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THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH

God builds
our lives
and His church
brick by brick



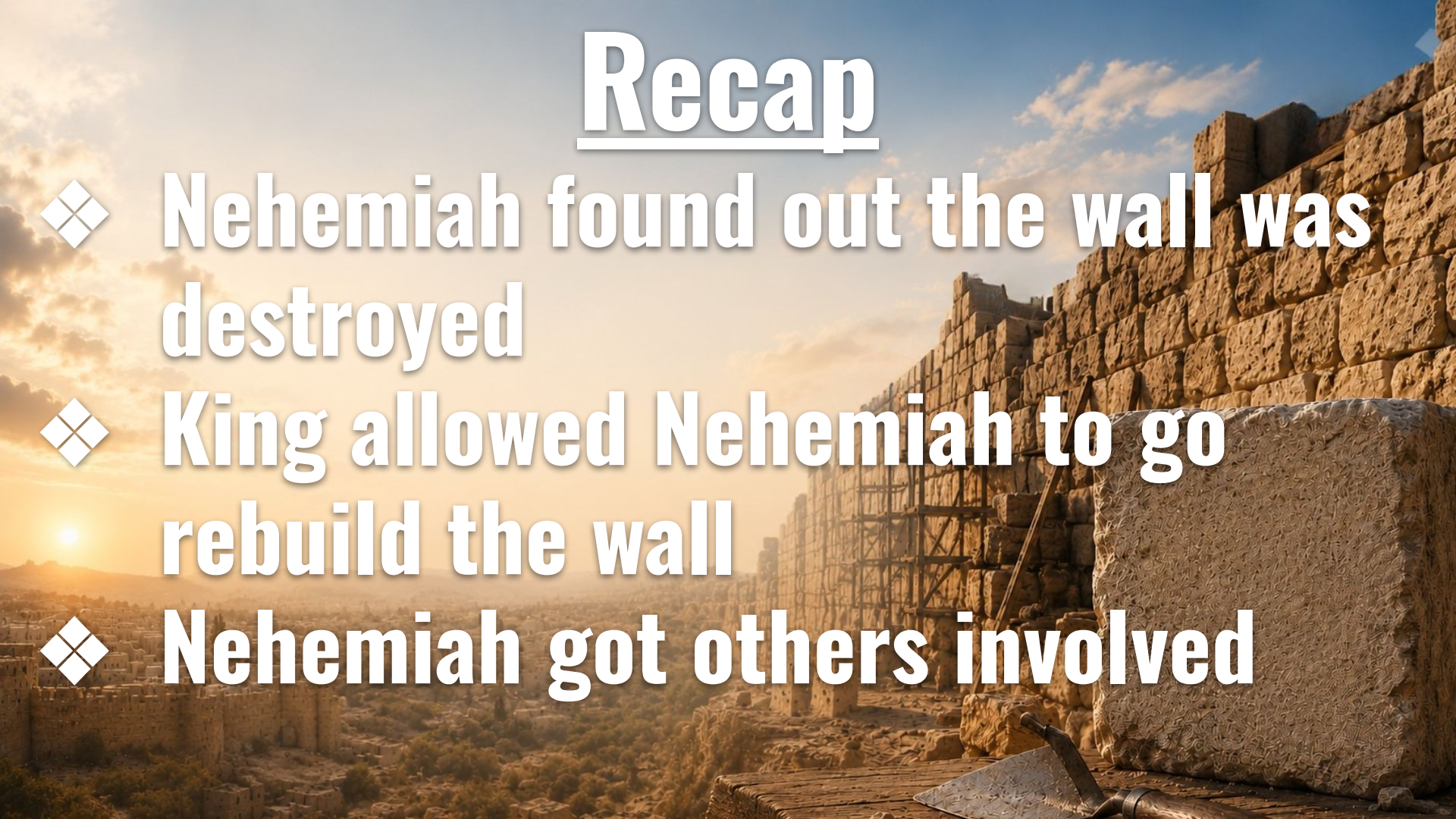
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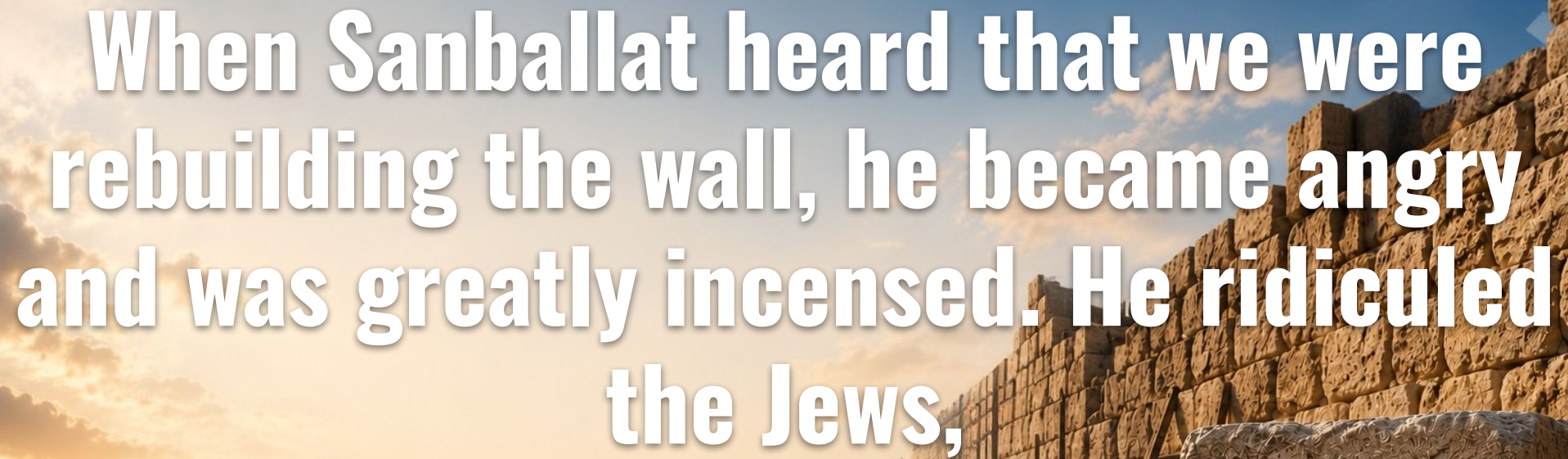
What God builds, God will protect



