

Nehemiah, Servant to the King: “A Recipe for Radical Revival” (Nehemiah 8)

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B. Bible Teaching Which Leads To Heart-Felt Anguish. (v. 7-8)

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and the Spirit of God and one’s choices
begin to align with the will of God.**

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C. Bible Study Which Leads To Immediate Action. (v. 13-15)

II. Genuine revival results in a transformational submission to God’s Word.

A. Instead of comfort they hungered for the Word of God. (vv. 1-9, 13, 18)

B. Instead of pride they were broken before the Presence of God (vv. 9-12)

1) Conviction for Their Sin. (vv. 9, 11)

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