

Joy in Hard Times: As Strength
Nehemiah 8:9-10; Philippians 3:1-8
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I. Introduction

II. Series: Joy in Hard Times (Philippians)

III. Paul's tradition (Neh. 8:9-10)

- A. Context (8:9)
- B. Ezra encourages celebration (8:10)
- C. Why? (8:10)

IV. Paul's present (Phil 3:1-8)

- A. Engaging opponents (3:2)
- B. Paul could be confident in the flesh (3:4-6)
- C. These pale compared to knowing Christ (3:7-8, 3 times)
 - 1. Gain vs. loss (3:7-8)
 - 2. *Skubalon* (3:8)
 - 3. Paul's corrected lens
- D. The corrected lens leads to joy (3:1)
- E. Joy is a safeguard (3:1)

V. So what?

- A. What is gain to us?
- B. Correct your lens to gain joy
- C. Joy is a strength and safeguard

VI. Conclusion: Tim Hansel (1941-2009)