

Sermon Discussion Questions: Rebuild and Revive | Desire
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1. What has the Lord been saying to you through this series? Do you believe you are in need of a revival or spiritual awakening?
2. What are the most popular desires of someone in America today.
3. Read Matthew 13 and the Parable of the Sower or soils
Talk about the 4 soils. Talk about how the Word is lost, stolen, or fruitless? Has this ever happened to you?
4. Stewarding our desires takes courage, tenacity, and will. As Pastor describe the people in Nehemiah doing this, what were your thoughts about your own desires?
5. Read Nehemiah Chapter 9.1-3. What do you observe?
6. Why did they stand and listen to the reading of the Law? What was the results of this?
7. Pastor said their desires changed because of 5 things. Review and talk about each one.

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2. They were exposed to the Word of God

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3. They responded in humility, James 4:6–10
They humbled themselves to listen (8.7)

4. They repented of sin (9:1-3).
Confessed sins, theirs and their fathers

5. They worshipped the Lord (9. 3)
 - Recounting his power and goodness in their lives, and history.
 - Restoring their commitment

Are any of these absent in your life?

How would you like your desires to change?

Can you do more of these for a while and see your desires change?

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About Nehemiah

Chapter 9.1-3 (NASB) onscreen

We need to steward our desires.

Jesus told a parable about this

Matthew 13:18–23

By the road- Devil steals the Word (doesn't understand)

Rocky soil- Joy, but no roots, and when hard times come because of their faith they forsake the Word

Thorny soil- Sorry of the world, deceitfulness of riches, choke it and no fruit

Good Soil-Bring forth fruit – 100-60-30 fold

If we do not control/manage/direct our desires we will fall deeply away from the Lord.

If you do nothing to guide your desires to the Lord, you will have nothing when it comes to spiritual fruit.

James 1:14–15 (ESV) — 14 but each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. 15

Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

How did Israel, turn their desires to the Lord for a spiritual awakening/revival?

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They humbled themselves to listen (8.7) they were emotionally moved. (8.9) they wept.

Humility is a key ingredient can transform our desires and our focus.

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