



**UNFINISHED**  
**“Pursuing Peace &  
Persevering Through  
Opposition”**  
[Nehemiah 5-6](#)  
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### **Pursue Peace & Justice** [Micah 6:8](#)

#### **1) The crime & cry from the people** [5:1-5](#)

- ✓ **The cry** - *we're starving*
- ✓ **The crime** - *children sold into slavery*

#### **2) The confrontation & challenge to the people** [5:6-13](#)

[Exodus 22:25-27](#); [Deuteronomy 23:19-20](#); [Leviticus 25:35-40](#)

- ✓ **The confrontation** – *this is wrong*
- ✓ **The challenge** – *stop & give it back*

#### **3) The capacity & choices by Nehemiah** [5:14-19](#)

[Proverbs 29:2](#)

- ✓ **The capacity** – *Nehemiah was promoted*
- ✓ **The choices** – *Nehemiah's unselfish leadership*

### **Persevere through Personal Opposition**

#### **1) Disregard the outside pressure** [6:1-9](#)

- ✓ **Decide not to compromise**
- ✓ **Dismiss the coercions**

## 2) Deal with the inside pressure 6:10-14

- ✓ **Discern** if it's of God or not
- ✓ **Determine if it goes against God's Word**

## 3) Determine to push forward 6:15-19

- ✓ **Stay the course**
- ✓ **Stand firm**

### **Our Response:**

- 1) Do we hear the cry of those who are struggling, oppressed, & poor?  
Do you genuinely care? How can you express concern & make a difference?
- 2) How can we be tempted to pursue "gold" over God? How would others perceive your pursuit: is it God or "gold"?
- 3) Have you ever been promoted? How do you handle that promotion?  
What does the Lord desire to do in & through you in your workplace?
- 4) How hard it is to disregard the pressure of this world to compromise?  
Where do you struggle the most? How can you dismiss them?
- 5) In what areas of your life do you need to determine is something is from God and where God's Word stands on it? Name them and seek God's Word and His discernment this week.
- 6) Where do you need to stay the course and stand firm in God's call on your life? Where & how does PFBC need to do this?