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Transforming Daily

“...singers...”

Nehemiah 7:1

What did Nehemiah need singers? The singers were appointed along with gate keepers and priests after the construction of the walls were finished. They were appointed for the purpose of celebration and praise to God for His faithfulness to see Nehemiah, and the faithful servants of Jerusalem, through to the completion of rebuilding the city walls. The singers were to lead the people of the city in a worship service of thanksgiving to God for His bountiful blessings to them.

Singing has a wonderful effect on the body, mind, and soul. I'm sure there are studies to bear out this truth and what I have personally experienced. There is nothing like a familiar melody of a song with words of truth, experience, love, joy, fun, and sometimes even nonsense, to lift one's spirits. When the song is one of spiritual significance sung to God with adoration and praise, how much more the edification of the singer; even more so when in the midst of a group of believers who know God and love Him with unreserved passion and desire.

It doesn't matter whether hymn or chorus, psalm or spiritual song the act of singing or making a joyful noise is a natural, and in many cases a supernatural, response to God as a matter of thanksgiving. That is, giving thanks to God for who He is and what He has done, is doing, and is always faithful to complete. Making a joyful noise is an opportunity to be selfless. Singing is an opportunity to bring edification to God, Christ, other believers and even the lost.

When's the last time you sang out to God? You say that you can't sing, well when's the last time that you attempted to make a joyful noise to the Lord? Remember the last time you heard a song that lifted your spirit? It was probably while worshipping God in the midst of other singers.