

HEARING AND HELPING THE HURTING

Nehemiah 5

1. When something is **WRONG**, it is okay to **SPEAK** up. (*Proverbs 31:8-9; Isaiah 1:17; Psalm 82:3-4; Micah 6:8; Matthew 18:15-17; Galatians 6:1; Titus 2:15; Luke 17:3; 2 Timothy 4:2; James 5:19-20*)
2. Not a single one of us is here to take **ADVANTAGE** of or **PROFIT** off of a brother or sister. (*Acts 2:42-48; Romans 14:13; Matthew 18:6; Luke 10:25-37; Leviticus 19:13, 25:17,35; 1 John 3:17; 1 Thessalonians 4:6; Proverbs 22:22*)
3. May that which is wrong '**ANGER**' us enough to **DO SOMETHING** about it. (*Ephesians 4:26,27; Proverbs 14:17, 14:29, 15:1, 15:18, 16:32, 19:11; Psalm 37:8; Ecclesiastes 7:9; Mark 3:5, 10:14; John 2:13-17*)
4. Those outside the Christian faith listen to what we say and watch what we do. How are we reflecting and **REPRESENTING JESUS**? (*Colossians 4:5-6; Deuteronomy 4:6-8; 1 Peter 2:9, 3:15; 1 Thessalonians 4:12; Matthew 5:16; Galatians 5:16; Ephesians 4:1-3, 5:1-2; 2 Corinthians 5:20; 1 Timothy 4:12*)
5. If we are being **DISOBEDIENT** to God (His Word), we need to **REPENT**. (*Deuteronomy 4:6-6, 23:19-20; Exodus 22:25; Revelation 3:19; 1 John 1:9; Jeremiah 3:13; John 14:15; Luke 6:46; 1 Samuel 15:23; James 1:22; Luke 19:1-10*)
6. If insisting upon and exercising my **RIGHTS** puts an unnecessary burden on someone else, I should **RECONSIDER**. (*1 Corinthians 6:12, 10:23-24; 1 Corinthians 9; Philippians 2:3,4; Romans 12:10; Galatians 5:13; Matthew 23:11-12; Mark 10:42-45*)



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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. The people (and Nehemiah himself) cried out against wrongs being done. What are some reasons it is hard to speak up when we see wrongs being done? What are some reasons saying something is the right thing to do? With what kind of heart, words, actions, etc. should we do this? (What do we learn from Nehemiah at the beginning of verse 7?)
3. What are some ways people take advantage of each other (others) in the church today? What negative effects can this have on the local church fellowship and The Church (Body of Christ) universal?
4. The people had nothing to say when Nehemiah corrected and challenged them. How did they respond? Why is saying "I'm sorry" and admitting that I was wrong not enough? What comes next? Nehemiah had the people swear in the presence of the priests that they would right their wrongs. Why was this action significant?
5. Was it just because Nehemiah was wealthy that he chose to not take the governor's allowance? What are several things that motivated Nehemiah to refrain from claiming his privilege/right? In what ways does clinging to (or demanding) our rights hurt our brothers and sisters? (Refer to Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 9.)
6. Many people are hurting (in a number of ways) all around us. What are some practical (and maybe some difficult and sacrificial) things we can do to care for our brothers and sisters in challenging circumstances?