

Sermon Script: Nehemiah 8-10, 'Revival'

Nearing the close of this series...

... has anyone figured out why we chose this graphic where the couch is outside of the house?

- We've used the couch and the house differently in each part of this series

... but why choose a graphic and a stage plan where the couch is outside of the house?

Nehemiah's Israel had lost its place in the world

- It's like they'd been thrown out of the house
- In the same way, Christianity has lost its place of influence in NZ
 - *It's dangerous to mention God in most classrooms*
 - *And many workplaces*
 - *And as someone put it: 'It's in-advantageous to mention God in politics'*

It's as if Christianity is allowed to exist here...

... but it's cast outside

- But what if we could have a seat inside at the table again?
- Restoration is happening in the story of Nehemiah
 - Could it happen in our story also?

I thought it was pretty lame...

... when we studied Majority Influence in Psychology 101 at University

- We all knew what majority influence was and how it worked
- But then the lecturer told us about **Minority Influence**

... which seemed weird because if you're in the minority, clearly you're not having much influence!

- Or so we thought

What that lecturer taught us...

... is that when a minority are consistent in their behaviour together

... and when they are consistent over time

... they most certainly will have an influence on the majority

- ◆ And can even turn the majority around

This is not wishful thinking

- This has been observed and documented in sociological tests
- So is the problem for NZ Christianity then, that we're not consistent in our behaviour together
 - And we're not consistent over time?

Put another way,

- Maybe the problem is with us, not with them

Today is part 6 in this Nehemiah series...

... and the title is Revival

Five guys went out into the bush for three nights

- It was a guys' long weekend away, leaving their wives and kids back home
 - We've all got to get away and have a bit of fun sometimes right?

And because these guys were in the most social and adventurous homegroup...

... in my last church

... I imagined just what kind of weekend it'd be

So when they came back ...

... and I asked the leader of the group, How did you get on?

... I expected him to tell me what animals they'd hunted

... or what size fish they caught

... or what amazing cook ups they had

We didn't do any of that, he said

- We took no food
 - Just a Bible and pen and paper
 - We just wanted to spend time with God

I said, What?

- I am a pastor so of course I encourage this sort of thing!
 - But if you knew these guys, this just seemed so different to what they'd normally do
 - This was the social home group
 - I was really perplexed - they'd fasted the whole time!

So very diplomatically I asked:

- What made you decide to do that?

◆ The group leader said:

It's funny you know.

Most Christians want to get closer to God,

but they often don't want to do the things that would bring you closer to God

Revival is about getting closer to God

- Is that something we want?

If you ever wondered what a revival really looks like...

... and how to tell the genuine from the fake

- ◆ Then you'll want to look at Nehemiah 8-10
- You're going to see all kinds of emotion in this passage, from weeping to incredible joy
- And it's reflected in their postures too
 - You'll see bowing with faces to the ground; you'll see arms raised to the heavens
 - ◆ Submission, respect, honour...
- Look out for those as we go through

Let's find a Bible and turn to these pages on the screen - Neh 8-10

Nehemiah 8-10 New Living Translation (NLT)

8 In October, when the Israelites had settled in their towns, 1 all the people assembled with a unified purpose at the square just inside the Water Gate. They asked Ezra the scribe to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the Lord had given for Israel to obey.

2 So on October 8 **[They remember the exact day!]** Ezra the priest brought the Book of the Law before the assembly, which included the men and women and all the children old enough to understand. 3 He faced the square just inside the Water Gate from early morning until noon and read aloud to everyone who could understand. All the people listened closely to the Book of the Law.

4 Ezra the scribe stood on a high wooden platform that had been made for the occasion. To his right stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah. To his left stood Pedaiah, Mishael, Malkijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam. 5 Ezra stood on the platform in full view of all the people. When they saw him open the book, they all rose to their feet.

6 Then Ezra praised the Lord, the great God, and all the people chanted, "Amen! Amen!" as they lifted their hands. Then they bowed down and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

What do you think made them want to worship like that? 'Here we are back in Jerusalem, with walls built and our city safe. We'd given up hoping this would ever happen.'

