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Renewal Amongst the Ruins

CALL TO WORSHIP

“The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; 8 the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

-Psalm 19:7-8

Nehemiah 7:73b-8:18

73b And when the seventh month had come, the people of Israel were in their towns.

8:1 And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the Lord had commanded Israel. 2 So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. 3 And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.

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his right hand, and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah,
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all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood.
6 And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen,
Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord
with their faces to the ground. 7 Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub,
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9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites
who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do
not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. 10 Then
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13 On the second day the heads of fathers' houses of all the people, with the priests and
the Levites, came together to Ezra the scribe in order to study the words of the Law.
14 And they found it written in the Law that the Lord had commanded by Moses that
the people of Israel should dwell in booths during the feast of the seventh month, 15 and
that they should proclaim it and publish it in all their towns and in Jerusalem, "Go out
to the hills and bring branches of olive, wild olive, myrtle, palm, and other leafy trees to
make booths, as it is written." 16 So the people went out and brought them and made
booths for themselves, each on his roof, and in their courts and in the courts of the house
of God, and in the square at the Water Gate and in the square at the Gate of Ephraim.

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17 And all the assembly of those who had returned from the captivity made booths and lived in the booths, for from the days of Jeshua the son of Nun to that day the people of Israel had not done so. And there was very great rejoicing. 18 And day by day, from the first day to the last day, he read from the Book of the Law of God. They kept the feast seven days, and on the eighth day there was a solemn assembly, according to the rule.

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73b And when the seventh month had come, the people of Israel were in their towns.

East Side of Jerusalem;
Most likely here over Temple
due to amount of people

United around the Word

8:1 And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate.

Returned 13 years ago (Ez. 7:10)

The Pentateuch (first 5 books of the Bible)

And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the Lord

(or given)

had commanded Israel.

Spiritual decay doesn't necessarily show up as open rebellion, but rather in quiet indifference to the Word of God.

2. Renewal is Stewarded Through Regarding & Understanding God's Word (8:2–8)

Hours long event

3 And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning

Deut. 31:13 (i.e. Kids)

until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could

Not apathetic, but locked in

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Engaging with the Text & Exposition

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Renewed hearts regard God's Word

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Renewal is not rooted in simply hearing, but also understanding

Could mean translating Text to Aramaic

The purpose of Biblical exposition

"For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God." -Acts 20:27

4. Renewal Restores Joy in the Lord (8:10–12, 17–18)

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portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do

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Strength= God saving; God protecting; God renewing

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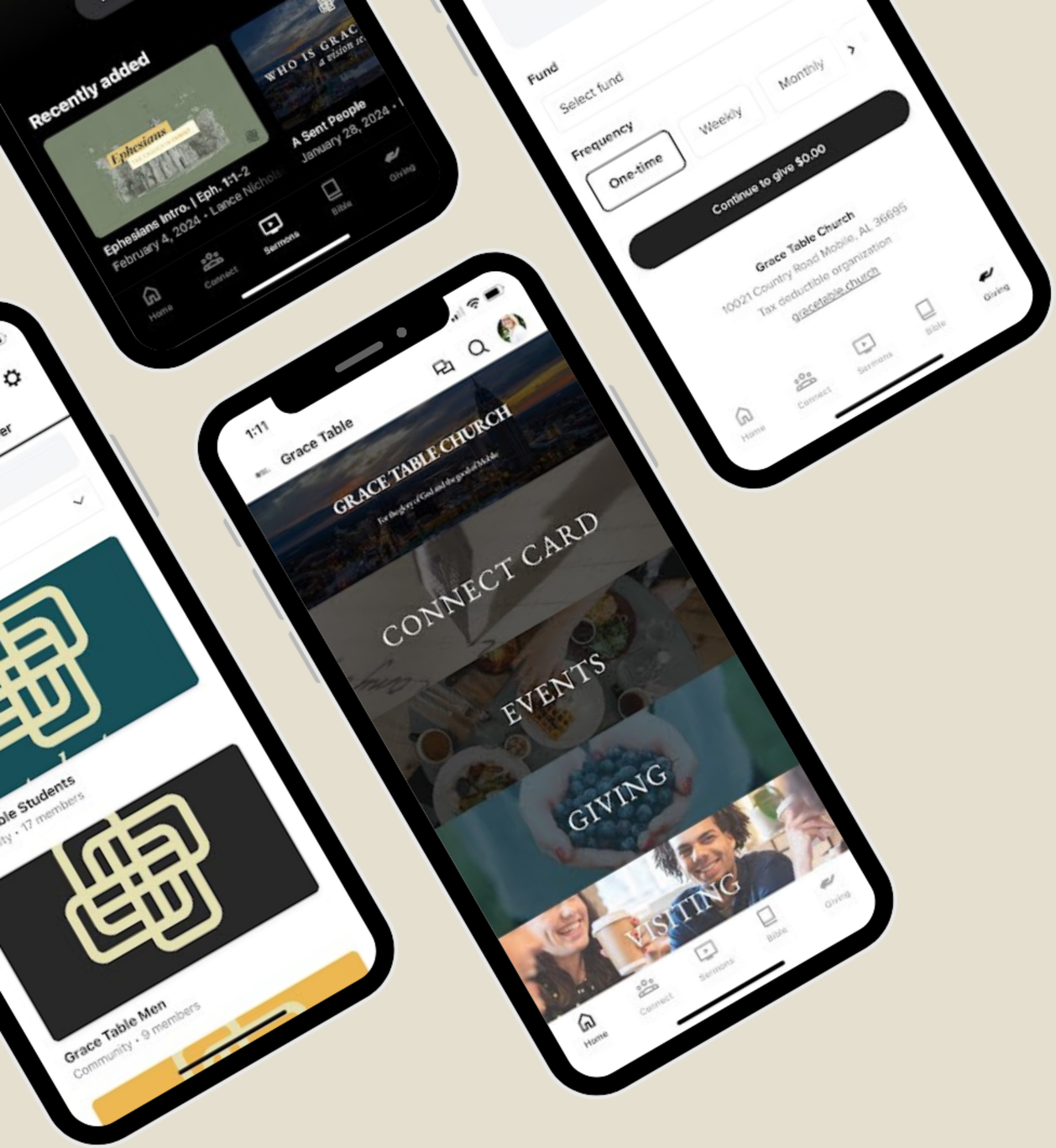

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