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- Nehemiah's response to challenges to the project of building the wall. 4:1-6:14
 - Oppression by fellow Israelites
 - Economic hardship exacerbated by a famine led to mortgaging real property

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 - Oppression by fellow Israelites
 - Unsustainable taxation
 - Economic hardship has risen to the level of having to sell family members into slavery

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 - Nehemiah's response to this oppression
 - Angered by the injustice
 - Carefully considered his next move

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 - Nehemiah's response to this oppression
 - Held them accountable to the Law of God which explicitly forbids charging interest of a fellow Israelite Exodus 22:25-27; Leviticus 25:35-38; Deuteronomy 23:19-20
 - Confronted them with the Word of God and called them to repentance

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 - Nehemiah modeled leadership that blesses those over whom he ruled.
 - Served for 12 years
 - Deliberately did not take advantage of some benefits to which he was entitled
 - Continued to focus on the work of rebuilding the wall

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 - Did not focus on self-enrichment
 - Made sure his servants reflected his convictions and values

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 - Nehemiah modeled leadership that blesses those over whom he ruled.
 - Provided for others at his own expense
 - Worked under the conviction that all is done in full view of God

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Lessons from Nehemiah's responses.

- Positions of power and authority have the potential for destructive evil or live-giving blessing.
- Our sinful nature requires the mitigating intervention of authoritative instruction.
- We should be angry over injustice.
- Anger brought under the lordship of God and expressed under the instruction of His Word results in actions that bring glory to God.

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Lessons from Nehemiah’s responses.

- People have a tendency to reflect the practices and values of their leaders.
- Yet another example on how a focus on the mission affects all we do.
- Never forget your accountability to God.
