

## **Dreaming with God Part 6: What Restoration Looks Like Nehemiah 5-7**

**Intro:** God is a God of Restoration. In the Bible we see God

- Restoring wasted years, Restoring life, Restoring health, Restoring joy, Restoring our soul, Restoring strength, Restoring hope, Restoring peace, Restoring what has been take/stolen from someone, Restoring relationships

**So today, let's look at three things that God's restoration brings into our lives:**

### **1. Restoration Bring Freedom Because Jesus Reigns - Nehemiah 5:14-15**

In chapter 5, Nehemiah is made governor of Judah and eases the oppression of the people, just as Jesus reigns and brings us from oppression and into freedom.

1. Jesus frees us from our sin
2. Jesus frees us from the law
3. Jesus frees us from the devil

Jesus has WON THE VICTORY... and because of that you are more than a conqueror over all of your enemies.. You can now REIGN IN LIFE THROUGH Jesus CHRIST.

### **2. Restoration Brings Rest Because the Work is Finished - Nehemiah 6:15-16**

Here in chapter 5, in spite of opposition, the wall was finished in 52 days and the enemies were confounded and the people could finally rest. Restoration brings rest because the work is finished. Jesus invites us to cease our striving and find true rest in Him.

Because of the finished work we can:

- Find rest in God's Peace – Romans 5:1
- Find rest in God's Acceptance – Accepted in the beloved
- Find rest from Punishment – fear has to do with torment (judgement)
- Rest in God's Love – nothing can separate us from the Love of God
- Rest from endless religious works – we don't work FOR
- Rest in Faith – trusting God
- Rest in God's work – the work of God is to believe
- Rest in assurance – your salvation is anchored in Christ's work

### **3. Restoration Brings Identity Because God Brings You Back Home - Nehemiah 7:4-6**

In Nehemiah 7, the returned exiles are named, and God has brought them back home and is restoring their identity. In the garden, we lost our identity, but through the cross, Jesus restored the identity and tells us who we are again!

- You are LOVED BY GOD, You are a CHILD OF GOD, You are FORGIVEN, You are WASHED CLEAN, You are FREE, You are THE TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, You are CO-HEIR WITH CHRIST, You are SET APART, You are A SAINT, You are RIGHTEOUS

It's time to rediscover our God given identity that was RESTORED TO US