

**PEOPLE BE
CRAZY...**

...LOVE THEM ANYWAY

We Live And Work In A Sinful, Fallen World

- **Nehemiah served a despotic king**
- **Paul told Christians to pray for the Roman emperor**
- **Paul was thankful for selfish, conceited preachers**
- **Peter told slaves to honor their masters**
- **Joseph was put in prison falsely**
- **Jesus told us to pray for those who use us harshly**



Biblical Principles For Loving “Crazy” People At Work

- Remember, HOW you work is an expression of your faith that says more about YOU than it does about your situation.

1 Cor 10:31

“So, whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”



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- Remember, how you RESPOND in bad situations reflects your faith.

1 Peter 2:23

“When they hurled their insults at him, he (Jesus) did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.”



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- Look for the GOOD God wants to bring out of your BAD situation.

Philippians 1:12-18

“But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice,



Lessons From Nehemiah

- Approach even the worst situation with prayer and respect. Neh 2:1-5
- Don't let ridicule or evil words deter you from your task or cause you to compromise. Neh 2:19-20
- Talk to God about the situation not everyone else. Neh 4:1-5



Lessons From Nehemiah

- Take wise and adequate precautions. Neh 4:9;13;16
- Trust God for the outcome. Neh 4:20
- Refuse to stop doing the right thing, even in the face of opposition and threats. Neh 6:1-3



Today You Need To Love them Anyway!

- **Come pray...ask for perspective, wisdom, strength**
- **Come commit to responding the right way**
- **Come ask God to use you in your tough situation**
- **Come ask God to extend His Kingdom and glorify Himself and His Son through YOU!**