Recap

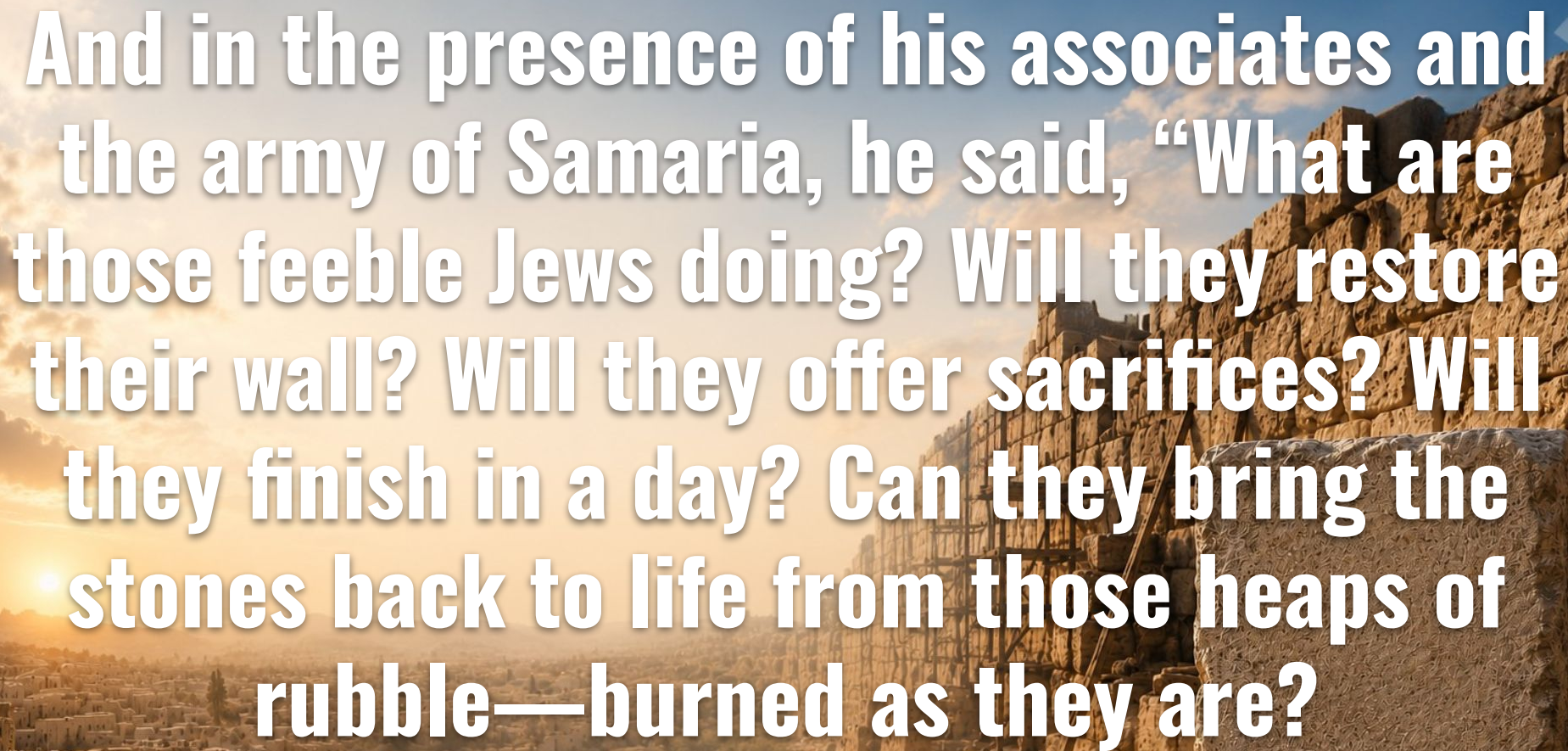
- ❖ Nehemiah found out the wall was destroyed
- ❖ King allowed Nehemiah to go rebuild the wall
- ❖ Nehemiah got others involved





