

## A Recommitted People

### *Nehemiah 8-10 & 12*

In the story of Nehemiah, God's people are in a process of rebuilding the broken-down wall of their city. Because of poor decisions they made and not obeying God, they have been taken over, their city has been destroyed and they are in captivity.

Right now, as a country we are in the process of rebuilding the walls of our faith, and I believe we are poised to see revival like we have never seen before in our lifetime.

### Revival

- People are coming to Christ
- Young people are stepping up to take on the torch of Charlie Kirk. Applications though TP USA has drastically increased with around 120,000 inquiries or applications to start a chapter at their school
- Churches across the country are seeing significant increases in attendance.
- Early church father, Tertullian said in 197AD said, "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church."

When Satan tries to shut up or shut down something that is so clearly of God, it only grows and intensifies. 2,000 years ago, Satan tried to shut up and shut down the movement Jesus started, but it grew and intensified through His disciples, and here we are 2,000 years later. This is our slice of history, and we get to choose what we do with it. God is giving us a chance to be who He has called us to be.

The question isn't just "What will WE do with it?" The question is "What will I do with it?"

### 1. Committed To the Word of God

**Nehemiah 8:1-8 (NLT)** - <sup>1</sup>all the people assembled with a unified purpose at the square just inside the Water Gate. They asked Ezra the scribe to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had given for Israel to obey.<sup>2</sup> So on October 8 Ezra the priest brought the Book of the Law before the assembly, which included the men and women and all the children old enough to understand. <sup>3</sup>He faced the square just inside the Water Gate from early morning until noon and read aloud to everyone who could understand. All the people listened closely to the Book of the Law. <sup>4</sup>Ezra the scribe stood on a high wooden platform that had been made for the occasion. To his right stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiyah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah. To his left stood Pedaiah, Mishael, Malkijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam. <sup>5</sup>Ezra stood on the platform in full view of all the people. When they saw him open the book, they all rose to their feet.<sup>6</sup> Then Ezra praised the LORD, the great God, and all the people chanted, "Amen! Amen!" as they lifted their hands. Then they bowed down and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.<sup>7</sup> The Levites—Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, and Pelaiah—then instructed the people in the Law while everyone remained in their places. <sup>8</sup>They read from the Book of the Law of God and clearly explained the meaning of what was being read, helping the people understand each passage.

The people committed themselves to knowing, understanding and applying God's word to their lives.

**2 Timothy 3:16 (NLT) ; Psalm 119:105 (NLT)**

### 2. Committed to Repentance

**Nehemiah 9:1-3 (NLT)** - On October 31 the people assembled again, and this time they fasted and dressed in burlap and sprinkled dust on their heads. <sup>2</sup>Those of Israelite descent separated themselves from all foreigners as they confessed their own sins and the sins of their ancestors. <sup>3</sup>They remained standing in place for three

hours while the Book of the Law of the LORD their God was read aloud to them. Then for three more hours they confessed their sins and worshiped the LORD their God.

Revival does not start “out there” revival starts “in here”

**Acts 2:28 (NIV)** - <sup>38</sup> Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**2 Chronicles 7:14 (NLT)** - <sup>14</sup> Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.

### 3. Committed to Prayer

**Nehemiah 9:5-6 (NLT)** - <sup>5</sup> Then the leaders of the Levites...called out to the people: “Stand up and praise the LORD your God, for he lives from everlasting to everlasting!” Then they prayed: “May your glorious name be praised! May it be exalted above all blessing and praise!”<sup>6</sup> “You alone are the LORD. You made the skies and the heavens and all the stars. You made the earth and the seas and everything in them. You preserve them all, and the angels of heaven worship you.

When we face opposition, we pray.

When we need help, we pray.

When things are going well, we pray.

When we are in the middle of revival, we pray

**Philippians 4:6 (NLT)** - <sup>6</sup> Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.

### 4. Committed to Worship

**Nehemiah 12:27-43 (NLT)** - <sup>27</sup> For the dedication of the new wall of Jerusalem, the Levites throughout the land were asked to come to Jerusalem to assist in the ceremonies. They were to take part in the joyous occasion with their songs of thanksgiving and with the music of cymbals, harps, and lyres. . . .<sup>31</sup> I led the leaders of Judah to the top of the wall and organized two large choirs to give thanks. One of the choirs proceeded southward along the top of the wall to the Dung Gate. <sup>36</sup>They used the musical instruments prescribed by David, the man of God. Ezra the scribe led this procession.<sup>37</sup>At the Fountain Gate they went straight up the steps on the ascent of the city wall toward the City of David. They passed the house of David and then proceeded to the Water Gate on the east. <sup>38</sup>The second choir giving thanks went northward around the other way to meet them. I followed them, together with the other half of the people, along the top of the wall past the Tower of the Ovens to the Broad Wall, <sup>39</sup>then past the Ephraim Gate to the Old City Gate, past the Fish Gate and the Tower of Hananel, and on to the Tower of the Hundred. Then we continued on to the Sheep Gate and stopped at the Guard Gate. <sup>40</sup>The two choirs that were giving thanks then proceeded to the Temple of God, where they took their places. So did I, together with the group of leaders who were with me . . . <sup>42</sup>They played and sang loudly under the direction of Jezrahiah the choir director. <sup>43</sup>Many sacrifices were offered on that joyous day, for God had given the people cause for great joy. The women and children also participated in the celebration, and the joy of the people of Jerusalem could be heard far away.

