

# Taking Problems by the Throat

A Study on the Book of Nehemiah

Nehemiah 13:1-31

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1. A Compromising Friendship (vs.4-9)
2. A Financial Mess (vs.10-14)
3. A Workaholic Culture (vs.15-22)
4. A Marital Crisis (vs.23-30)

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2. Deal with the problem aggressively.
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