

Standing By Our Promises
Lessons on Leadership from Nehemiah—Part 11
Nehemiah 13
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Before we jump into chapter 13, I want to give you some background information:

1. Nehemiah went back to _____ at the end of chapter 12.
2. There is a literary _____ between chapter 10 and chapter 13.

Since chapter 13 is best understood in light of chapter 10, I'm going to follow the same outline from two weeks ago so that we can look carefully at each one of their four broken promises:

The first promise broken is: The _____ Promise. (v. 1)

The second promise broken is: The _____ Promise. (vv. 4-29)

They ignored this vow in two ways:

1. By an _____ intruder. (vv. 4-9)
2. They allowed _____ marriages to take place. (vv. 23-28)

The third promise broken is: The _____ Promise. (v. 13)

The final broken promise is: The _____ Promise (vv.15-22)

He spoke sternly and acted firmly by instituting three action steps for breaking the Sabbath Promise:

1. He rebuked the Jews who were _____ and _____ on the Sabbath and made them stop.
2. He rebuked the nobles for _____ business on the Sabbath day by reminding them that the violation of the Sabbath was one of the reasons for their captivity in the first place.
3. He ordered the city gates _____ on the Sabbath and he put some of his own guards on duty in verse 19.

As we wrap up this chapter, and our series on Nehemiah, I want to give you my top ten lessons from this very practical book:

1. It's never too _____ to do what's right.

2. Don't play around with _____.
3. _____ who God is.
4. Cultivate a _____ of praise and prayer.
5. Move out of your _____ zone.
6. Don't let _____ derail you.
7. Seek to _____ relational ruptures.
8. Say “_____” to God's priorities and “_____” to the devil's distractions.
9. _____ the promises of God and _____ upon them.
10. Allow God to _____ you.