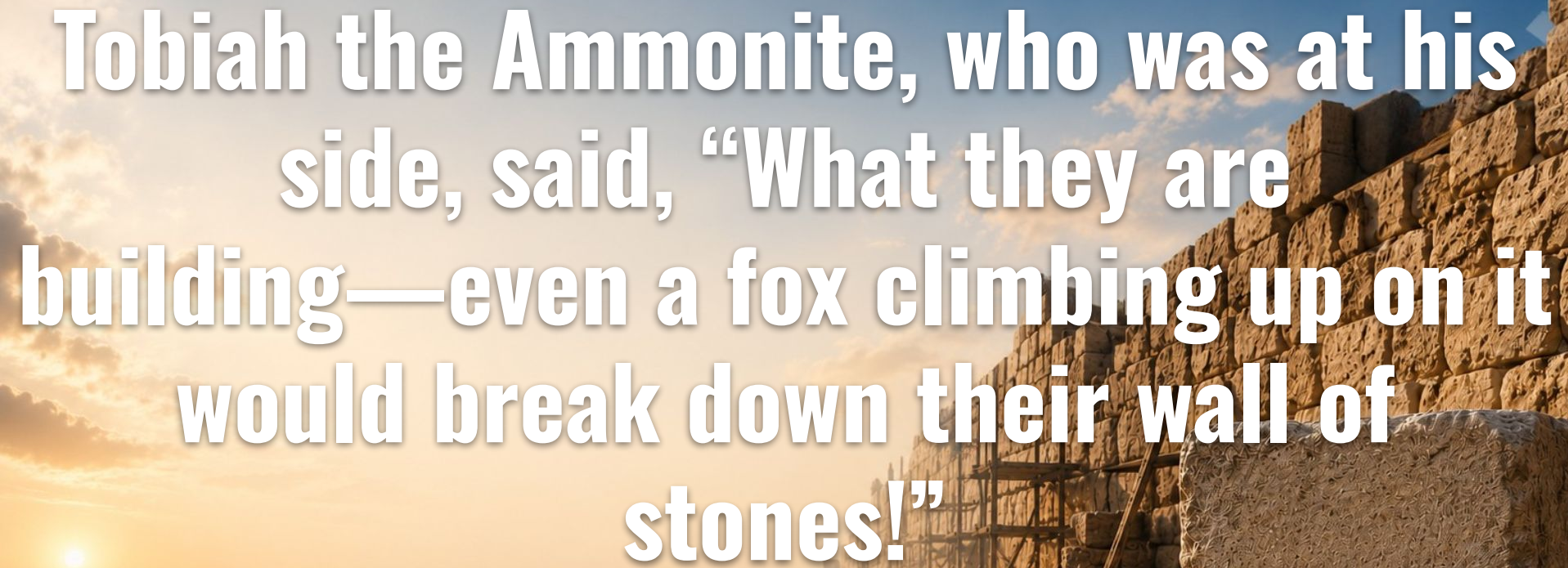
When Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, he became angry and was greatly incensed. He ridiculed the Jews,

Nehemiah 4: 1 NIV



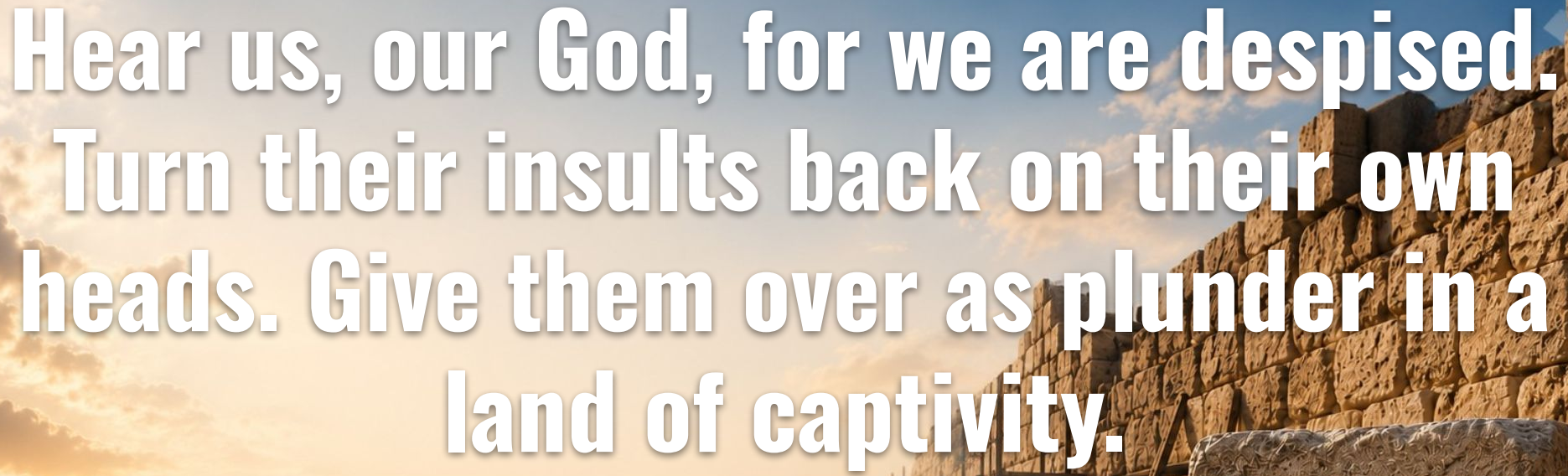
And in the presence of his associates and the army of Samaria, he said, “What are those feeble Jews doing? Will they restore their wall? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they finish in a day? Can they bring the stones back to life from those heaps of rubble—burned as they are?”

