



Rise Up and Build Part 5

Nehemiah 5

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NP3 Commitments:

Faithfully pursue and fulfill God's calling on your life.

Reach full maturity as a church.

Evangelize San Diego.

I. THE SERIOUSNESS OF DISTURBANCES WITHIN THE FELLOWSHIP (v. 6-9):

Nehemiah made 3 accusations that reveal the seriousness of the situation:

- a. You have disregarded God's Word. (v. 7)
- b. You have desired your own agenda rather than God's. (v. 8)
- c. You have damaged our testimony. (v. 9)

II. THE SOLUTION FOR DISTURBANCES WITHIN THE FELLOWSHIP (v. 10-19):

- a. Confront the disturbances directly. (v. 10b-11)
- b. Make repentance and restoration the goals. (v. 12b, 13a)
- c. Demand an immediate end to the disturbance. (v. 11a, 12a, 13b)
- d. Insure that the leadership sets the example. (v. 14-19)
- e. Get back to God's business.

Remember: The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing.