Serving *Significantly* **07-03-22**
Part 4 Today's Passage – Nehemiah 8:2-3, 5-6, 9 -12

Wrapped Up in Spiritual Emotions

Through the years we must check from time to time, if we are _____ to spiritual things.

Being sensitive to God's Word,
it's possible to be grieving our sin
and at the same time rejoice over what God is doing.

Two Important Jewish Feasts: *Two Key Celebrations*
Passover (Spring Time) was a new beginning, since Exodus.
Feast of Trumpets (Sept./Oct.) is the start of the Jewish year.
[Rosh Hashanah] = "head" of the year [Yom Kippur] = Day of Atonement

Passover's two focuses:
How the people suffered, and God delivered.

Feast of Trumpet's two focuses:
The _____ of sins and God's restoration.

Why the TEARS ?

***R*ecall their Sins and C_____.** *(Offenses & Tendencies)*

***R*ealize their C_____ mess up life.**

***R*ecognize God's C_____ for them.**
(foreseeing their rebellion)

and when you and your children return to the LORD your God and obey him with all your heart and with all your soul according to everything I command you today, 3 then the LORD your God will restore your fortunes and have compassion on you and gather you again from all the nations where he scattered you. *Deuteronomy 30:2-3*

God desires you, not _____!

Why the CHEERS ?

It was a day(s) to C_____.

They were living in God's promise being C_____.

C_____ the layers of God's plan.

Abraham came from there, Jacob lived there for a time

Current Application:
Are there times of "Collective" Mourning?
Are there times of "Collective" Celebrating?

In our busy lives, when do we
individually or collectively reflect?

Reasons for Reflection:

***R*estore the heat of our Purpose.** *(Don't Quit)*

***R*emember God's _____.** *(Dependence)*

***R*ecall God's power and provision.** *(in hard times)*

***R*eview the stories of God's _____.**
(Don't Forget)

Optional Readings: *(15 chapters)*
Reading the rest of the story ***Nehemiah*** *7-13*
Ezra's story that happened before Nehemiah ***Ezra*** *3-10*