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Chapter 7

The background of the image is a brick wall. The bricks are reddish-brown and arranged in a traditional pattern. In the center of the wall, there is a rectangular area of light-colored, textured plaster or stucco. The text is overlaid on this central plastered area.

**When the seventh
month came and
the Israelites had
settled in
their towns**

The image shows a textured, light-colored wall, possibly made of plaster or concrete, with a border of red bricks. The bricks are arranged in a pattern that frames the central area of the wall. The word "COMPLACENCY" is written in large, red, serif capital letters with a white outline, centered horizontally across the middle of the wall. The lighting is bright, creating a slight shadow behind the text.

COMPLACENCY




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Chapter 8:1-18

The image features a central yellowish, textured area framed by a border of red bricks. The text is centered within the yellow area.

**STEPS TO
RENEWING YOUR
RELATIONSHIP
WITH GOD**

The background features a textured, light-colored wall with a brick border. The bricks are reddish-brown and arranged in a pattern that frames the central text. A bright, circular light source is positioned behind the text, creating a soft glow and casting a shadow on the wall.

BEGIN WITH GOD'S WORD

v. 1-4

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They brought out the "Book of Moses"

**The exact text probably not as
important that they began
with God's words**

Discipleship

Who listened?

Men

Women

Children



BEGIN WITH GOD'S WORD

How long did they listen?

Sun up until lunchtime

Probably around 7 hours

**These would have
been prime working hours**



BEGIN WITH GOD'S WORD

How did they listen?

And all the people

listened

attentively

THEY WORSHIPPED

Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up. Ezra praised the Lord, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, “Amen! Amen!” Then they bowed down and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

THEY RECEIVED INSTRUCTION

The Levites—Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan and Pelaiah—instructed the people in the Law while the people were standing there. They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read..

THEY WERE MOVED

Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, “This day is holy to the Lord your God. Do not mourn or weep.” For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.

THEY CELEBRATED

Nehemiah said, “Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.” The Levites calmed all the people, saying, “Be still, for this is a holy day. Do not grieve.” Then all

THEY CELEBRATED

the people went away to eat and drink, to send portions of food and to celebrate with great joy, because they now understood the words that had been made known to them.



THEY CELEBRATED

Eating

Providing for those that were without

They gave to God

They reflected

They understood

Fellowship around God's word

The background of the slide is a textured wall. The central portion is a light beige, mottled surface where the plaster has been removed, revealing the underlying structure. This central area is framed by a border of red bricks, which are also visible at the top and bottom edges of the frame. The bricks are arranged in a traditional pattern, with some mortar visible between them.

THEY APPLIED

v. 13-18

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**As they read and listen they discovered
instructions on how God said to
celebrate this festival**

**Despite of the fact they had just
gotten settled into their new homes**

**Despite of the fact it would
take substantial effort**



THEY APPLIED

**Despite of the fact it would
be inconvenient**

**They chose to
do it God's way
instead of their own**

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