
Nehemiah
Come Let Us Rebuild.

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Nehemiah 5:1-13

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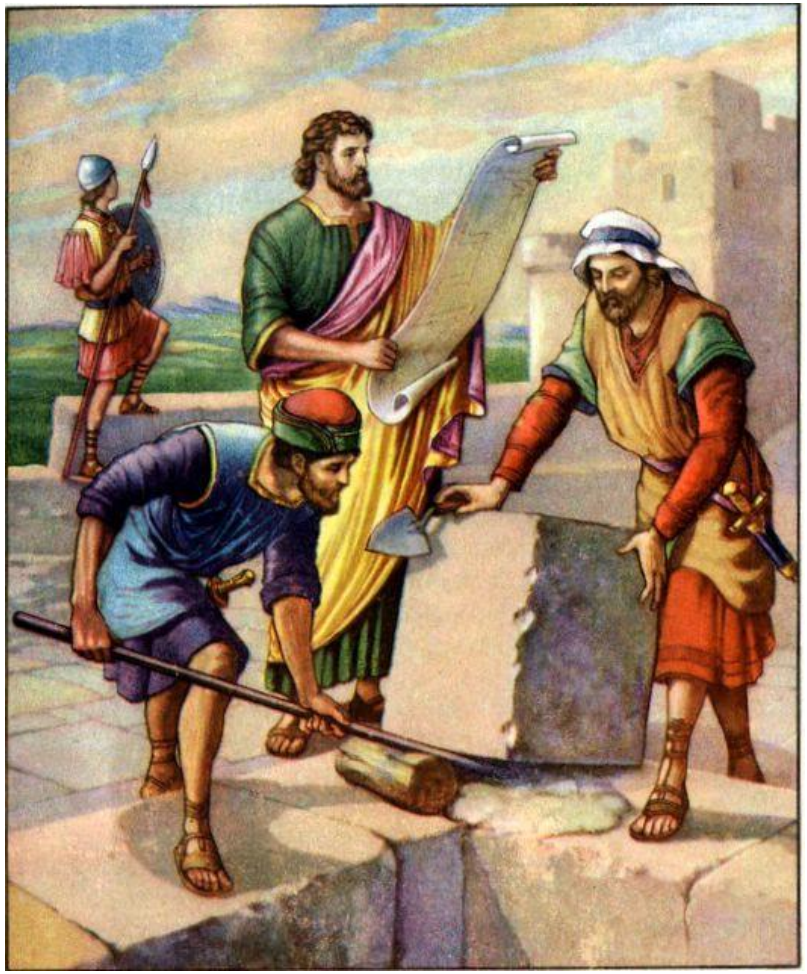
Did I forget something? Wasn't there…



Nehemiah rebuilds the wall of Jerusalem



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HELP! Who cares?! (V 1-5)

1 Now there was a great outcry of the people and of their wives against their Jewish brothers. 2 For there were those who said, "We, our sons and our daughters are many; therefore let us get grain that we may eat and live." 3 There were others who said, "We are mortgaging our fields, our vineyards and our houses that we might get grain because of the famine." 4 Also there were those who said, "We have borrowed money for the king's tax *on our fields and our vineyards. 5 "Now our flesh is like the flesh of our brothers, our children like their children. Yet behold, we are forcing our sons and our daughters to be slaves, and some of our daughters are forced into bondage already, and we are helpless because our fields and vineyards belong to others."*

HELP! Who cares?! (V 1-5)



"This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. (Joh 15:12 NAU)

Are you an iCare?

1 RESPOND to the need, conflict (V 6)

6 Then I was very angry when I had heard their outcry and these words.

BE ANGRY, AND *yet DO NOT SIN; do not let the sun go down on your anger, (Eph 4:26 NAU)*

Get involved as an iCare!

2 REFLECT on the need, conflict (V 7a)

7 I consulted with myself …



Study the scriptures as an iCare!

3 REACT acc. to the need, conflict (V 7b-13)

Rebuke in private

7 … and contended with the nobles and the rulers and said to them, "You are exacting usury, each from his brother!" …

Rebuke in public

… Therefore, I held a great assembly against them. 8 I said to them, "We according to our ability have redeemed our Jewish brothers who were sold to the nations; now would you even sell your brothers that they may be sold to us?" Then they were silent and could not find a word *to say.* 9 Again I said, "The thing which you are doing is not good; should you not walk in the fear of our God because of the reproach of the nations, our enemies? …

Be courageous as an iCare!

3 REACT acc. to the need, conflict (V 7b-13)

35 'Now in case a countryman of yours becomes poor and his means with regard to you falter, then you are to sustain him, like a stranger or a sojourner, that he may live with you.
36 'Do not take usurious interest from him, but revere your God, that your countryman may live with you.
(Lev 25:35-36 NAU)

3 REACT acc. to the need, conflict (V 7b-13)

Restore gently

10 "And likewise I, my brothers and my servants are lending them money and grain. Please, let us leave off this usury. 11 "Please, give back to them this very day their fields, their vineyards, their olive groves and their houses, also the hundredth *part of the money and of the grain, the new wine and the oil that you are exacting from them."*
12 Then they said, "We will give *it back and will require nothing from them; we will do exactly as you say.“*

Be an example as an iCare!

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3 REACT acc. to the need, conflict (V 7b-13)

Reconcile to unity

13 I also shook out the front of my garment and said, "Thus may God shake out every man from his house and from his possessions who does not fulfill this promise; even thus may he be shaken out and emptied." And all the assembly said, "Amen!" And they praised the LORD. Then the people did according to this promise.



Seek unity as an iCare!

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10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be the propitiation for our sins.*
11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
(1Jo 4:10-11 NAU)

Be an iCare to everybody!
In responding
In reflecting
In reacting



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