



Finding Strength In The Scriptures
Nehemiah 8:1-18

“Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways.”
- Psalm 119:37

Big Idea: When God’s Word is central in my life, God’s joy is the strength for my life

How To Center My Life On God’s Word (Nehemiah 8:1-18):

1) Listen Actively (v. 1-8)

“For Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the Lord, and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel.”
– Ezra 7:10

“Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy & the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts.”
-Jeremiah 15:16

2) Seek Understanding (v. 7-18)

Joy Defined: Supernatural delight in the person of God, the purposes of God, the Word of God, and the people of God

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.”
– 2 Timothy 3:16-17

People Who Engage God’s Word 4 Or More Days A Week Are:

- 1) 62% less likely to drink excessively
- 2) 60% less likely to be spiritually stagnant
- 3) 59% less likely to view pornography
- 4) 59% less likely to have sex outside of marriage

- 5) 228% more likely to share their faith
- 6) 231% more likely to disciple others
- 7) 418% more likely to financially give to God's church

How Do I Engage And Seek Understanding Of God's Word?

- 1) What is this passage saying?
- 2) How is the Lord calling me to action and obedience?
- 3) Who do I need to share this with?

3) Respond Faithfully (v. 7-18)

YOU ARE LOVED