

# BEYOND SUNDAY

Built to Worship — 8.10.25

## Joy in Renewal — *Nehemiah 8:13-18* — Jeremiah Campos

After decades in exile, the Israelites were back in Jerusalem—but not just to rebuild walls. God was rebuilding **their hearts**. As they gathered to hear God's Word, something surprising happened: they found a forgotten command about the **Feast of Booths**—a celebration meant to remind them of God's faithfulness during their ancestors' wilderness journey.

Rather than brush it off as outdated, the people **responded immediately and joyfully**. They went out, built shelters, and celebrated for seven days. Scripture says, "*There was very great rejoicing*" (v.17). This wasn't just tradition—it was **renewal**.

1. Is there a spiritual practice or act of obedience you've let fade or forgotten altogether?
2. What's one small step of obedience you could take this week that might lead to joy?
3. How have you seen God use obedience to deepen your relationship with Him—even when it felt small or inconvenient at first?
4. In what ways can you help others (friends, family, or your church community) rediscover forgotten rhythms of faith like the Israelites did?