7 The Levites—Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodia, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, and Pelaiah—then instructed the people in the Law while everyone remained in their places. 8 They read from the Book of the Law of God and clearly explained the meaning of what was being read, helping the people understand each passage.

[And obviously something powerful was happening among the people while they heard Scripture, because in verse 9 it says:]

9 Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who were interpreting for the people said to them, "Don't mourn or weep on such a day as this! For today is a sacred day before the Lord your God." For the people had all been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.

10 And Nehemiah continued, “Go and celebrate with a feast of rich foods and sweet drinks, and share gifts of food with people who have nothing prepared. This is a sacred day before our Lord. Don’t be dejected and sad, for the joy of the Lord is your strength!”

11 And the Levites, too, quieted the people, telling them, “Hush! Don’t weep! For this is a sacred day.” 12 So the people went away to eat and drink at a festive meal, to share gifts of food, and to celebrate with great joy because they had heard God’s words and understood them.

[Can you imagine what a day October the 8th was for these people!]

The Festival of Shelters

13 On October 9 the family leaders of all the people, together with the priests and Levites, met with Ezra the scribe to go over the Law in greater detail. 14 As they studied the Law, they discovered that the Lord had commanded through Moses that the Israelites should live in shelters during the festival to be held that month. **[This is the Festival of Tabernacles]** 15 He had said that a proclamation should be made throughout their towns and in Jerusalem, telling the people to go to the hills to get branches from olive, wild olive, myrtle, palm, and other leafy trees. They were to use these branches to make shelters in which they would live during the festival, as prescribed in the Law.

[Does anyone know why they were doing this? Going to the hills to get palm branches and making shelters? It’s how they remember the years with Moses in the wilderness when they were a homeless people.]

16 So the people went out and cut branches and used them to build shelters on the roofs of their houses, in their courtyards, in the courtyards of God’s Temple, or in the squares just inside the Water Gate and the Ephraim Gate. 17 So everyone who had returned from captivity lived in these shelters during the festival, and they were all filled with great joy! The Israelites had not celebrated like this since the days of Joshua son of Nun.

18 Ezra read from the Book of the Law of God on each of the seven days of the festival. Then on the eighth day they held a solemn assembly, as was required by law.

The People Confess Their Sins

9 On October 31 **[So this is later in the month]** the people assembled again, and this time they fasted and dressed in burlap and sprinkled dust on their heads. 2 Those of Israelite descent separated themselves from all foreigners as they confessed their own sins and the sins of their ancestors. 3 They remained standing in place for three hours while the Book of the Law of the Lord their God was read aloud to them. Then for three more hours they confessed their sins and worshiped the Lord their God. 4 The Levites—Jeshua, Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and Kenani—stood on the stairway of the Levites and cried out to the Lord their God with loud voices.

5 Then the leaders of the Levites—Jeshua, Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah—called out to the people: “Stand up and praise the Lord your God, for he lives from everlasting to everlasting!” Then they prayed:

“May your glorious name be praised! May it be exalted above all blessing and praise!

And in prayer they go through the whole history of Israel reminding themselves of God’s goodness at every point. Here it starts at creation:

6 “You alone are the Lord. You made the skies and the heavens and all the stars. You made the earth and the seas and everything in them. You preserve them all, and the angels of heaven worship you.

7 “You are the Lord God, who chose Abram and brought him from Ur of the Chaldeans and renamed him Abraham. 8 When he had proved himself faithful, you made a covenant with him to give him and his descendants the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Jebusites, and Girgashites. And you have done what you promised, for you are always true to your word. **[Notice that last sentence. In every paragraph they’re reminding themselves of how God gave them good things whether they deserved them or not.]**

9 “You saw the misery of our ancestors in Egypt, and you heard their cries from beside the Red Sea. 10 You displayed miraculous signs and wonders against Pharaoh, his officials, and all his people, for you knew how arrogantly they were treating our ancestors. You have a glorious reputation that has never been forgotten. 11 You divided the sea for your people so they could walk through on dry land! And then you hurled their enemies into the depths of the sea. They sank like stones beneath the mighty waters. 12 You led our ancestors by a pillar of cloud during the day and a pillar of fire at night so that they could find their way.

