

# the RESTORATION MAN

A series in the Old Testament  
book of Nehemiah



## What is the series about?

Nehemiah is a man in the Old Testament book of the Bible who is responsible for looking after King Artaxerxes - particularly serving Him wine. While doing this job he finds out that the temple walls in his hometown of Jerusalem have been destroyed and he leads the project of rebuilding them. Nehemiah's restoring work was but a shadow of the greater and final restoring work that Jesus did through his life, death, resurrection and ascension.

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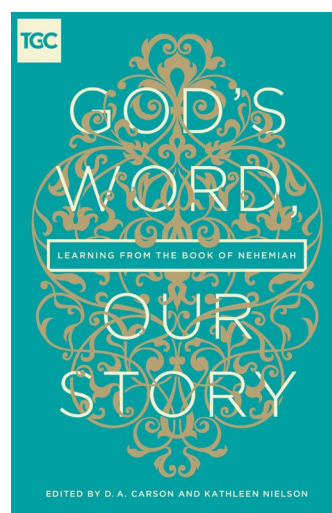
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## Recommended Reading

**God's Word, Our Story**

D.A. Carson & Kathleen Nielson





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## Title: The Joy of the Lord is Your Strength

Speaker: Goff Hope (City Centre & Mile Cross) Bible Ref: Nehemiah ch.8

### Overview

**Time to Stop:** Been busy building dawn to dusk. Busy can be good but we need to stop. God gave Sabbath. This was a 'God moment'. No one told them, God was working, drawing them.

**Gathering together as one:** An important moment, community is heart of God's plans for us. We're a Body, need every part. We're warned not to neglect gathering together Heb 10:25

**Priority of God's Word:** They told Ezra to read the Law! (Torah, 1st 5 books). We also need God's Word, to hear him. It's to our gain: 2 Tim 3:16, *strengthens, sets free, builds our faith*. Yes it convicts us, exposes sin, but that's only half the story, it's to comfort us, bring us joy!

**Fulfilment of God's word:** 300yrs later, Jesus stood on same spot, as same festival & said: *Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink...* John 7:37 Read on!

### Questions to help your group understand the truth preached

On Sundays we hear God's word preached and as we listen well we trust that God is changing us in the moment. Use these questions to further explore the truth that was taught.

1. This was a pivotal point, God does that – what God moments have you had in your life?
2. Verse 12 says that they celebrated, were glad, because they understood the words they had heard. We all need revelation, the Spirit's help to really 'get' the Gospel, God's grace. Have you really 'got' the Gospel? PS There's always more to discover!
3. Jesus came to fulfil all Scripture. We see that here, because 300 years Jesus stood in same place, during same festival in same month and declared... "Anyone thirsty, come to me." How does that strengthen your faith in the Bible?

### Questions to help your group apply the truth preached

When applied, God's Word will enable us to love God and to love others. These questions will help your group apply the truth understood in a way that leads to transformed lives.

1. Imagine missing this moment... could have big consequences. Gathering as one on Sundays & at Life Group is important. How big a priority is it for you?
2. Where we go when we're weary & empty really matters – Where might you be tempted to 'go'? Surfing the net? Comfort eating / drinking? Do you know your vulnerabilities?
3. Do you prioritise stopping and reading your Bible regularly, in a planned way?

### Questions to help your group dig deeper

Having understood the truth preached, and explored how it can be applied to your lives why not dig a little deeper and ask your group the following questions:

1. What does this passage say to us about the way we should approach the Bible?
2. In what ways do you think Jesus fulfills this passage?
3. What does this passage teach us about repentance?