

# LIVING HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

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**SERMON SERIES: RENEW OUR COVENANT**  
Sermon Message: What It Looks Like To Be in a Covenant  
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**Public Reading: Romans 16:17-19**  
**Next Week's Text: Romans 15:22-24**

## WHEN WE LIVE WHAT WE BELIEVE AS A CHURCH...

**WE MAKE SERVING GOD OUR \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Nehemiah 11:1-12:47** (Pew Bible page 406-408)

**WE MAKE "NO COMPROMISE" OUR \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Nehemiah 13:1-14** (Pew Bible page 408-409)

**WE MAKE SIN OUR GREATEST \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Nehemiah 13:15-31** (Pew Bible page 409)

**OUR WAY OF LIFE WILL IMPACT \_\_\_\_\_,**  
**THOSE \_\_\_\_\_,**  
**AND THOSE WHO \_\_\_\_\_.**

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## **A C L O S E R L O O K**

### **N e h e m i a h 1 2 : 2 7 - 4 3**

This passage details the celebration that Nehemiah organized at the dedication ceremony for the rebuilt wall of Jerusalem. Nehemiah wisely led the community toward a recognition of this incredible accomplishment. The focus of the passage is on the joy of the people as they celebrate what God has done in their midst. As such, it provides us with an example of how Christians ought to celebrate being in a covenant relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

When you think of the most joyful moments of your life, what comes to mind?

Why do you think Nehemiah organized this celebration?

Look over the details of this passage (12:27-43). In what ways would this scene be similar to our modern church worship services?

## **L I F E A P P L I C A T I O N**

*And they offered great sacrifices that day and rejoiced, for God had made them rejoice with great joy; the women and children also rejoiced. And the joy of Jerusalem was heard far away.*

*Nehemiah 12:43 ESV*

- 1. What is the significance of the phrase “God had made them rejoice with great joy”?**
- 2. When in your life has God made you rejoice?**
- 3. It is significant that in the midst of their joy, the people of God followed prescribed modes of worship for honoring God by offering sacrifices. How do we express our joy in God today?**
- 4. This scene is not just a celebration of completing the wall. It also commemorates the restoration of this community as the people of God. The people are celebrating & renewing their covenant relationship with God. What does this look like in our lives today? How can we continually remind ourselves of our covenant relationship with God?**
- 5. How is the church covenant significant in helping you understand and enjoy your covenant relationship with God?**