God's Blueprint For Rebuilding His Church & Your Life "Getting Back To The Book" Nehemiah 8:1-12

Are you a GOOD LISTENER?

WE MUST HAVE COURAGE TO LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD.

Today, we find TWO RESPONSES God's People have when we Truly HEAR God's Word.

To <u>GROW</u> Spiritually, Christians must <u>RESPOND</u> Appropriately to the <u>Authority</u> of <u>Scripture</u> in their lives.

1. <u>EXALT</u> THE LORD THROUGH HIS WORD. (vv.1-8)

- By *Hungering* for God's Word, We *Prove its VALUE*.
- We need to <u>FOCUS</u> OUR ATTENTION on the Word of God.
- We want to Worship God in RESPONSE to Hearing His Word.
- God's Word Should <u>IMPACT</u> How We LIVE.
- When we <u>FOCUS</u> on God's Word our <u>WORSHIP</u> is Changed & our <u>IMPACT</u> is Changed but most of all, GOD is <u>EXALTED</u>.

2. <u>ENJOY LIFE CHANGE THROUGH GOD'S WORD.</u> (vv.9-12)

- We **NEED the CONVICTION** God's Word brings. (Hebrews 4:12)
- It may <u>Break your HEART</u> to know you've <u>Sinned</u> against God. (Psalm 51:4)
- We're Told to MOVE from <u>SORROW</u> to <u>JOY</u>. (Psalm 30:5)
- JOY is the Result of Repentance & the Discovery of God's Grace. (Romans 8:1)
- We need to TELL OTHERS the Reason for our JOY.
- Do you have the COURAGE to HEAR what you Need to Hear?
- God's Word brings <u>LIFE</u> <u>CHANGE</u> along with <u>Genuine</u> <u>JOY</u>.
- When we <u>Embrace</u> God's Word & <u>Obey</u> the Good News it offers, we can <u>LIVE</u> with Absolute Confidence that Heaven is OURS...And so is JOY...for ALL ETERNITY.