13 “You came down at Mount Sinai and spoke to them from heaven. You gave them regulations and instructions that were just, and decrees and commands that were good. 14 You instructed them concerning your holy Sabbath. And you commanded them, through Moses your servant, to obey all your commands, decrees, and instructions.

15 “You gave them bread from heaven when they were hungry and water from the rock when they were thirsty. You commanded them to go and take possession of the land you had sworn to give them.

16 “But our ancestors were proud and stubborn, and they paid no attention to your commands. 17 They refused to obey and did not remember the miracles you had done for them. Instead, they became stubborn and appointed a leader to take them back to their slavery in Egypt.[j] But you are a God of forgiveness, gracious and merciful, slow to become angry, and rich in unfailing love. You did not abandon them, 18 even when they made an idol shaped like a calf and said, ‘This is your god who brought you out of Egypt!’ They committed terrible blasphemies.

19 “But in your great mercy you did not abandon them to die in the wilderness. The pillar of cloud still led them forward by day, and the pillar of fire showed them the way through the night. 20 You sent your good Spirit to instruct them, and you did not stop giving them manna from heaven or water for their thirst. 21 For forty years you sustained them in the wilderness, and they lacked nothing. Their clothes did not wear out, and their feet did not swell!

22 “Then you helped our ancestors conquer kingdoms and nations, and you placed your people in every corner of the land. They took over the land of King Sihon of Heshbon and the land of King Og of Bashan. 23 You made their descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and brought them into the land you had promised to their ancestors.

24 “They went in and took possession of the land. You subdued whole nations before them. Even the Canaanites, who inhabited the land, were powerless! Your people could deal with these nations and their kings as they pleased. 25 Our ancestors captured fortified cities and fertile land. They took over houses full of good things, with cisterns already dug and vineyards and olive groves and fruit trees in abundance. So they ate until they were full and grew fat and enjoyed themselves in all your blessings.

26 “But despite all this, they were disobedient and rebelled against you. They turned their backs on your Law, they killed your prophets who warned them to return to you, and they committed terrible blasphemies. 27 So you handed them over to their enemies, who made them suffer. But in their time of trouble they cried to you, and you heard them from heaven. In your great mercy, you sent them liberators who rescued them from their enemies.

28 “But as soon as they were at peace, your people again committed evil in your sight, and once more you let their enemies conquer them. Yet whenever your people turned and cried to you again for help, you listened once more from heaven. In your wonderful mercy, you rescued them many times!

29 “You warned them to return to your Law, but they became proud and obstinate and disobeyed your commands. They did not follow your regulations, by which people will find life if only they obey. They stubbornly turned their backs on you and refused to listen. 30 In your love, you were patient with them for many years. You sent your Spirit, who warned them through the prophets. But still they wouldn’t listen! So once again you allowed the peoples of the land to conquer them. 31 But in your great mercy, you did not destroy them completely or abandon them forever. What a gracious and merciful God you are!

32 “And now, our God, the great and mighty and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of unfailing love, do not let all the hardships we have suffered seem insignificant to you. Great trouble has come upon us and upon our kings and leaders and priests and prophets and ancestors—all of your people—from the days when the kings of Assyria first triumphed over us until now. 33 Every time you punished us you were being just. We have sinned greatly, and you gave us only what we deserved. 34 Our kings, leaders, priests, and ancestors did not obey your Law or listen to the warnings in your commands and laws. 35 Even while they had their own kingdom, they did not serve you, though you showered your goodness on them. You gave them a large, fertile land, but they refused to turn from their wickedness.

36 “So now today we are slaves in the land of plenty that you gave our ancestors for their enjoyment! We are slaves here in this good land. 37 The lush produce of this land piles up in the hands of the kings whom you have set over us because of our sins. They have power over us and our livestock. We serve them at their pleasure, and we are in great misery.”

The People Agree to Obey

38 The people responded, “In view of all this, we are making a solemn promise and putting it in writing. On this sealed document are the names of our leaders and Levites and priests.”

[They name the parties to this document - which is really a covenant. But what did they actually write? See 10:30]

10 The document was ratified and sealed with the following names:

The governor:

Nehemiah son of Hacaliah, and also Zedekiah.

