

Joy to the World!

• 1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re - ceive her
 • 2. Joy to the earth! the Sav - ior reigns; Let men their songs em -
 • 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, Nor thorns in - fest the
 • 4. He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions

King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him room, And
 ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains Re -
 ground; He comes to make His bless - ings flow Far
 prove The glo - ries of His right - eous - ness, And

heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And
 peat the sound-ing joy, Re - peat the sound-ing joy, Re -
 as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found, Far
 won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His love, And
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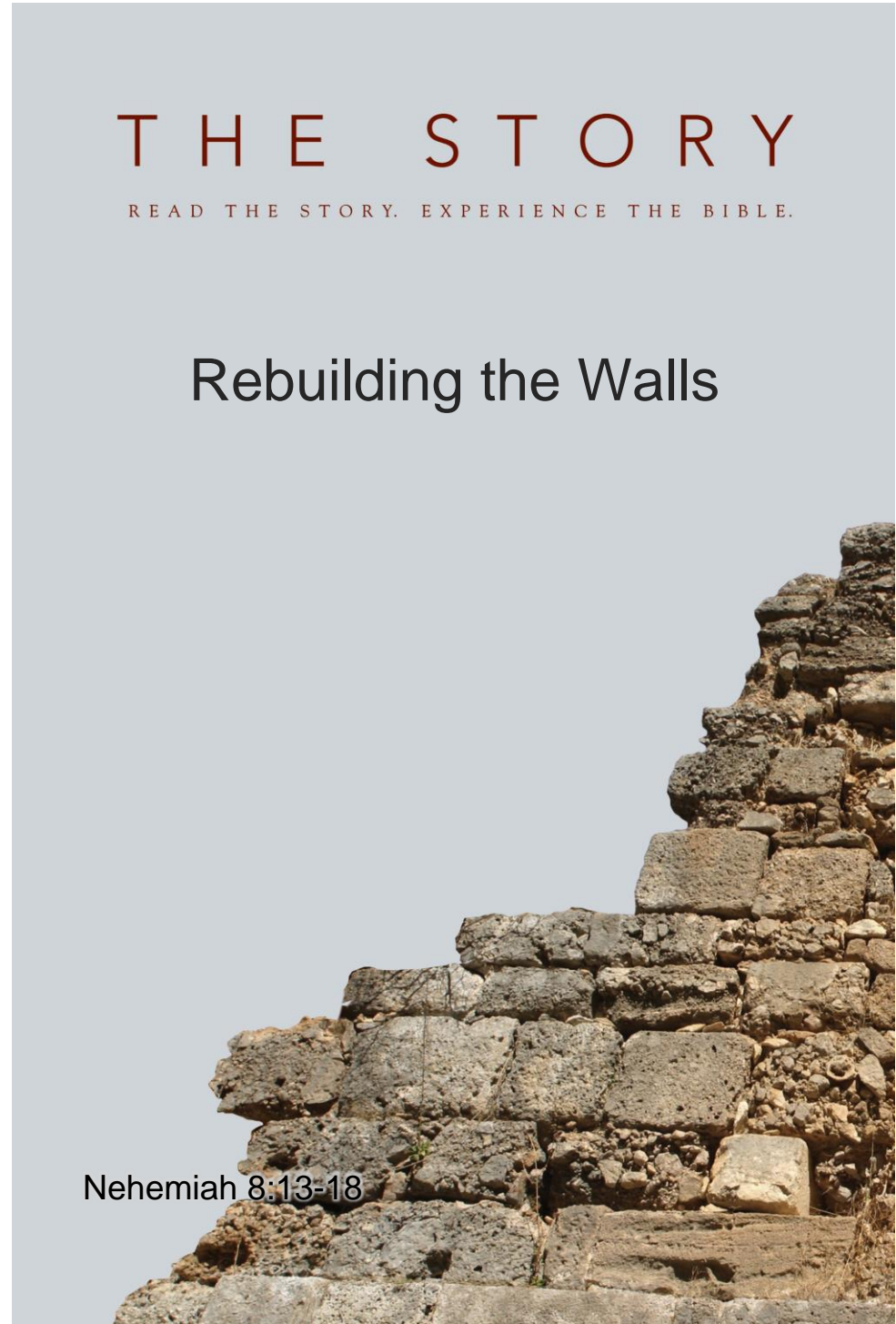
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THE STORY

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.

Rebuilding the Walls

Nehemiah 8:13-18

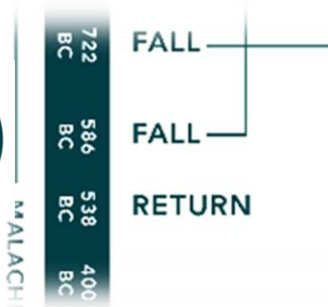




The main idea of Nehemiah 8:13-18

Those who trust God can rejoice because they always have a place with Him.

The following questions can be used during a family worship time. Take time as a family this week to talk about the Story and what you are learning as you read. The hymns on the next pages are from our worship service. Sing them together as a family during your family worship time this week.



Discussion questions:

What do you like to do when you celebrate birthdays or holidays? Are these family traditions or personal likes and ideas?

In what ways do you see God's faithfulness in this chapter?

Why was Nehemiah able to rebuild the city walls amidst such severe opposition?

When the people of God heard the Word of God read and had it explained to them, they moved into action. In this case, they reestablished the feast of tabernacles. Tell about a time you read the Bible and were quickly moved to action because of what God taught you.

As a family:

Plan a meal with some Christian friends for the express purpose of rejoicing in God's goodness. Let the conversation around the dinner table focus on how God has been good and why He is worthy of our worship and praise.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
 2. O come, Thou Day - spring, come and cheer Our spir - its by Thine
 3. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se, free Thine own from Sa - tan's
 4. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All peo - ples in one

Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, Un -
 ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night, And
 tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell Thy peo - ple save, And
 heart and mind. Bid en - vy, strife, and quar - rels cease; Fill

til the Son of God ap - pear.
 death's dark shad - ows put to flight. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
 give them vic - tory o'er the grave.
 the whole world with heav - en's peace.

man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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