

Revival Or Survival
Sermon Outline — Nehemiah 10-12
Sermon Series: Nehemiah > Repair, Rebuild & Restore
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- + *Philippians 4:4*, “Be cheerful with joyous celebration in every season of life. Let joy overflow . . .” (TPT).
- + *Nehemiah 12:43*, “And on that day they offered great sacrifices and rejoiced because God had given them great joy, even the women and children rejoiced, so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard from afar” (NASB).

Couple of Truths About A Revival

1. A revival is a _____ in a believer's life which produces both _____ confession of sin and _____ obedience to the Word of God — The Bible.
2. The result of revival is an inward _____ and outward _____ that desires to bring glory and pleasure to God that undeniably impacts one's personal _____ and _____.
3. You cannot _____ for a revival; you can only _____ for it.

- + *Psalms 85:6*, “Won't You revive us again, so Your people can rejoice in You?” (NLT).

How Would We Here At Southside Know That Revival Is Taking Place Here?

1. We have rededicated our lives to _____.

- + *Nehemiah 9:38*, *Because of all this we make a firm covenant in writing; on the sealed document are the names*” (ESV).

- The word used here for “covenant” is the Hebrew word [אִמְנָה, amanah] and this word always refers to the covenant God made to _____ some 1,000 years earlier.

- + *Nehemiah 10:1*, “On the seals are the names of Nehemiah the governor, the son of Hacaliah . . .” (ESV).

- + *Nehemiah 10:28-29*, “Then the rest of the people—the priests, Levites, gatekeepers, singers, Temple servants, and all who had separated themselves from the pagan people of the land in order to obey the Law of God, together with their wives, sons, daughters, and all who were old enough to understand—²⁹joined their leaders and bound themselves with an oath. They swore a curse on themselves if they failed to obey the Law of God as issued by His servant Moses. They solemnly promised to carefully follow all the commands, regulations, and decrees of the Lord our Lord” (NLT).

- + *Colossians 3:16a*, “Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom . . .” (NASB).

- The word translated as “dwell” is the Greek New Testament word [ἐνοικέω, enoiketo] and it means “to take up _____.” In other words, Paul is exhorting the believer to let the Word of God make a _____ in your heart.
- The word translated as “richly” is the Greek New Testament word [πλουσίως, plousios] and it means “to have an abundance, to have an overflow, and too be extravagant.”

- + *Nehemiah 10:29b*, “We will] observe all the commandments of GOD our Lord and His ordinances and His statutes” (NASB).

2. We have rededicated our personal family and personal lives to _____.

- + *Nehemiah 10:30*, “We promise not to let our daughters marry the pagan people of the land, and not to let our sons marry their daughters” (NLT).

- + *2 Corinthians 6:14-15*, “Do not under any circumstance become yoked or bound to an unbeliever as one of your most important relationships. It is like giving a venomous viper to a child to play. You would never do that because child will get bitten. Light and darkness are never partners because light always,

always dispels darkness. ¹⁵Do you ever see Christ partnering with the devil? Never. So, don't even go there at all" (KSV).

+ 2 Corinthians 6:14, "Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers" (NKJV).

+ 2 Corinthians 14:16-17a, "And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them, And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people." ¹⁷Therefore "Come out from among them, And be separate, says the Lord" (NKJV).

+ Matthew 5:13-16, Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. ¹⁴"You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. ¹⁵No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father" (NLT).

- One of the reasons revival has been hindered in our generation is because we, as believers, no longer agonize over the issues of _____. We have condemned convictions of holiness as _____ and have become strangely compatible with the world and its lifestyle.

+ 2 Corinthians 16:17a, "Come out from their midst and be separate" (NKJV).

3. We have rededicated our faith in God's _____.

- Providence means that we trust that God, in His omniscience (all-knowing), love, purpose and care, is directing everything in this universe by to His omnipresence (all present) to an ultimate end through His omnipotence (all-powerful).

+ Nehemiah 10:31, "We also promise that if the people of the land should bring any merchandise or grain to be sold on the Sabbath or on any other holy day, we will refuse to buy it. Every seventh year we will let our land rest, and we will cancel all debts owed to us" (NLT).

- The reason for their promise in Nehemiah 10:31 is having heard read to them from God's Old Testament Law — Deuteronomy 15:1-11.

4. We have rededicated our _____ to acknowledge _____.

+ Nehemiah 10:32-33, 39, "In addition, we promise to obey the command to pay the annual Temple tax of one-eighth of an ounce of silver for the care of the Temple of our God. ³³This will provide for the Bread of the Presence; for the regular grain offerings and burnt offerings; for the offerings on the Sabbaths, the new moon celebrations, and the annual festivals; for the holy offerings; and for the sin offerings to make atonement for Israel. It will provide for everything necessary for the work of the Temple of our God . . . ³⁹The people and the Levites must bring these offerings of grain, new wine, and olive oil to the storerooms and place them in the sacred containers near the ministering priests, the gatekeepers, and the singers. We promise together not to neglect the Temple of our God" (NLT).

+ Matthew 6:21, Jesus said, "For your heart will always pursue what you value as your treasure" (TPT).

- Authentic revival will have one primary undeniable outcome: _____!

+ Nehemiah 12:43, "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" (NLT).

+ Psalms 51:12a, David prayed, "Restore to me the joy of Your salvation . . ." (NLT)