2 The following priests:

Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah, 3 Pashhur, Amariah, Malkijah, 4 Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch, 5 Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah, 6 Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch, 7 Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin, 8 Maaziah, Bilgai, and Shemaiah. These were the priests.

9 The following Levites:

Jeshua son of Azaniah, Binnui from the family of Henadad, Kadmiel, 10 and their fellow Levites: Shebaniah, Hodiah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan, 11 Mica, Rehob, Hashabiah, 12 Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah, 13 Hodiah, Bani, and Beninu.

14 The following leaders:

Parosh, Pahath-moab, Elam, Zattu, Bani, 15 Bunni, Azgad, Bebai, 16 Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin, 17 Ater, Hezekiah, Azzur, 18 Hodiah, Hashum, Bezai, 19 Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai, 20 Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir, 21 Meshezabel, Zadok, Jaddua, 22 Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah, 23 Hoshea, Hananiah, Hasshub, 24 Hallohesh, Pilha, Shobek, 25 Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah, 26 Ahiah, Hanan, Anan, 27 Malluch, Harim, and Baanah.

The Vow of the People

28 Then the rest of the people—the priests, Levites, gatekeepers, singers, Temple servants, and all who had separated themselves from the pagan people of the land in order to obey the Law of God, together with their wives, sons, daughters, and all who were old enough to understand— 29 joined their leaders and bound themselves with an oath. They swore a curse on themselves if they failed to obey the Law of God as issued by his servant Moses. They solemnly promised to carefully follow all the commands, regulations, and decrees of the Lord our Lord:

30 “We promise not to let our daughters marry the pagan people of the land, and not to let our sons marry their daughters.

31 “We also promise that if the people of the land should bring any merchandise or grain to be sold on the Sabbath or on any other holy day, we will refuse to buy it. Every seventh year we will let our land rest, and we will cancel all debts owed to us.

32 “In addition, we promise to obey the command to pay the annual Temple tax of one-eighth of an ounce of silver for the care of the Temple of our God. 33 This will provide for the Bread of the Presence; for the regular grain offerings and burnt offerings; for the offerings on the Sabbaths, the new moon celebrations, and the annual festivals; for the holy offerings; and for the sin offerings to make atonement for Israel. It will provide for everything necessary for the work of the Temple of our God.

34 “We have cast sacred lots to determine when—at regular times each year—the families of the priests, Levites, and the common people should bring wood to God’s Temple to be burned on the altar of the Lord our God, as is written in the Law.

35 “We promise to bring the first part of every harvest to the Lord’s Temple year after year—whether it be a crop from the soil or from our fruit trees. 36 We agree to give God our oldest sons and the firstborn of all our herds and flocks, as prescribed in the Law. We will present them to the priests who minister in the Temple of our God. 37 We will store the produce in the storerooms of the Temple of our God. We will bring the best of our flour and other grain offerings, the best of our fruit, and the best of our new wine and olive oil. And we promise to bring to the Levites a tenth of everything our land produces, for it is the Levites who collect the tithes in all our rural towns.

38 “A priest—a descendant of Aaron—will be with the Levites as they receive these tithes. And a tenth of all that is collected as tithes will be delivered by the Levites to the Temple of our God and placed in the storerooms. 39 The people and the Levites must bring these offerings of grain, new wine, and olive oil to the storerooms and place them in the sacred containers near the ministering priests, the gatekeepers, and

the singers.

“We promise together not to neglect the Temple of our God.”

PRAYER

What really matters in this story?

- Any thoughts?

1. It matters that this incredible revival came from the people, not the leaders (8:1)

- What do I mean?
- It's there in verse 1: 'They asked Ezra to bring out the Book of the Law'
 - The people wanted to come close to God
 - ◆ This wasn't Ezra saying, 'Right, now we're going to tell you all how you're supposed to live'
 - ◆ And it wasn't like a pseudo revival today where there's a sound and lights show upfront ... and careful programming to bring maximum emotional impact
 - This was the people saying, ***'Tell us about our God. Bring out the book.'***
 - What a day that was!

