

## RESOLVING CONFLICT AND INJUSTICE | NEHEMIAH 5:1-19

Nehemiah left a very lucrative position serving King Artaxerxes in the palace at Susa to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. The Lord placed this mission on his heart, and he was eager to fulfill it. He faced opposition with perseverance and united the people to make great strides in rebuilding the wall. As they were making progress a new threat surfaced. The nobles began to take advantage of the rest of the Jews. While they were rebuilding, they were losing their land, under a great tax burden, and even losing their families. Nehemiah was livid at how these people were being treated. He had to step in and resolve this issue. In doing so we see a godly example of resolving conflict. What does Nehemiah teach us about resolving conflict or injustice?

1. We must take a step \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ down so that we do not \_\_\_\_\_ in our anger. 5:1-7a
  
2. We must \_\_\_\_\_ up and \_\_\_\_\_ when God gives us clear \_\_\_\_\_. 5:7b-13
  
3. We must be willing to be an \_\_\_\_\_ by accepting \_\_\_\_\_ if necessary or showing \_\_\_\_\_ if not. 5:14-