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# RE- FLECTING GOD

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Nehemiah 8:1-9

On the wall of my office, I have a picture of Jesus laughing. Some people have to take a second (or even a third) look at this picture because they see God more like a police officer whose primary interest is simply to keep our behavior in check. Nehemiah 8 reveals a God who loves to celebrate. "Jesus Laughing" as it is called, reminds me that although being Christian is a very serious matter, God isn't afraid to throw a block party.

God established seven major festivals for the people of Israel to celebrate. These were like Israel's national block parties, where people came together to celebrate who God is by remembering what God had done for them. And while not every festival was fun, most involved eating and being merry.

God invites us to enjoy this life we live. God wants us to take time to celebrate who God is and what God has done in our lives. So, let's throw a block party to celebrate God's work in our lives.

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