And I had this dilemma with this service today

- Do we try and do some of the incredible things from this passage, here in church today?
 - That would be so amazing!
- And then I come back to realise, that it starts with the people, not the leaders

And I was so tempted to post on the church FB yesterday:

- 'Revival at MABC tomorrow'
 - Because I reckon a post like that would've got quite a lot of attention!
 - ◆ But in Nehemiah, it starts with the people, not the leader

What else matters in this passage?

2. They were hungry to hear and understand God's Word (8:3,5,8)

- Think about it - the revivals you've heard about in your life time...
 - ... or the big moves of God
 - ... or the 'pseudo revivals'
 - ... how did the Word of God feature in it?
- Did people say: ***Wow you should've seen how hungry they were for the word of God?***
 - Or was it more like: You should've seen how many people fell down at the altar call?

This whole revival started because the people asked for the Word of

God to be read

- And I love how v5 says: ***‘When he opened the book the people rose to their feet’***
 - That instant moment of respect
- And you can imagine what it must’ve been for them
 - This is the story of our ancestors!
 - We’re about to hear about our God!
... from this book that hasn’t been publically opened for so long
- And verse 3 says:
‘All the people listened closely’
 - No-one falling asleep in row three
 - No-one messaging or playing games on their smartphones
 - They really wanted to hear
- And verse 8 says ***the Levites helped the people understand each passage***
 - Then the next day the family leaders come back to go over it in even greater detail
- I love how there is a hunger to understand God’s Word at the heart of this revival

And as they hear the Word of God...

- Some people start weeping
- And you wonder why were they crying?
 - Maybe because they’d longed to hear this for so long, and finally here it was
 - Maybe it’s because they’d felt like slaves with no past or future, yet now they realised they had a story that mattered
 - Maybe it felt like home at last

And Nehemiah and Ezra stand up and say

- This is not a day for tears!
 - We’ve come back to our God!
 - ◆ This is the best day ever!
- It’s like a story I once heard of heaven : ***No-one cries up here***
“Go and celebrate”, says Nehemiah, “with a feast of rich foods and sweet drinks, and share gifts of food with people who have nothing prepared. This is a sacred day before our Lord. Don’t be dejected and sad, for the joy of the Lord is your strength!”

And so it was that the next thing that was part of this revival was...

3. Celebration! (8:9-11,17)

I wonder how many of us enjoy camping?

- What is it that people like about camping?
 - Is it because you can go with friends, and spend lots more time with them?
 - ◆ Is it being away from work

At the Festival of Tabernacles

... people made little huts out of palm branches and leafy trees

- And many would sleep in those over night for a week
 - A little like a camping holiday

But why?

- Because this is how their ancestors had to live in the wilderness
 - And God graciously led them through that, tending to every need
- This is a discovery they made as they were reading the Word of God together

In those days, foreigners would ask:

... Why are you living in these temporary huts?

- And the Jews would say,
“Because we remember the gracious hand of our God guiding us through the wilderness”

And Nehemiah’s people are acting out this feast of tabernacles and realising...

... God has done exactly that again!

- He’s brought us back here from Babylon
 - **This same God is at work again in our time**
 - ◆ And with the realisation of that...
- ... it says in v17: ***‘The Israelites hadn’t celebrated like this since the days of Joshua!’***

Do you remember last week?

- I was saying Where’s the celebration?
 - How odd it seems in chapter 6 that they finished this wall but no-one celebrates!

I think we’ve found the celebration now!

- And it’s a little better than, ‘Hey look at this wall we made!’
 - The experience of coming close to God, puts things like building a wall, way in the distance
 - ◆ They hadn’t celebrated like this since the days of Joshua!

Notice also that this revival didn’t happen...

... within a neat 90 minute time frame

... so that after it you could get on with your day and achieve other things

4. They invested time (8:18, 9:3)

- It took most of October!
 - *I’m sure there were lots of other things they could’ve got done in October!*
- They camped for 8 days in the feast of tabernacles

- And on the last day of October, they listened for 3 hours to the Word of God
... then spent another 3 hours confessing their sins and praising God!
- Wow!

What kind of confession was going on?

