Sermon Based Questions

***"Made for This Part 7 - "* – Nathan Blais**

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Week 7 of our “Made For THIS” series framed opposition not just as “out there” (external enemies), but “in here” (internal conflict—selfishness and greed within God’s people). Nehemiah 5 shows how “friendly fire” can wound a community, and how wise leadership confronts sin, calls for repentance, and models generosity rooted in the fear of God.

Share

1. What’s one relationship in your life where you’re grateful you were able to work through conflict instead of walking away?

Discuss

2. Read Nehemiah 5:1–5. Discuss what the “great outcry” reveals about the kind of opposition God’s people were facing at this stage of rebuilding.
3. The sermon defined debt as “trading your future for the present.” How does that help you understand the desperation in verses 2–5, and why it made the situation so explosive?
4. Read Leviticus 25:35–37. Discuss what God was protecting by forbidding interest/profit from the poor within the community.
5. Nehemiah confronts the nobles and officials (Nehemiah 5:6–11). What stands out about his approach—his anger, his self-control, or the clarity of what he demands?
6. Read Nehemiah 5:12–13. Discuss what the leaders’ response shows about the difference between someone who can be corrected and someone who is pretending.

Reflect

7. When someone close to you hurts you, what story do you immediately tell yourself about their motives—and how often does that story end up being wrong?
8. The message described three kinds of people (wise, simple, evil) and warned how easy it is to misdiagnose. Where do you personally tend to misdiagnose—assuming “wolf” when it’s really immaturity or misunderstanding?
9. Nehemiah’s “why” was the fear of God (Nehemiah 5:15). What would change in the way you treat people (especially when you have leverage) if you truly believed “God is watching” in the moment?

Apply

10. This week, if you get hit by friendly fire, which response do you need to choose on purpose: run away, fire back, or raise the bar and lead the way—and what’s one sentence you can say that starts that response well?
11. Nehemiah didn’t just confront greed—he modeled generosity and refused personal privilege (Nehemiah 5:14–19). What’s one specific “privilege” or advantage you can lay down this week for someone else’s good (time, credit, convenience, money, comfort)?