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Essential Truth: *Spiritual leaders must keep returning to Scripture so they can guide the people faithfully.*

Scripture: Nehemiah 8:13–14

"On the second day the heads of fathers' houses of all the people, with the priests and the Levites, came together to Ezra the scribe in order to study the words of the Law. And they found it written in the Law that the LORD had commanded by Moses that the people of Israel should dwell in booths during the feast of the seventh month."

Observations:

- The leaders intentionally gathered to gain a deeper understanding of the Law.
- All the heads of households, along with priest and Levites gathered to study.
- Careful study of Scripture revealed a command that had been neglected.
- God's Word not only informs but also calls us to specific acts of obedience.
- The Word commanded by Moses hundreds of years earlier was still relevant during the time of Ezra.

Application:

Godly leadership is rooted in a teachable spirit. The leaders in Nehemiah's day understood that their responsibility was not merely to lead others but to first place themselves under the authority of Scripture. Their willingness to study God's Word carefully enabled them to discover His will and respond in obedience.

The same principle applies today. Wherever God has placed us to serve, we must regularly return to God's Word with humble hearts. As we study Scripture, the Holy Spirit reveals areas where we need to grow and submit to the truths of God's Word. Lasting influence begins when we humble ourselves to the truth of Scripture.

Prayer: *Heavenly Father, thank You for giving us Your Word as our light for our paths. Give me a humble and teachable heart that eagerly seeks to know Your truth. Help me never to rely on my own wisdom or experience, but to submit myself daily to Your authority. Reveal areas where I need to obey You more fully, forgive me where I have failed to obey, and give me the courage to respond with faithful action. May my life reflect Your truth and point others to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