5. Whole hearted and specific confession (9:1-3)

- *They 'confessed their own sins and the sins of their ancestors'*
- When you hear of amazing revivals happening, how often do you hear that confession of sin was part of it?
 - ◆ Let alone that they'd spend 6 hours over it!
- The reality is, when you get closer to God you also become more aware of yourself
 - And you don't want anything to come between you and Him
... and you want to get free and right with God

When I want to get close to God

... does it mean I want to be honest with God?

- Or do I just want Him to give me nice feelings, like a christian version of a drug trip?

And sometimes with Confession we can be so vague and general as to be virtually meaningless

- 'Sorry God, I guess I'm a bit selfish now and then'
- 'I should probably pray a bit more now and again. Sorry about that too'
- ◆ 'I suppose I could be more of a witness here and there'

6. These guys were so committed to behavioural change that they wrote down the specifics (9:38-10:38)

- I can just imagine this at a big event
 - Lights, cameras, soothing music from the worship band
 - ◆ Charismatic phenomena everywhere
- And someone gets out a pen and paper and says,
'Excuse me folks. If I could have your attention and maybe just stop the music for a mo. I think we should just take some time to think through and write down the behaviours that we want to do differently from this point on'
 - I'm sure that in our day and age someone would say, 'That's quenching the Spirit'
- Yet this is exactly what happened at the Revival in Nehemiah

Today with an apparent move of God...

... we say: Did any fruit come out of it?

- These guys figured out what the fruit of it was going to be before they even finished their meeting!

The next one I find really heartening:

7. They spent time meditating on the grace of God (9:5-32)

- That's the massive prayer which at first glance seems just a standard retelling of their history
 - But then you look closer and realise they are telling the stories of how amazing God is

I find it heartening...

... because we've been talking about writing down and sharing our God stories too

- Dwelling on, meditating on, inspiring each other with, the amazing things God has done in our lives
- The fact is, most of the time life's too busy for that
 - And we let it be too busy

The other important thing I find in this revival story is that:

8. They prayed for their country (9:32-36)

- 'Now today we find ourselves slaves in the land of plenty'
 - 'May the hardships we've faced not be insignificant to you'

Isn't this an incredible story!

- Can you imagine experiencing all of that as a community, over a period of a month?

DISCUSSION

Questions for us:

NEHEMIAH - THE TIME IS NOW -

What struck you most from this story of revival in Nehemiah?

Or, specifically:

1. If we were to confess 'the sins of ourselves and of our forefathers', what would these be?
2. What things might make us want to celebrate as a church community and how?
3. How hungry are we to hear and understand God's Word?
4. Where are we seeing God's grace? How are we hearing and meditating on stories of it?
5. If time is a problem, how crucial are the things we are preferring?
6. What would be the specific promises we'd make if committing to a closer walk with God?
7. What would be our prayer for our country?

Conclusion:

The leader of that life group

... that took guys away with no food and only a Bible for 3 nights

... ended up becoming the pastor, replacing me, at that church

- Prior to that, he'd never dreamed of being a pastor
- But those three days transformed that Life Group
 - I love that it started with the men - men can often be harder to engage spiritually than women
- And they started up a night church where all they did was tell stories about God's work in their lives

And I'd even say this changed the kind of church that we were

- There were a lot of thinking type people in the congregation, some even a little cynical
- But when you hear people - particularly men - talking honestly about how much they need God in their lives
 - ... it's so disarming

I was so lucky to be part of that in the years before I left

- But it came from the people

Christians may be a minority in Mt Albert...

... and in Auckland

- But don't for a moment underestimate what happens
 - ... when that minority are agreed on how they will behave
 - ... and are consistent over time

Do you dream of revival?

- Do you long for the things of this story to happen in our time?
 - I know I do
- Are you crazy enough to imagine a time in our society, where the couch got moved back inside the house?
 - Where God, where Christians had a seat at society's table once again?
- What would you commit, to enabling a future like that?

It's funny you know. - Said the guy who went for 3 nights with his friends in the bush

Most Christians want to get closer to God,

But they often don't want to do the things that would bring you closer to God

- So how is that, with you?

PRAYER