



Working Together Toward a Vision | Nehemiah 5:1-13 | October 20th - 26th

Warm-up: “Visions thrive in an environment of unity, and they die in an environment of division.” - Andy Stanley in Visioneering p. 168. In what specific ways have you found this to be true in regard to marriage, parenting, or else ware?

- Read **Nehemiah 5:1-13** aloud. Notice that nobody is thinking about the project. They were losing people and possessions dear to them! Who cared about a wall, if all it was designed to protect was gone? Nehemiah had a huge problem: the people were not working together.
 - What do you find challenging or inspiring about how Nehemiah chose to respond to the circumstances he was faced with?
- When people are out of alignment with the original vision, discord is inevitable! Respond to the following 4 principles gleaned from Nehemiah on how we can fix misalignment:
 1. **Do not ignore the problem.** It’s okay to have problems, but they *must* be addressed!
 - What’s the greatest challenge you personally experience in addressing problems head on? (e.g. fear, poor communication, believing the issue will work itself out? etc.)
 2. **Integrity will honor God and His ways.**
 - Why is operating in integrity so vital if you’re truly pursuing a God-ordained vision? (Consider Jesus’ words in **Matthew 5:33-37**)
 3. **Lead others back to the vision’s connection to God’s glory.**
 - Nehemiah did this in v.9. In what ways can this step be done naturally in dealing with problems related to vision?
 - Give an example of how you’ve seen this step play out in life.
 4. **Resolve differences in love, face-to-face.**
 - Dealing with misalignment can be frustrating. Yet yielding to the Holy Spirit and dealing with someone on a difficult issue *in love* can be truly redeeming (Consider **Prov. 15:1, 16:7; 1 Peter 4:8; Rom. 2:4**) Where in your life right now is God asking you to resolve a difference in love, face-to-face?

Wrap-up: Where are you currently facing the greatest challenge in the unfolding of a vision? Pray that you each would experience unity and redemption at this particular point in your vision.