



**"OUR GOAL OR MY GAIN"\***

Nehemiah 5

Leading Through the \_\_\_\_\_ Crisis.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ problems.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ problems.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ solutions.

Leading by Doing the \_\_\_\_\_.

People expect leaders to...

People follow leaders that...

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# REALife Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or REALife Group.

1. Was the problem of financial hardship a real or perceived problem? How did the people's reaction affect Nehemiah? Are you surprised he got angry? (see Eph. 4:26)
2. Read verses 12-13 carefully. Why did Nehemiah ask the leaders to commit with a public oath? What are the implications of their breaking the oath? Should people make promises today? (See Ps. 76:11)
3. Think of examples of the life-styles of the leaders you know in society today. What are some common personal "perks" of leadership?
4. When you look at the example of Nehemiah's sacrifice for his goal, what sacrifices are you inspired to make to achieve something great for God?

**Memory Verse:**

**“In your anger do not sin’:  
Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry,”**

**Ephesians 4:26**