

NEHEMIAH:

Getting Angry...the Right Way! Nehemiah 5

What was the financial landscape of Judea – in 446 BC?

- Economic _____
- Mortgage _____
- Rising _____
- Rampant _____
- Fear and _____

→ The economic recession made life difficult. But it was what God's people were doing to each other _____ the recession that ended up being the enemy's real weapon, and what made Nehemiah so angry...

How did Nehemiah respond to the injustice and suffering he witnessed?

- He got _____ (v6)
- He took time to _____ on what to do about it (v7a)
- He took steps to get on the _____ side of the problem (v7b-13)
- He _____ what he preached (v14-18)

Scriptural Guidelines for Getting Angry → *See other side of Message Notes*

Following in the Footsteps of Nehemiah

- 1) Has God quickened in me a righteous anger or holy frustration about something?
- 2) If so, can I identify it? Name it? Talk with others about it?
- 3) Have I "pondered" (Neh 5:7) what God would have me do about it?
- 4) After prayer and reflection, is there something I can do this week, this month, or this year to begin channeling my holy frustration in a redemptive direction?

Scriptural Guidelines for Getting Angry

- 1) My anger needs to be about _____ Kingdom, Word, and reputation
(Not about me, my causes and my reputation)

- 2) My anger needs to be on behalf of the _____, marginalized, or voiceless
(Not in defense of myself, my stuff or my decisions)

- 3) I need to _____ for a situation where there is injustice and suffering
(Not just “nail sin” or take people to task)

- 4) Before I act on my anger, I need to take time to _____ it through
(Not just “knee-jerk” react emotionally)

- 5) Whatever I call others to do – I need to _____ in my own life
(I’m not just a ‘watchdog’ for wrongdoing – I’m an example of right living)

- 6) My anger should be proportionate to the amount of _____ people have
(I should rarely – if ever – “go off” on someone who is not yet a Christian)

- 7) The goal of getting angry is about _____
(Not about being right!)

- 8) I need to channel my holy frustration toward _____ or _____ issues
(It’s not about getting angry about everything)