

NEHEMIAH: ◉◉

REGROUPING

CELEBRATION

## NEHEMIAH 12:43

<sup>43</sup> And on that day they offered great sacrifices, rejoicing because God had given them great joy. The women and children also rejoiced. The sound of rejoicing in Jerusalem could be heard far away.



**Why Celebrate?**

# Why Celebrate?

- Jesus has given us the victory

## NEHEMIAH 6:15–16

<sup>15</sup> So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in fifty-two days. <sup>16</sup> When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God.

## COLOSSIANS 2:15

<sup>15</sup> And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he [Jesus] made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.



A dark wooden door with a vertical metal strip on the right side. The door is slightly ajar, revealing a glimpse of a lighter-colored interior. The lighting is dramatic, with strong shadows and highlights.

**“The best antidote  
to short term discouragement  
is a long term vision”**

**—FORBES**

# Why Celebrate?

- Jesus has given us the victory
- God has given us His word

## NEHEMIAH 8:10

<sup>10</sup> Nehemiah said, “Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

## NEHEMIAH 8:12

<sup>12</sup> Then all the people went away to eat and drink, to send portions of food and to celebrate with great joy, because they now understood the words that had been made known to them.



# Why Celebrate?

- Jesus has given us the victory
- God has given us His word
- **The Holy Spirit has given us a song**

**NEHEMIAH 12:27, 31, 38, 40**

<sup>27</sup> At the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem, the Levites were sought out from where they lived and were brought to Jerusalem to celebrate joyfully the dedication with songs of thanksgiving and with the music of cymbals, harps and lyres.

**NEHEMIAH 12:27, 31, 38, 40**

<sup>31</sup> I had the leaders of Judah go up on top of the wall. I also assigned two large choirs to give thanks. One was to proceed on top of the wall to the right...

**NEHEMIAH 12:27, 31, 38, 40**

<sup>38</sup> The second choir proceeded in the opposite direction. I followed them on top of the wall, together with half the people—past the Tower of the Ovens to the Broad Wall...

**NEHEMIAH 12:27, 31, 38, 40**

<sup>40</sup> The two choirs that gave thanks then took their places in the house of God; so did I, together with half the officials.

## PSALM 40:3

<sup>3</sup> He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him.

## EPHESIANS 5:18–20

<sup>18</sup> Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,  
<sup>19</sup> speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, <sup>20</sup> always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