Nehemiah 4: 2 NIV



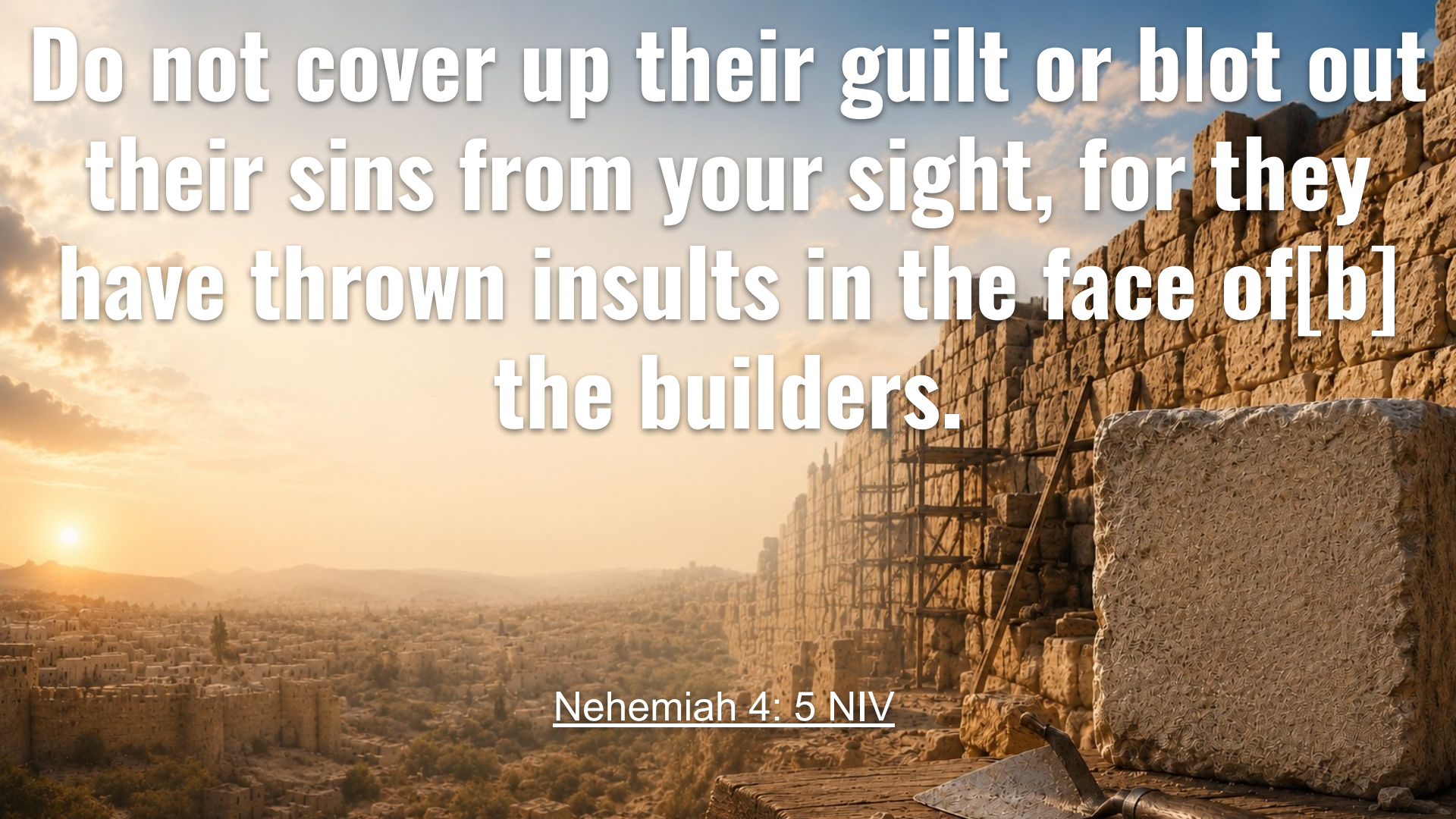
Tobiah the Ammonite, who was at his side, said, “What they are building—even a fox climbing up on it would break down their wall of stones!”

Nehemiah 4: 3 NIV

A dramatic landscape at sunset. In the foreground, a stone wall is under construction, with scaffolding and a large, rough-hewn stone block. A shovel lies on the ground in front of the block. In the background, a city with many small buildings is visible, nestled in a valley. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the scene. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds.


**Hear us, our God, for we are despised.
Turn their insults back on their own
heads. Give them over as plunder in a
land of captivity.**

Nehemiah 4: 4 NIV



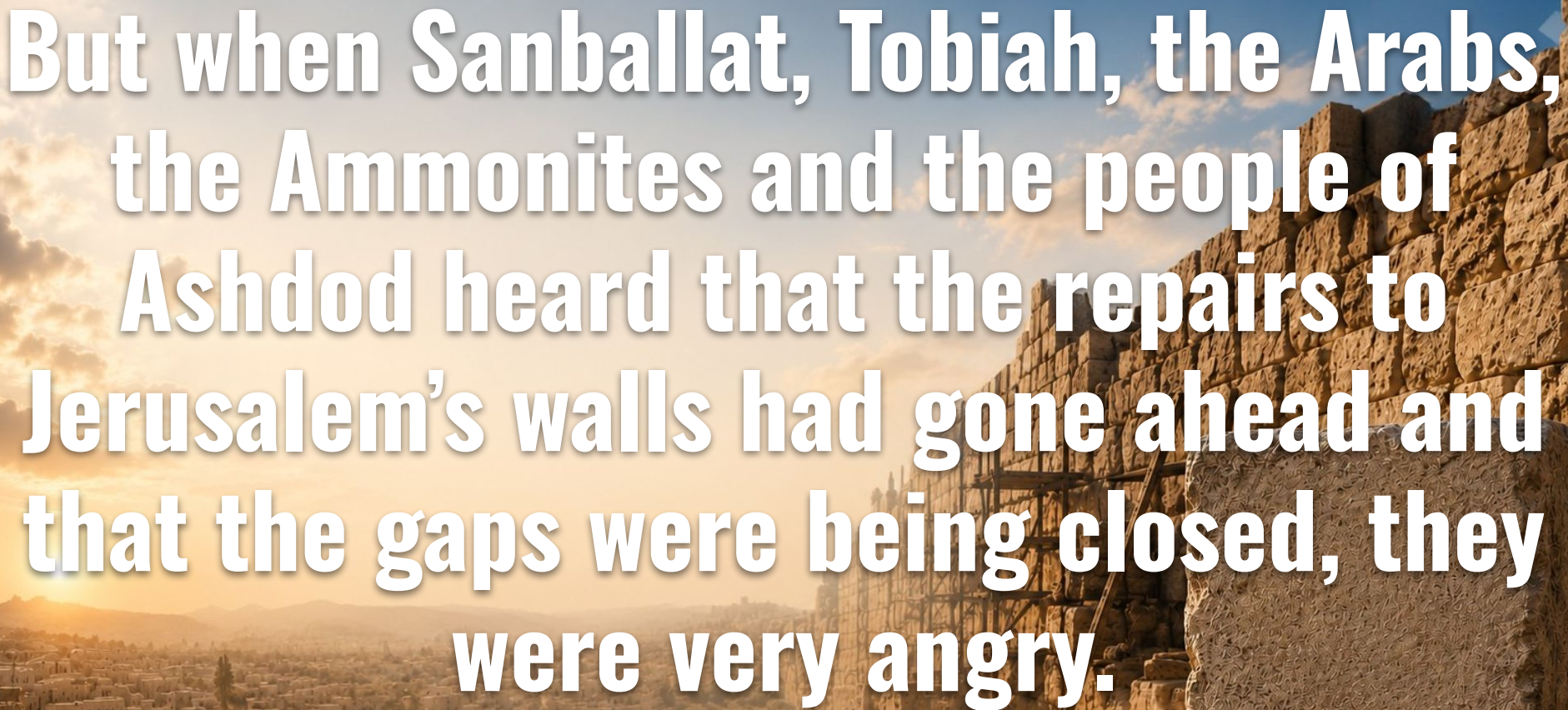
**Do not cover up their guilt or blot out
their sins from your sight, for they
have thrown insults in the face of [b]
the builders.**

