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Nehemiah 8:10, **“Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto the LORD: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”**

It never fails! When any holiday comes, our strength seems to go. Preparations are to be made, cooking to be done, extra house fixings, and all that goes with having your loved ones join you for the Holidays. School is about to be out for a couple of weeks, traffic is picking up at a rapid pace, and there are extra cars, big trucks, and people driving them that are being manufactured somewhere in triple overtime. These are the days when we all need extra strength. Back in the day of Nehemiah, He told the people to **“Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet.”** They were to have a feast, much like many will have during the Christmas Holidays. He reminded them however, to not forget those who had nothing. Why? **“For this day is holy unto the LORD.”** The people had been listening to the words of the law being read unto them and it had caused them to mourn and to weep (Nehemiah 8:9). The reading of the law and its requirements had brought strong emotions on them which they seemingly were not able to bear. Nehemiah admonished them to not be sorry of what they had heard, but dwell on the fact that the Lord was their strength and would be with them in the days to come. We need this assurance today, in our lives. We need to be reminded that no matter how hectic our lives become at any time of the year, the Lord is the one to turn to for strength and where we will find joy. Keep that in mind as you fight the traffic and while you entertain family. The Lord is our strength, and with His help, we can enjoy our families and the holidays without undo stress. Bring it on, we are so looking forward to being with those we love during the next several weeks. And, that goes for our church family as well. May the joy of the Lord be with you and strengthen you is our prayer. Think About It!