

Sunday, February 12, 2023



## ***“Comeback Time”*** ***Nehemiah 8:1-18***

What’s the greatest comeback story you know? Have you ever had a comeback moment in your life? What happened?

*Nehemiah chapters 8,9,10* are pivotal in the history of God’s people. They are now back in their homeland. The temple has been built, the Law recovered, city is safe and it is time to move forward. These chapters’ highlight what was important for them in this moment of their history.

Skim *chapters 8, 9, 10*. What words, phrases, verses stand out to you?

We use the word, “comeback” in culture to mark a significant turning point. God would use the word, “revival,” and in *Nehemiah 8,9* we are given the outline of what marks Biblical revival.

Revival is marked by moving from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Read *Nehemiah 1:1,2*. In your mind, what were the Jews giving up in order to come to Jerusalem to meet with Ezra? What am I willing to give up to place myself in the position of hearing from God?

Revival is marked by a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to God’s Word.

Read *Nehemiah 8:2,3*.

How did the people respond to the reading of God’s word? How do I respond?

Read 2 Timothy 3:16,17. Do I live with the belief that when I read scripture I am hearing the very words of God himself? What would be different if I did?

Revival is marked by life changing \_\_\_\_\_.

Read *Nehemiah 8:5,6*.

How do I approach worship? Where is my heart and my mind before, during and after a time of worship?

Am I conscious of the truth that worship brings me into the presence of God? \_\_\_\_\_

Revival is marked by \_\_\_\_\_.

Read *Nehemiah 8:9-12*

How much joy were the people of God told to show because of what was happening? \_\_\_\_\_

Am I known as a person of joy because of my relationship with God? What can change?

Revival is marked by \_\_\_\_\_.

Read *Nehemiah 8:18*. How much of my life is marked by life altering prayer?

Do I pray as if I expect God is listening, and answering?

Comebacks, revivals start with a step into a relationship with Jesus which changes you, and in turn changes others around us.

Next Week: “God, Can I Have a Pony?”