

BRINGING YOUR TEAM TOGETHER

56 Days of Nehemiah – Part 6

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HOW TO KEEP YOUR TEAM UNIFIED...

1. Surrender your right to be _____.

Nehemiah 5:9-11 (GW) *“I added, ‘What you’re doing is wrong. Shouldn’t you live in the fear of our God to keep our enemies from ridiculing us?’¹⁰ **My brothers, my servants, and I are lending money and grain to the poor. But we must stop charging them interest.**¹¹ You must return their fields, their vineyards, their olive orchards, and their homes today. Also, you must **return the interest** on the money, grain, new wine, and olive oil you’ve been charging them.’”*

Deuteronomy 23:20 (NIV) *“You may charge a foreigner interest, but not a brother Israelite, **so that** the LORD your God may bless you in everything you put your hand to in the land you are entering to possess.”*

Galatians 6:1-2 (CEV) *“My friends, you are spiritual. So **if someone is trapped in sin, you should gently lead that person back to the right path.** But watch out, and don’t be tempted yourself.² You obey the law of Christ when you offer each other a helping hand.”*

Gently Leading Someone To The Right Path Shows...

- That you _____ them.
- That a relationship can be _____.

Matthew 18:15 (CEV) *“If one of my followers sins against you, go and point out what was wrong. But do it in private, just between the two of you. If that person listens, you have **won back a follower.**”*

- That our relationships _____ to God.

Matthew 5:23-24 (CEV) *“So if you are about to place your gift on the altar and remember that someone is angry with you,²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. **Make peace with that person, then come back** and offer your gift to God.”*

Nehemiah 5:12a (NIV) “‘We will give it back,’ they said. ‘And we will not demand anything more from them. **We will do as you say.**’”

2. Surrender your right to _____ commitments.

Nehemiah 5:12b (NIV) “*Then I summoned the priests and made the nobles and officials take an oath to do what they had promised.*”

Nehemiah 5:13 (NIV) “*I also shook out the folds of my robe and said, ‘In this way may God shake out of His house and possessions every man who does not keep this promise. So may such a man be shaken out and emptied!’ At this the whole assembly said, ‘Amen,’ and praised the LORD. And the people did as they had promised.*”

**CONVICTION _ CONFESSION _
REPENTENCE _____**

3. Surrender your right to _____.

Nehemiah 5:14-15a (NIV) “*Moreover, from the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, until his thirty-second year--twelve years--neither I nor my brothers ate the food allotted to the governor. ¹⁵ But the earlier governors--those preceding me--placed a heavy burden on the people and took forty shekels of silver from them in addition to food and wine. Their assistants also lorded it over the people.*”

Nehemiah 5:15b-18 (NIV) “*But out of reverence for God I did not act like that. ¹⁶ Instead, I devoted myself to the work on this wall. All my men were assembled there for the work; we did not acquire any land. ¹⁷ Furthermore, a hundred and fifty Jews and officials ate at my table, as well as those who came to us from the surrounding nations. ¹⁸ ... In spite of all this, I never demanded the food allotted to the governor, because the demands were heavy on these people.*”

Nehemiah 5:19 (NIV) “**Remember me with favor, O my God, for all I have done for these people.**”