

# **4 Keys to experiencing- The JOY of the LORD is our STRENGTH**

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As Ezra the priest read the Word of GOD-

- ✓ The people were convicted
- ✓ They wept
- ✓ They had been forgetful

In this context- Nehemiah instructed them-

And Nehemiah continued, “Go and celebrate with a feast of rich foods and sweet drinks, and share gifts of food with people who have nothing prepared. This is a sacred day before our Lord. **Don’t be dejected and sad, for the JOY of the LORD is your STRENGTH!**”

Nehemiah 8:10

Nehemiah invited the people to-

- 1) **REMEMBRANCE-** GOD had commanded HIS people to celebrate in order that they will take time to REMEMBER HIS wonderful deeds in their lives.
- 2) **RENEWAL-** REMEMBRANCE leads to RENEWAL. When I stop & REMEMBER all the LORD has done- I see HIS FAITHFULNESS & am confident that HE holds my FUTURE in HIS hands
- 3) **REJOICING-** REMEMBRANCE leads to RENEWAL and results in REJOICING- I REJOICE in the LORD- HE is FAITHFUL! HE holds my FUTURE in HIS hands.
- 4) **RELIANCE-** REMEMBRANCE leads to RENEWAL and results in REJOICING which in turn causes us to place all our RELIANCE on GOD.

**My joy is not dependent on my Situation but on my SAVIOUR**

**I pray that today will be a day when the Joy of the LORD will be your Strength**