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The Feast of Tabernacles / Booths / Sukkot

Nehemiah 8:1-8

In this New Covenant, the Holy Spirit guides us, and a godly Shepherd empowers us in complete dependence upon the Holy Spirit!

Neh. 8:9

*“Sacred day before the Lord.” This day is all about God’s **favor**, not your failure!*

Neh. 8:10

The joy of the Lord is your strength. Strength is not found in your sense of unworthiness.

Religious triggers distract from true relationship.

3 ways of dealing with our failure.

- 1. Religion:** I’m unworthy and believe that my unworthiness will please God. I’m not comfortable rejoicing in the Lord.
- 2. Worldly Culture:** My focus is my happiness. Feeling happy is the only thing that matters. Pride and self-centeredness leave little room for laying down my life for another.
- 3. God’s Culture:** I recognize I have favor because of Jesus. My failure doesn’t change my relationship with God. **Hebrews 11:28-30**

Neh. 8:12-17

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I focus on God’s favor, not my failure.

I am moved by God’s favor, not my failure.

I’m led into relationship because of God’s favor, not as a result of my failure.