Nehemiah 4: 5 NIV

A large stone wall is under construction, extending across the frame from the right towards the left. The wall is built with large, rectangular stone blocks. Scaffolding is visible on the wall, and a wooden ladder leans against it. In the foreground, a large, rough-hewn stone block sits on a wooden plank. A metal trowel lies on the plank next to it. The background shows a cityscape with many small buildings, set against a sunset sky with a bright sun low on the horizon. The overall scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of the setting sun.

**So we rebuilt the wall till all of it
reached half its height, for the people
worked with all their heart.**

Nehemiah 4: 6 NIV

A dramatic landscape of Jerusalem at sunset, showing the city's stone walls and a large stone block being worked on by a mason's trowel in the foreground. The sky is filled with warm, golden light, and the city's buildings are visible in the distance. The text is overlaid on the image in a large, white, bold font.

**But when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs,
the Ammonites and the people of
Ashdod heard that the repairs to
Jerusalem's walls had gone ahead and
that the gaps were being closed, they
were very angry.**

Nehemiah 4: 7 NIV



**They all plotted together to come and
fight against Jerusalem and stir up
trouble against it.**

Nehemiah 4: 8 NIV

**But we prayed to our God and posted
a guard day and night to meet this
threat.**

Nehemiah 4: 9 NIV



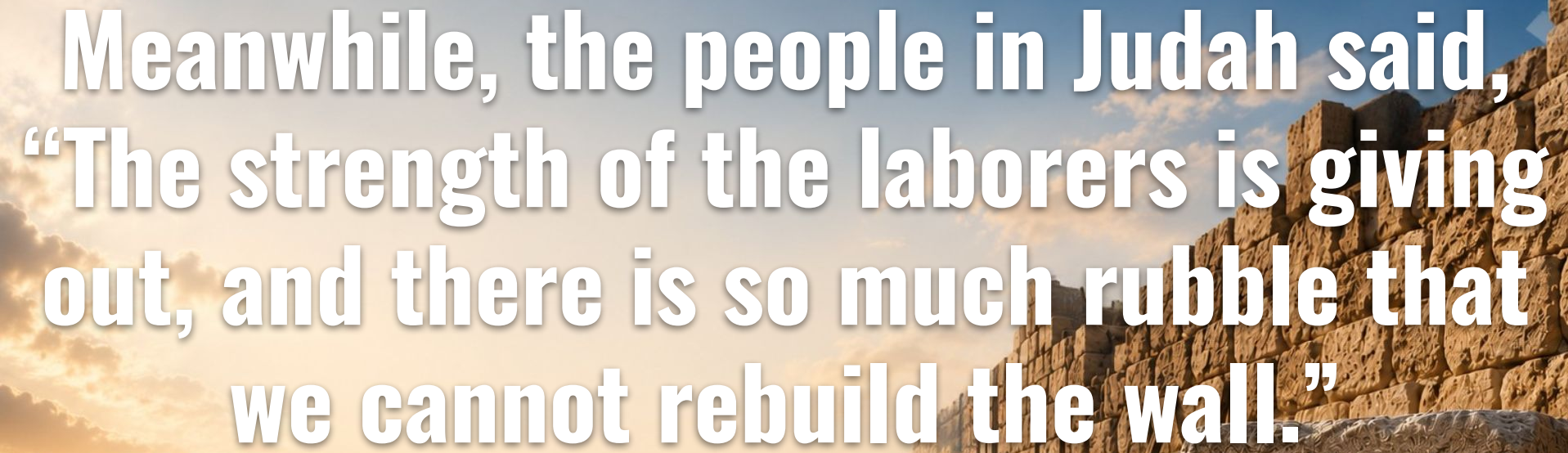
The Ridicule

- ❖ Sanballat is being a bully
- ❖ Nehemiah prays for protection
- ❖ The prayer is a covering over all of those working on the wall



