

## Pastoral Notes

“Finding Your Joy”  
Nehemiah 8:9-10.

We have all lost important things in our lives including our joy. Material things can be remade and lost money repaid, but our sermon focused on how we can regain our lost joy.

Many things in life can make you happy but ‘happiness is based

become complacent in your bible reading and time of prayer? Sadly, many Christians do not read the bible and, therefore, do not know how to find joy in all situations (Count it all Joy). But when you read Nehemiah 8:10, you see that ‘the joy of the Lord is your strength’. God helps you find and sustain your joy. Philippians

### Key Sermonic Points

1. *To understand Spiritual Joy, we must open the Bible*
2. *Christians are meant to be REAPERS not Weepers*
3. *The ability to sustain joy comes from & through God*

on what’s happening’. True joy is not based on circumstances but our relationship to God. We must stay connected to God through his Word. The Israelites had lost their connection & their joy. They stopped running to God and ran to the arms of harlots.

Do you run to the arms of God like you once did or have you

4:4 say’s to ‘rejoice in the Lord always’. This means, if we look for Jesus in all circumstances, we can find joy in them.

I encourage you to read your bible and [listen to this week’s sermonic message](#) located in the Media section of this website.

Stay Blessed,  
Pastor Robbie

## Nuggets:

- You must ‘open the book’ (bible) for yourself. Take advantage of church resources & teachers.
- Jesus used the Word to fight his battles (Mt. 4:4)
- When people want to know how you can serve God when all around you is falling apart, tell them “The Joy of the Lord is My Strength”
- God wants us to reap a harvest of his best.
- Where was the last place you remember having your Joy?
- God loves us in spite of us
- Some of life’s trials result from our disobedience to God and him disciplining us to correct us

**2Tim 2:15** “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman who need not be ashamed. Rightly dividing the Word of God”