

CAN'T WE ALL JUST GET ALONG?

“Manage the Criticism” (NEHEMIAH 2, 4, & 6)

INTRODUCTION

- What Is Criticism?
- Ezekiel 28:14-17: Genesis 3:1, 5
- Examples of Criticism in the Bible
(Exodus 5:21; 16:2-3; Numbers 10; 12; 14; 16; II Samuel 15; 16:5-13)

EXPOSITION

Lessons About Criticism from Nehemiah:

I. Don't allow criticism to stop the work God has _____ you to do.

- Five Questions from Sanballat

II. _____ God with the criticism.

- Romans 8:28

III. Don't be _____ by criticism.

IV. Don't return _____ with criticism.

- I Peter 3:9

V. _____ about the criticism.

- James 1:5

VI. Handle the criticism with _____ and _____.

- Psalm 141:5

CONCLUSION

TAKE IT A STEP FURTHER

- 1) How did David handle his critics I Samuel 16 and 19?
- 2) How can we develop a humble response to our critics?
- 3) Book Recommendation: *Pastors and Their Critics* by Joel Beeke