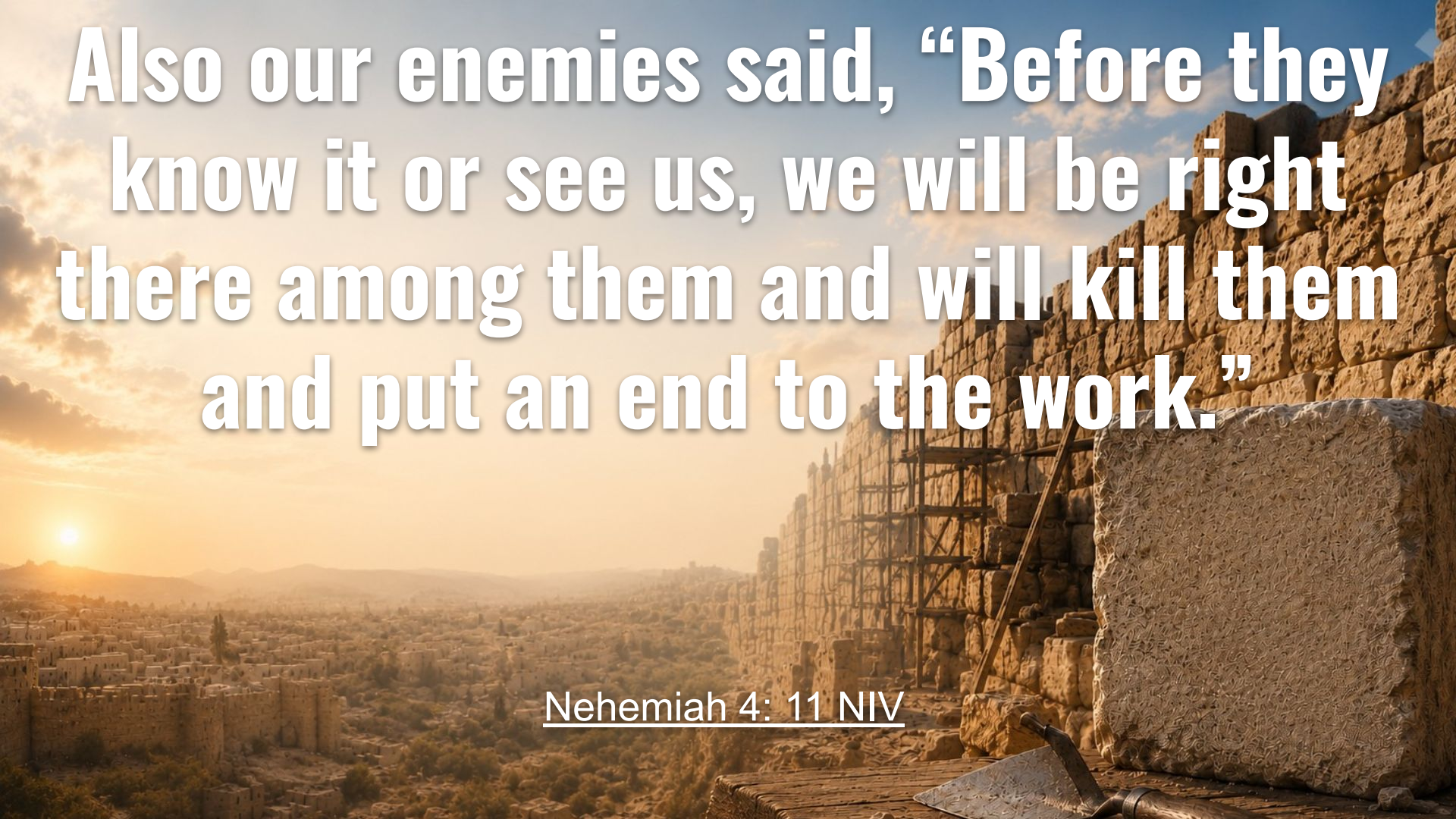
Prayer

- ❖ Prayer helps us respond and not react
- ❖ Prayer brings peace
- ❖ Prayer leads us to respond like Christ

A dramatic landscape at sunset. In the foreground, a stone wall is under construction, with scaffolding and a large, rough-hewn stone block. A trowel lies on a wooden plank in the lower right. In the background, a city with many small buildings is visible on a hillside, with mountains in the distance under a golden sky. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, hazy atmosphere.

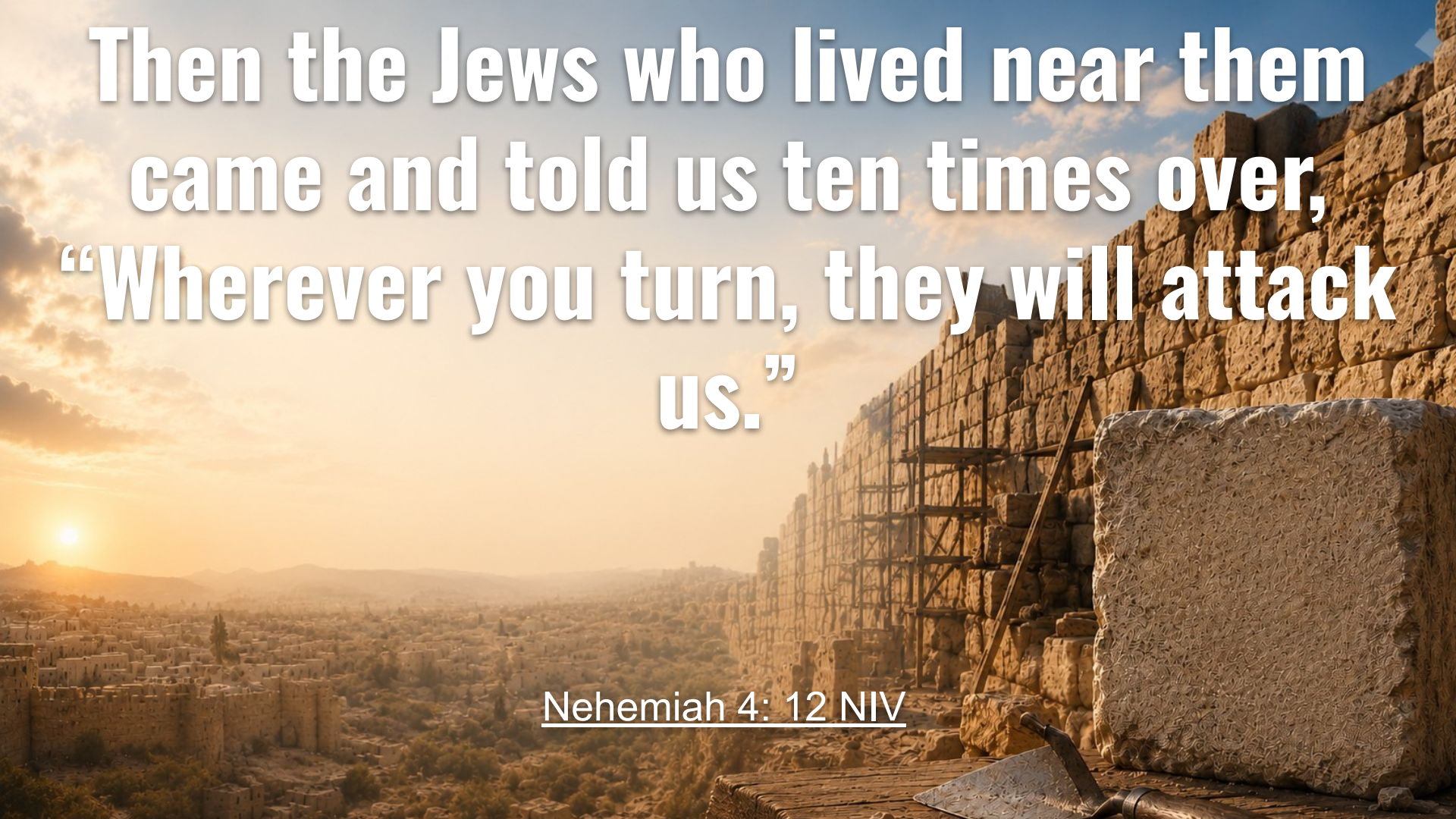
**Meanwhile, the people in Judah said,
“The strength of the laborers is giving
out, and there is so much rubble that
we cannot rebuild the wall.”**

