



BIBLICAL CONFRONTATION

Nehemiah Chapter 5

PEACEKEEPER: Ignoring a situation just to “keep peace” and to avoid confrontation. We avoid confrontation out of fear, rejection and ridicule. We also ignore if the person feels annoying.

PEACEMAKER: Pursues real peace at the RISK of conflict

1. Read verses 1-5 (Nehemiah had to clarify the Problem)

Do you have an outcry against something or someone? Vs 3

What is your famine? What is your difficult dry situation ?

PRINCIPLE: When you are in conflict clarify the offense according to God's Word.

Look up 2 Timothy 3:16-17

2. Create a path to change Nehemiah 5: 11-13

*Determine to _____ vs 10.

What are you determined to STOP. Is it time to find some sort of resolution?

*Make a plan to restore the situation vs. 11

WRITE OUT DEUTERONOMY 4:30/ What is causing physical, relational or emotional stress in you life

3. Declare your plans in a promise vs.12

A vow/promise is a commitment to God put into words.

Study a passage of scripture that identifies with your “outcry” write it out and talk it out with God. I love Psalm 143!

- * Helps you stay focused on the end goal
- * Helps you Express love and commitment while waiting on God’s timing.
- * Creates accountability

What promise can you claim today?

4. Read Nehemiah 5:13

I also shook out the folds of my robe and said, “In this way...may God shake out of their house and possessions anyone who does not keep this promise. So may such a person be shaken and emptied!” At this the whole assembly said “Amen,” and praised the Lord. And the people did as they had promised.

PERSONAL REACTION OF NEHEMIAH

"Then I was very angry when I had heard their outcry and these words" ([Nehemiah 5:6](#)).

Nehemiah got hot with anger because the nobles and leaders were disobeying the Law.

This is the anger of a righteous man. There is a time for anger.

The symbolic act described in verse thirteen where Nehemiah is seen shaking out his garments as a prophetic warning that God would hold accountable anyone who had promised to do the right thing and disobey. Nehemiah was calling upon a prophetic judgment of God for disobedience. He believed that we will all one day answer to God for our actions. When Nehemiah "shakes out his lap" it is the equivalent of emptying his pockets, symbolizing the loss of all that one has. If the people break their vow with God, Nehemiah invokes the judgment of God so they shall possess nothing. It was a serious matter.

When you have the "fear of God" and compassion for your people, you have character that makes for a great leader. What have you recently had to stand up for? Is God nudging you to take a stand in a certain area of life? How like Nehemiah have you been standing up to conflict?

5. The situation/conflict is resolved.

The community is in agreement and the word of God is being followed

SHALOM_____

Write out John 14:27

STEPS ON BIBLICAL CONFRONTATION

1. Think before you speak and confront. Read Nehemiah 5:6-9

Verse 6 Nehemiah was ANGRY

Verse 7 Nehemiah Pondered and exercised self-control.

PRINCIPLE: We need to allow our reasoning to rule with control by healthy processing.

Write out Ephesians 4:26

How can you push pause this week in order to allow the Holy Spirit to help us stop and think? What relationships do you need to ask God for help in and why?

Verse 7 Nehemiah privately confronted the guilty party.
Write out Galations 6:1-2

Verse 7 When his private confrontation was not successful he pursued a public confrontation.
Write out Matthew 18:15-16

Write out James 3:17

PRINCIPLE: Do not ignore or stuff conflict. Do not run away by building a wall between yourself and others. This will interrupt the work of God. Move forward one step each day according to Gods Will and you will see results in the hardest situations!

Do you avoid confrontation? Do you stuff all the conflict under the rug? List some thoughts to why you may avoid confrontation.

