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- its churches have ceased to have a burden for the salvation of younger generation in public schools?
- its churches have lost a conscience for protecting the abused, have no voice, unprotected or silenced?

Who said this?

“What happens to the soul of a nation that accepts the aborting of the life of a baby without a pang of conscience? What kind of society will we have twenty years hence if life can be taken so casually? . . . . There are those who argue that the right to privacy is of a higher order than the right of life. That was the premise of slavery. You could not protest the existence or treatment of slaves on the plantation because that was private and therefore outside of your right to be concerned.”

Jesse Jackson  
*Right to Life News*, January 1977



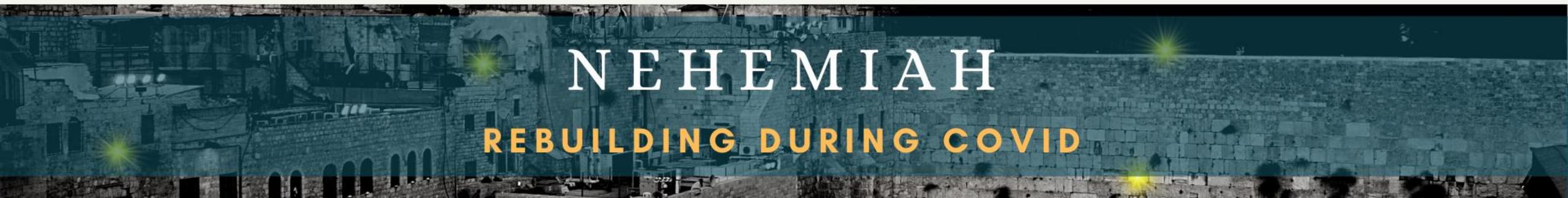
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# Nehemiah 5:1

Now there arose a great outcry of the people and of their wives against their Jewish brothers...



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# Jews enslaving other Jews due to ....

- Working on the wall did not allow them to work for food
- Mortgaged land and homes for food
- Loans to pay taxes
- Enslaving children due to other's owning their fields

# How did Nehemiah respond?

- He became angry v.6
- He took time to think through His response v.7
- He made public charges against the nobles and officials v.7
- He invited others into the discussion v.8
- He told the truth – Jews enslaving other Jews – worst than the pagans v.9
- He demanded legal action and accountability v.11-13

Why is this happening? Nehemiah 5:8

...and said to them, “We, as far as we are able, have bought back our Jewish brothers who have been sold to the nations, but you even sell your brothers that they may be sold to us!” They were silent and could not find a word to say. So I said, “The thing that you are doing is not good. Ought you not to walk in the fear of our God to prevent the taunts of the nations our enemies?”



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# Deuteronomy 10:12-13

“And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but **to fear the Lord your God**, to **walk** in all his ways, to **love** him, to **serve** the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to **keep** the commandments and statutes of the Lord, which I am commanding you today for your **good**?



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- My vertical relationship directly impacts my horizontal relationships. Intimacy before impact.

What is wrong with Proposal 5?

What does it mean?

If the focus is to reproduce why then is the result to not reproduce?

Why is there no mention or thought given to the life that is being formed in the womb when science shows a heartbeat at 6 weeks?

Our Constitution says the first unalienable right endowed by God is “life” not “liberty”. Where is life?

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# What can I do to fight social injustice?

- Participate in the Saints United for Prayer March 4<sup>th</sup> and our corporate prayer time February 8<sup>th</sup>
- Write letters to various local newspaper
- Communicate truth/questions to your family, neighbors and other Christians about Proposal 5
- Write/email your state representative

# What can I do to fight social injustice?

- Sign petitions on various websites
- Take time to listen to material on our church app under Current Topics to understand about Proposal 5
- Help with childcare and respite care/Guardian Ad Litem

# Nehemiah 5:12 Priests not fulfilling calling

Then they said, “We will restore these and require nothing from them. We will do as you say.” And I called the priests and made them swear to do as they had promised.



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