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Nehemiah 5:10-19 “Integrity”

Nehemiah's passion for the glory of God and for the good of others has driven him to lead the people to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. They have met a lot of opposition but nothing has halted the project... Until now! Nehemiah and the people get a much needed integrity check. Let us take time to also check ours.

I. **What is Integrity?** (vs. 10-14)

The word “integrity” comes from the English word “integer”

- It is a life united in wholeness (10-11) (Mt. 22:37-40)
- It is a life in line with the truth of scripture (12-14) (Lev. 25:35-36,39-40, 10, 2 Chron. 36:21)

“The man who makes a vow makes an appointment with himself at some distant time or place.” -GK Chesterton

II. **What motivates integrity?** (vs. 15-19)

- The Fear of God
- The love of others



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1. Read Nehemiah 5:10-19. What stands out to you?
2. How important do you think that integrity/wholeness/honesty was to them at this time? (Lev. 19:18) How important is integrity to you?
3. How does dishonesty enslave us and a promise free you? Do you find this to be true in your life? Why or why not?
4. In verses 10-13 Nehemiah turns to the scripture and lays out the law of Jubilee. Why is this significant?
5. In verses 14-19 we see Nehemiah live out the law of Jubilee. Why is this lifestyle significant? What motivates Nehemiah to live so graciously?
6. Share with your small group someone of integrity who made a real impact on your life like Nehemiah did on his people.
7. Read Luke 4:16-21. How has Jesus laid out and lived out the law of Jubilee for you? What significance does that have on your life?