

God's Blueprint For Rebuilding His Church & Your Life

"Confronting Sin From Within"

Nehemiah 5:1-19

EFFORTS to Rebuild the Wall were STALLED by Attacks From Outside The City.

As God's Agenda is being Fulfilled, OPPOSITION will come from "OTHER" Directions.

Today, we find FOUR MOVES Nehemiah makes to Confront SIN from WITHIN.

- 1. WE MUST TAKE A STAND AGAINST ABUSE.** (vv.1-5)
 - Success was about FAIL because they didn't have the COURAGE to CONFRONT SIN.
 - When GREED Sets In...Perspective Gets LOST.
 - They Were In Direct Violation of SCRIPTURE. (Exodus 22:25)
- 2. WE MUST BE WILLING TO LISTEN TO ACCUSATION.** (vv.6-9)
 - Believers SHOULD BE Angered by INJUSTICE.
 - Sin must be CONFRONTED for what it is.
 - It was VIOLATION of God's Word.
 - It put Homes, Families & the Community at RISK.
 - It was an OFFENSE against the Character of God.
 - It was just a LOUSY TESTIMONY!!!
- 3. WE MUST HEED NEEDED ADMONITION.** (vv.10-13)
 - Relationships Broken must be MENDED.
 - "Let's ALL get on the Same Page & Correct this Injustice." (v.10)
 - This is NOT a Time for "EMPTY Promises."
 - Decisions this BIG must be REINFORCED.
 - Conviction Came, Repentance Followed & they Changed their Ways.
- 4. WE MUST MOVE AHEAD IN GODLY AWE.** (vv.14-19)
 - Nehemiah's Motivation is simply a Healthy FEAR of God.
 - We Are to LOVE GOD.
 - We are CALLED to LOVE EACH OTHER.
 - If God IS Our Priority, we will have the Courage to Confront Sin.
 - UNCHECKED SIN...Dishonors God, Hinders His People & Prevents us from Fulfilling our God-given Purpose.
 - When we Pick OUR Way & OUR Desires over GOD'S WORD, We ALL Suffer.

