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**(RE)BUILD MY LIFE: From Rubble to Renewal**  
***Rebuild My Generosity***  
Nehemiah 5:1-19  
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*(Sermon fill-in notes and Scripture references)*

<sup>27</sup> “But I say to you who hear, ‘Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.<sup>29</sup> To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back.” (Luke 6:27-30)

**Generosity is a pathway to personal wholeness and communal flourishing.**

**Listen openly.**

<sup>25</sup> If you lend money to any of my people with you who is poor, you shall not be like a moneylender to him, and you shall not exact interest from him. (Exodus 22:25)

**Confront injustice.**

<sup>8</sup> Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves,  
for the rights of all who are destitute.

<sup>9</sup> Speak up and judge fairly;  
defend the rights of the poor and needy. (Proverbs 31:8-9)

**Embrace limits.**

**Serve sacrificially.**

<sup>42</sup> And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup> But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:42-45)

**Extend hospitality.**

“It is better to give than to receive.” (Acts 20:35)

<sup>19</sup> Remember for my good, O my God, all that I have done for this people. (Nehemiah 5:19)

***Our ultimate good is not found in his accumulation of goods, but in the blessing of God.***