, and walk in obedience.

Key Scriptures:

- **Nehemiah 8:1** – *“All the people came together as one... They told Ezra to bring out the Book of the Law.”*
- **Nehemiah 8:3** – *“He read it aloud from daybreak till noon... and all the people listened attentively.”*
- **Nehemiah 8:8** – *“They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so the people understood.”*
- **Nehemiah 8:10** – *“Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”*

1. The People Gathered Around the Word (Nehemiah 8:1–3)

- Men, women, and children stood together for hours to hear the Book of the Law.
- They hungered for the Word more than comfort.
- **Matthew 4:4** — *“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”*
- **Application for Today:** Do we approach God's Word with the same hunger and expectation? Revival begins with a desire to hear from God that is stronger than our desire for convenience.

2. The Word Was Explained Clearly (Nehemiah 8:7–8)

- Ezra read it, and the Levites explained it so everyone understood.
- Hearing without understanding cannot transform lives.
- **Romans 10:17** — *“Faith comes by hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.”*

- **Application for Today:** We must value clear teaching and preaching that makes God's Word accessible. Parents, leaders, and disciples all have a responsibility to make the Word plain for those they influence.

3. The People Were Convicted by the Word (Nehemiah 8:9)

- As they understood, they wept over their sin.
- Conviction is painful but necessary for revival.
- **Hebrews 4:12** — *"The word of God is living and active...sharper than any two-edged sword."*
- **Application for Today:** Conviction is God's invitation to return to Him. When His Word exposes sin in our lives, we must not resist but respond with repentance and humility.

4. The People Rejoiced in the Word (Nehemiah 8:10–12)

- Nehemiah: *"Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."*
- God doesn't convict to crush but to restore with joy.
- **Key Cross-References:**
 - **John 15:11** — *"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you."*
 - **Philippians 4:4** — *"Rejoice in the Lord always."*
- **Application for Today:** The strength we need for life does not come from our paycheck, position, or personality. It comes from the joy of the Lord. Revival is marked by a deep, abiding joy that circumstances cannot steal.

5. The People Obeyed the Word (Nehemiah 8:13–18)

- They rediscovered and celebrated the Feast of Booths.
- Revival is proven in obedience, not just emotion.
- **James 1:22** — *"Do not merely listen to the word...do what it says."*
- **Application for Today:** True revival is proven by obedience. When we hear the Word, we must put it into practice. It has to be in our families, our finances, our relationships, and our church life.

Reflection & Discussion

- Where do you see a hunger for God's Word in your life?
- When has God's Word convicted you, and how did you respond?
- What does it mean for you personally to live in "the joy of the Lord"?
- How is God calling Beulah to not only hear but obey His Word together?