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**Nehemiah-Renew**

**Text:** Nehemiah 5

**Purpose:** We live in a nation that comprises many different views on spirituality, government, education and cultural issues. We want to learn from Nehemiah, how he engages the diverse culture of his day while not letting anger get the best of him.

**Opening Question:** *What are your pet peeves?*

**Read and Discuss:** Nehemiah 5

1. *Why was Nehemiah angry? Is it right to be angry? What does right anger look like? What does wrong anger look like?*
2. *What makes you angry?*
3. *What does Nehemiah do in verse 6 with his anger? What keeps us from listening to other people? What happens if we remain closed and don't listen to others?*
4. *What does Nehemiah do in verse 7 with his anger? What strategies help you to think about another person's point of view?*
5. *How does Nehemiah deal with his anger in verse 7-9? Why is dialogue so difficult in our culture today? What does healthy dialogue on different views look like?*
6. *What does Nehemiah's example look like in verses 9-12?*
7. *In our circle of influence, how can we help to unite people who differ on cultural issues?*