

A Time to Celebrate

“Because God is at Work”

“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 8:10

My Father is always at His work to this to this very day, and I too am working. John 5:17

We know God is working behind the scenes. Job 34: 20

1. What are you **building** with your **life**?

Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and do not wipe out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God, and for its services! Spare me according to the greatness of your mercy! Remember me, o my God, for good! 13:14,22,31

2. The **weight** of the word of God shows us our brokenness so we will reach out to the only one that can heal us.

The word of God will always take us from the rubble to revival.

3. The **mercy** of God resuscitated the peoples’ hearts and reminded them that He is the God of another chance.

But you are God, Ready to pardon, Gracious and merciful, Slow to anger. Abundant in kindness, and you did not forsake us. Neh 9:17

4. The apex of our projects, dreams, visions, opportunities, and our lives are simply for the Father to draw **people** to Himself.
5. Don’t allow negative people or circumstances to steal your joy when you lose your joy- you lose your **strength**.

Cheer up, I have overcome the world and deprived it of the power to harm you. John 16:33

*Happiness has its origins in **happenings**. Joy has its origins in **God**.*

Do not be dismayed by the brokenness of the world. Or your own brokenness. All things break. And all things can be mended. Not with time, but with the power of the Cross. So take His power to a broken world that waits in darkness for the light that is in you.

6. The source of anguish can morph into **joy**.

When you see me again, you'll be full of joy, and it will be a joy no one can rob from you. You'll no longer be so full of questions. John 16:20

7. When you **compare** yourself to others, engage in excessive **reasoning**, and hold to ungodly **anger**, you will lose your joy.

We must learn to stop and celebrate every victory because life is full of battles.

God clearly intervened. But nothing supernatural took place. No parting seas. No earthquakes. No plagues, just hard work, good leadership, and the touch of God.

8. Divine intervention, when it is **recognized**, results in authentic worship and unquestioned obedience. Divine intervention, when it is **remembered**, can have the same results.

9. Many sacrifices were offered on that joyous day, for God had given the people cause for great joy. The men, women, and children participated in the celebration, and the joy of the people of Jerusalem could be **heard far away**. 12:43

Celebrating Godly progress should cause us to say, "What God is doing in my life is GOOD. No, it's not finished; He is not done with me. But TODAY, I am declaring that God is faithful, and God will continue to be faithful in every season. And He will CAUSE everything past, present, and future to work for my good I am declaring TODAY; that my BEST is yet to come!"