

"When The Problem Is You: Fighting My Sin" Nehemiah 5 May 2, 2021 Pastor Bear Clifton

I. The Enemy within me

- II. A quick primer on what the Bible has to teach about my sin nature:
 - > We are ______ a sin nature.
 - > Not one of us is ______ as we think we are.
 - > Because of sin, not one of us can _____ heaven on the basis of our goodness, but instead deserve God's
 - > Left unchecked, my sin will grow in destructiveness and lead me to _____.

III. And now a quick primer on how we fight our sin, according to Nehemiah 5:

Step One: ______ - I must recognize the sin problem I have.

- A. How does this happen in the story?
- B. While the Holy Spirit is the one who has to convict us of sin, what things will the Spirit use to do this?

C. 5 questions to ask when I read the Bible (based on the Lord's Prayer):

- > What do I learn about ______ in this reading?
- What do I learn about ______ in the world?
 What do I learn for the ______ of my life today?
- What do I learn about my _____? \geq
- What do I learn that will help me keep Jesus ______ in my life? \geq

Step Two: ______ - I admit where

I've gone wrong, then change it.

A. What does it mean to "repent"?

- B. Three observations about true repentance:
- It comes packed with real _____.
- When you come clean, God makes you _____.
- > To move from forgiveness of sin to freedom from sin is a journey, so repentance is seldom ______.

Step Three: ______ - I learn from

Jesus how to live rightly.

A. We become new by being part of a community where we receive ______....

B. ...and ______.