

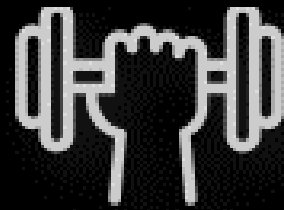
EXTRA STRENGTH

The joy of the Lord is your strength.

Nehemiah 8



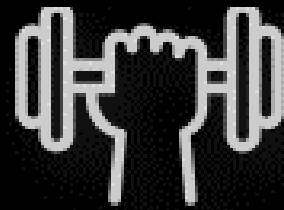
Nehemiah 8:8-11 NIV



They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read. 9 Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, “This day is holy to the LORD your God. Do not mourn or weep.”



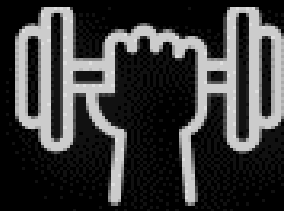
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For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law. Nehemiah said, “Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.” The Levites calmed all the people, saying, “Be still, for this is a holy day. Do not grieve.”



Strength and Joy
IN THE WORD OF THE LORD



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God, making it clear ...***

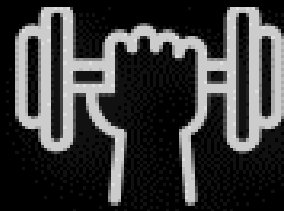
**Ready and Eager to Hear God's Word
Grieved Over Their Sin**

Repentance and Revival

Instructed to Choose Joy



Strength and Joy
IN THE CALL OF THE LORD



***... redeemed by your great strength
and your mighty hand.***

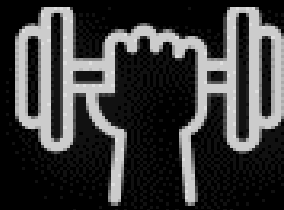
**Our Purpose Rests in God Himself
God Has a Plan for You**

Obedience to God Brings Joy

Joy Comes from Serving the Lord



Strength and Joy IN THE WORK OF THE LORD



The strength of the laborers is giving out

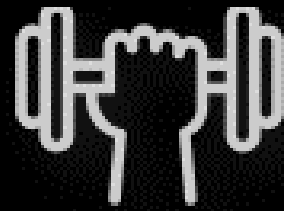
Started in Our Strength
But Completed in His

“Now strengthen my hands.”

He Gives a Surge of Joy
Strength to Finish the Job



***The Joy of the Lord
is your strength***



Joy Gives...

**Strength, Stamina, Wisdom, Guidance,
Perception, Understanding**

**God's Joy is Our Endless Source of
Renewable Energy**