

# It's All About Joy

## Nehemiah 8:9-10

Nehemiah was a cupbearer for the king. He had the burden of rebuilding the wall around Jerusalem. He received letters from the king, so that he could secure materials to begin the construction of the wall.

The people began the labor with a sword in one hand and a tool in the other. They faced opposition and threats, while many people tried to deter them from rebuilding the wall. Once it was completed, they called for a time of worship and thanksgiving.

The book of Moses was brought to Ezra, the priest, to read. He stood before the people and read to them, and the people stood as Ezra was reading. The people bowed down and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground and wept as they listened.

Nehemiah told the people not to weep for the day was a holy day, and the joy of the Lord was their strength. This joy that they felt and we also feel is a deep centered joy that God deposits in our hearts because we are redeemed by the blood of the lamb.

This joy is not dependent upon some outer resource or circumstance, but is dependent upon your relationship with Christ Jesus. You should always have a prayer on your lips and a song in your heart.

As we move into 2026, we thank God for bringing us through 2025. We encountered many trials and tribulations, sickness and pain, and lost loved ones, but God has brought us thus far. We are declaring 2026 to be an amazing year with a brand new ministry and a God aligned mindset.

