The Fifth Part in the Series on Nehemiah
Rebuilding the Ruins

“Resolving Conflict”
(Nehemiah 5:1–19)

“Now the men and their wives raised a great outcry against their Judean brothers.”
(Nehemiah 5:1)

“For some were saying, ‘We are mortgaging our fields, our vineyards and our homes to get grain during the famine.’ Still others were saying, ‘We have had to borrow money to pay the king’s tax on our fields and vineyards.’” (Nehemiah 5:3–4; cf. Deuteronomy 23:19)

“Although we are of the same flesh and blood as our countrymen and though our sons are as good as theirs, yet we have to subject our sons and daughters to slavery.” (Nehemiah 5:5; cf. Leviticus 25:42)

➢ Take the ___________ seriously.

“When I heard their outcry and these charges, I was very angry.” (Nehemiah 5:6)

➢ Control your ______________.

“I pondered [vayimalek] the charges in my heart.” (Nehemiah 5:7)

➢ State the ____________ clearly.

“I told them, ‘You are exacting high interest rates from your own countrymen!’” (Nehemiah 5:7)

➢ State the ____________ clearly.

“Give back to them immediately their fields, vineyards, olive groves and houses, and also the money you are charging them.” (Nehemiah 5:11)

➢ Lead by ____________.
“The earlier governors, those preceding me, placed a heavy burden on the people...But out of reverence for God I did not act like that. Instead, I devoted myself to the work on this wall...I never demanded the food allotted to the governor.”
(Nehemiah 5:15–16, 18)