Nehemiah 4: 10 NIV

A dramatic landscape at sunset. In the foreground, a stone wall is under construction, with scaffolding and a large, rough-hewn stone block. A shovel lies on the ground in the lower right. In the background, a city is visible in the distance under a golden sky with a low sun. The text is overlaid in large, white, bold letters.

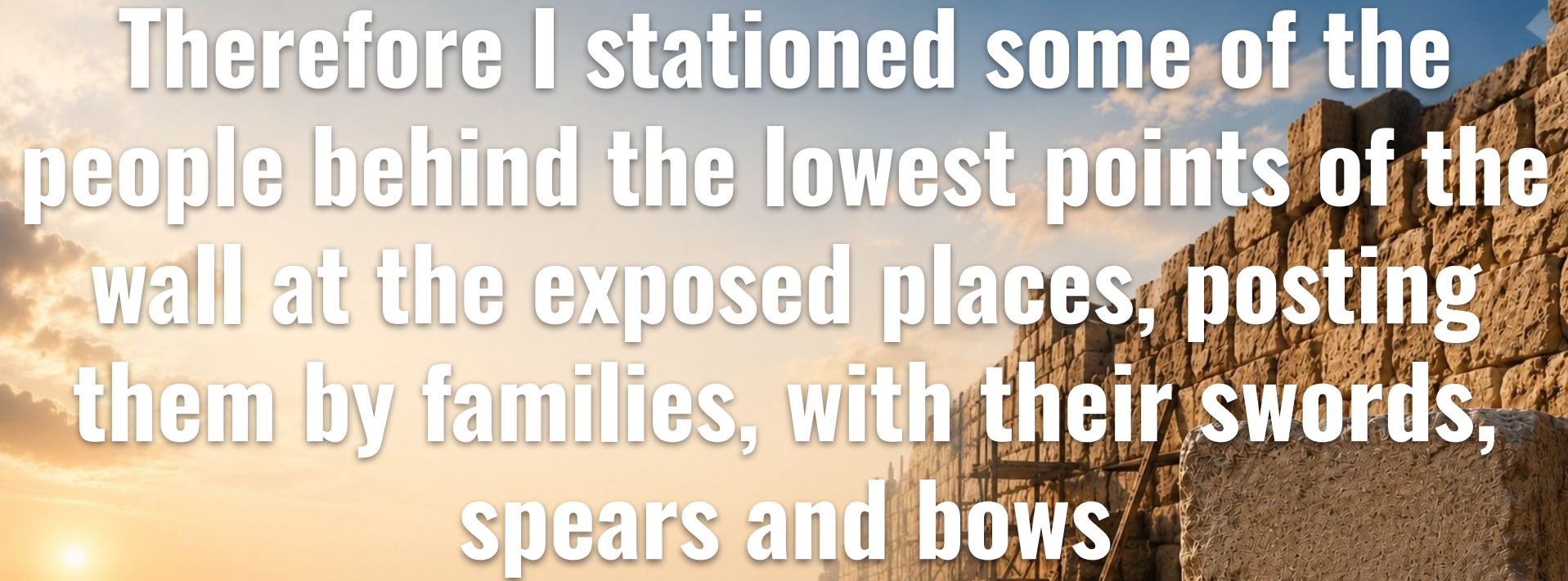
Also our enemies said, “Before they know it or see us, we will be right there among them and will kill them and put an end to the work.”

