

## Nehemiah 8:13-18 (NKJV)

13 Now on the second day the heads of the fathers' houses of all the people, with the priests and Levites, were gathered to Ezra the scribe, in order to understand the words of the Law.

14 And they found written in the Law, which the Lord had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths during the feast of the seventh month,

15 and that they should announce and proclaim in all their cities and in Jerusalem, saying, "Go out to the mountain, and bring olive branches, branches of oil trees, myrtle branches, palm branches, and branches of leafy trees, to make booths, as it is written."

16 Then the people went out and brought them and made themselves booths, each one on the roof of his house, or in their courtyards or the courts of the house of God, and in the open square of the Water Gate and in the open square of the Gate of Ephraim.

17 So the whole assembly of those who had returned from the captivity made booths and sat under the booths; for since the days of Joshua the son of Nun until that day the children of Israel had not done so. And there was very great gladness.

18 Also day by day, from the first day until the last day, he read from the Book of the Law of God. And they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day there was a sacred assembly, according to the prescribed manner.

Deuteronomy 28:15-68

1st Samuel 12:15

2nd Kings 17:7-20

Jeremiah 11:1-3

Nehemiah recognized that the condition of the walls in Jerusalem was more **spiritual** than **structural**.

If we are going to be Culture Changers & Culture Creators, we must seek out the truth of God's Word to **UNDERSTAND** and **OBEY IT.**

# You Heard, Now You Heed

Nehemiah 8:13-18

Culture Changing, Culture Creating  
OBEDIENCE requires...

# **1. COMMITTED LEADERSHIP**

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Leaders must spend more time  
and go deeper.

Culture changing, Culture  
creating obedience will require  
that leaders go first.

## Nehemiah 8:14 (NKJV)

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## HOMEWORK:

As a leader, ask yourself...

**“Where do I go looking for answers and instruction regarding my current season?”**

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## **2. COMPLIANT FOLLOW-SHIP**

Nehemiah 8:15-17

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## Nehemiah 8:16-17a (NKJV)

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It doesn't require everybody to get  
the work done...

But even those who don't put their  
hands to the work sometimes benefit  
from the end result of the work.

When there is a commitment by the people of God to the work and commands of God, we can see a culture changed to the glory of God...

And that could include those who may have started out as either opposed or indifferent!

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# Feast of Booths / Shelters / Tabernacles / Ingathering

Exodus 23:16;

Leviticus 23:33-43;

Numbers 29:12-37;

Deuteronomy 16:13-15

There is **GREAT JOY** in sitting and reflecting (undistracted) on the goodness of God!

### **Homework Assignment #2:**

Make a time to sit down this week, TV off, phone put down, and think about the goodness of God to you!

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### **3. CORRECT SUPERINTENDENCE**

Nehemiah 8:18

*WHAT IS THE AUTHORITY TO WHICH WE SUBMIT?*

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