



February 5, 2023 | Pastor Keith Krell
Nehemiah 5:1-19 | "People Problems Within"

Sermon Application Review from Nehemiah 4

How did you turn to God in prayer amid opposition?

How did you balance the tension between prayer and planning?

Scripture References

Nehemiah 5:1–19

Psalms 55:12–14

Galatians 6:9–10

Matthew 22:37–40

Romans 13:8–10

James 2:14–17

1 Timothy 6:17–19

Study Questions

1. How can you sympathize with people who are discouraged or oppressed (5:1–5)? In what ways might you be guilty of taking advantage of others? What specifically are you doing to address the needs of those around you? How do you express concern, care, and love for God's people? When was the last time you truly sympathized or empathized with a CBC sister or brother? How did your compassion affect the relationship?
2. How can you confront those who have violated God's standards in a gracious, yet firm manner (5:6–13)? What price do God's people pay when they (or their leaders) fail to confront sin? What is the relationship between repentance, restitution, and revival? Why is revival so closely tied to the integrity of our relationships? How do internal, relational problems present a greater challenge to revival than external problems?
3. How can you foster a healthy fear of God (5:9, 15)? How can you avoid using power or position to further your own agenda? How can you avoid drawing unnecessary attention to yourself? Who in your life provides a model of relational integrity? What have you learned from this leader? What areas of your life are holding you back from being such a leader? Will you ask the Holy Spirit to transform this area?
4. When does "sharing a concern" cross the line into gossip? How can we avoid this? How can we discern when to drop a matter and when to seek resolution with the person? When is it right to leave a church? When is it wrong? What process should you follow before leaving a church? How can you honor the leadership and your fellow members?
5. Who are the spiritually and financially needy in your life? Are there practical ways to invest in their spiritual growth or assist with their finances? How might the Lord be calling you to build unity in the church through generosity? What might that look like practically?

Recommended Reading

Randy Alcorn, *Managing God's Money: A Biblical Guide* (Tyndale, 2011)

Randy Alcorn, *Giving Is the Good Life: The Unexpected Path to Purpose and Joy* (Compassion, 2019)

Duane Litfin, *Word versus Deed: Resetting the Scales to a Biblical Balance* (Crossway, 2012)

Steve Corbett & Brian Fikkert, *When Helping Hurts*: (Moody, 2014)