

BUILD **Neh 5:1-5** THE DREAM

- **CHALLENGING SITUATION:**
 - **FAMINE (5:1-3).**
 - **KING'S TAXES (5:3-4).**
 - **EXPLOITATION/USURY (5:5-7).**

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BUILD **Neh 5:6** THE DREAM

- **NEHEMIAH'S RESPONSE:**
 - “I was very angry when I heard their cry” (5:6)!

WHY?

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**“Keeping your
Character in a
Crisis”**

Neh 5

Building Today for a Better Tomorrow

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“Sweet Success”

Neh 6

Tonight at 5:00 pm.

3/23/14

Building Today for a Better Tomorrow

Welcome from the Kirkland church family!

“Born to belong to each other”



September 8, 2013

A person with long brown hair tied back, wearing a white robe and a white headband, is seen from behind, casting a large, white fishing net into the sea. The net is spread wide in the air, and the person's arms are extended. The background is a calm blue sea under a clear sky.

ELDERS PRESENTATION OF THE VISION CASTING RESULTS!

**Next Sunday AM
service!**

**Luke 5:4 "Launch out into the deep and
let down your nets for a catch." NKJV**

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 - “I was very angry when I heard their cry” (5:6)!

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- **LEADERSHIP PRINCIPLES:**
 - Nehemiah would not tolerate a violation of the law of Moses.
 - Ex 22:25 “You shall not charge interest to the poor.”

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- Deut 23:19-20 “You shall not charge interest to your brethren: interest on money, food, or anything that may be loaned at interest. 20 “You may charge interest to a foreigner, but to your brethren you shall not charge interest.”

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- Deut 23:20 "You may charge interest to a foreigner, but to your countrymen you shall not charge interest, so that the LORD your God may bless you."

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- **LEADERSHIP PRINCIPLES:**
 - He would not tolerate God's *people* being violated. (5:8-9)
 - “The thing you do is not good.”

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- **LEADERSHIP PRINCIPLES:**
 - He did not act *rashly*.
 - “After serious thought . . .” Neh 5:7

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- **LEADERSHIP PRINCIPLES:**
 - He did not practice *partiality*.
 - Neh 5:6-7 “ (Neh 5:7). After serious thought, I rebuked the nobles and rulers”

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- **LEADERSHIP PRINCIPLES:**
 - He did not practice *partiality*.
 - Neh 5:9-10 “Should you not walk in the fear of our God because of the **reproach of the nations** our enemies?”

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- **LEADERSHIP PRINCIPLES:**
 - He pointed out that how they act is a reflection on GOD.
 - Neh 5:9-10 “Should you not walk in the fear of our God?”

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ANY TIME WE ACT IMMORAL
WE SAY TO THE WORLD ...
THIS IS THE WAY CHILDREN
OF GOD BEHAVE!

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- **THE CURE FOR SIN:**
 - You must **STOP!**
 - “Leave off this **usury**” (5:10).
 - You must make it **RIGHT.**
 - Includes **RESTITUTION.**
 - “**Restore** I pray you...” (5:11).

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- **THE CURE FOR SIN:**

- Make a **PROMISE** (5:12).
- So they said, "We will **restore** it, and will require nothing from them; we will do as you say."
- Then I called the priests, and **required an oath** from them that they would do according to this promise."

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**THIS REVIVAL
OCCURRED BECAUSE THE
PEOPLE WERE MADE
MORE HOLY.**

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- **BUILDING DEMANDS
HOLINESS OF CHARACTER.**
 - It is easier to **condemn** sin than it is to **confront** it.
 - It is harder to **correct** wrong than to **confess** wrong.

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- It is better to help PEOPLE than to finish PROJECTS.

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