Nehemiah 4: 11 NIV



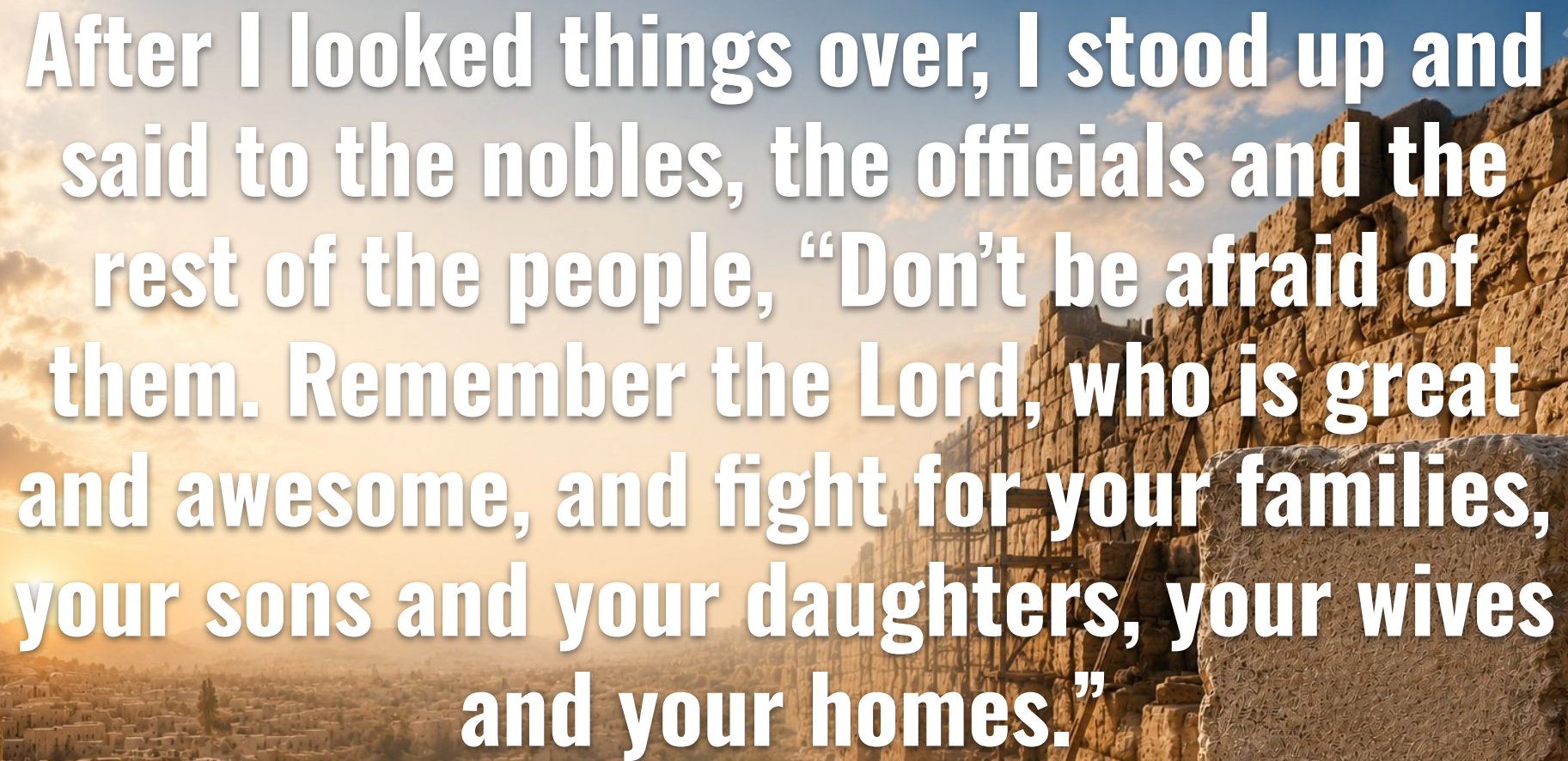
**Then the Jews who lived near them
came and told us ten times over,
“Wherever you turn, they will attack
us.”**

Nehemiah 4: 12 NIV



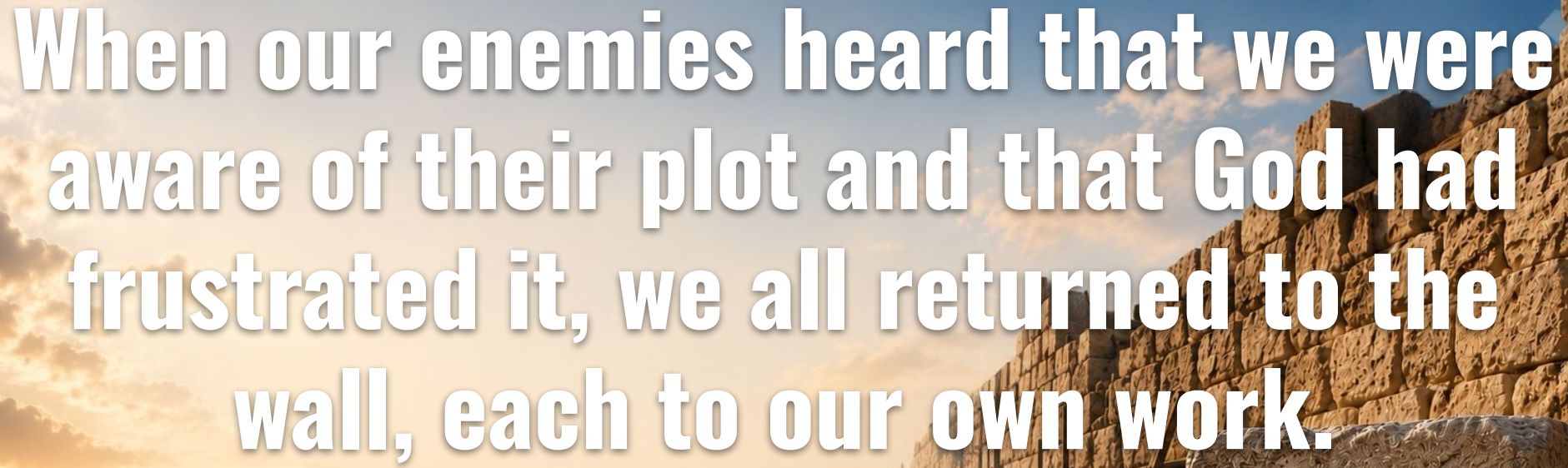
Therefore I stationed some of the people behind the lowest points of the wall at the exposed places, posting them by families, with their swords, spears and bows

Nehemiah 4: 13 NIV



After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, “Don’t be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes.”

Nehemiah 4: 14 NIV



When our enemies heard that we were aware of their plot and that God had frustrated it, we all returned to the wall, each to our own work.

Nehemiah 4: 15 NIV

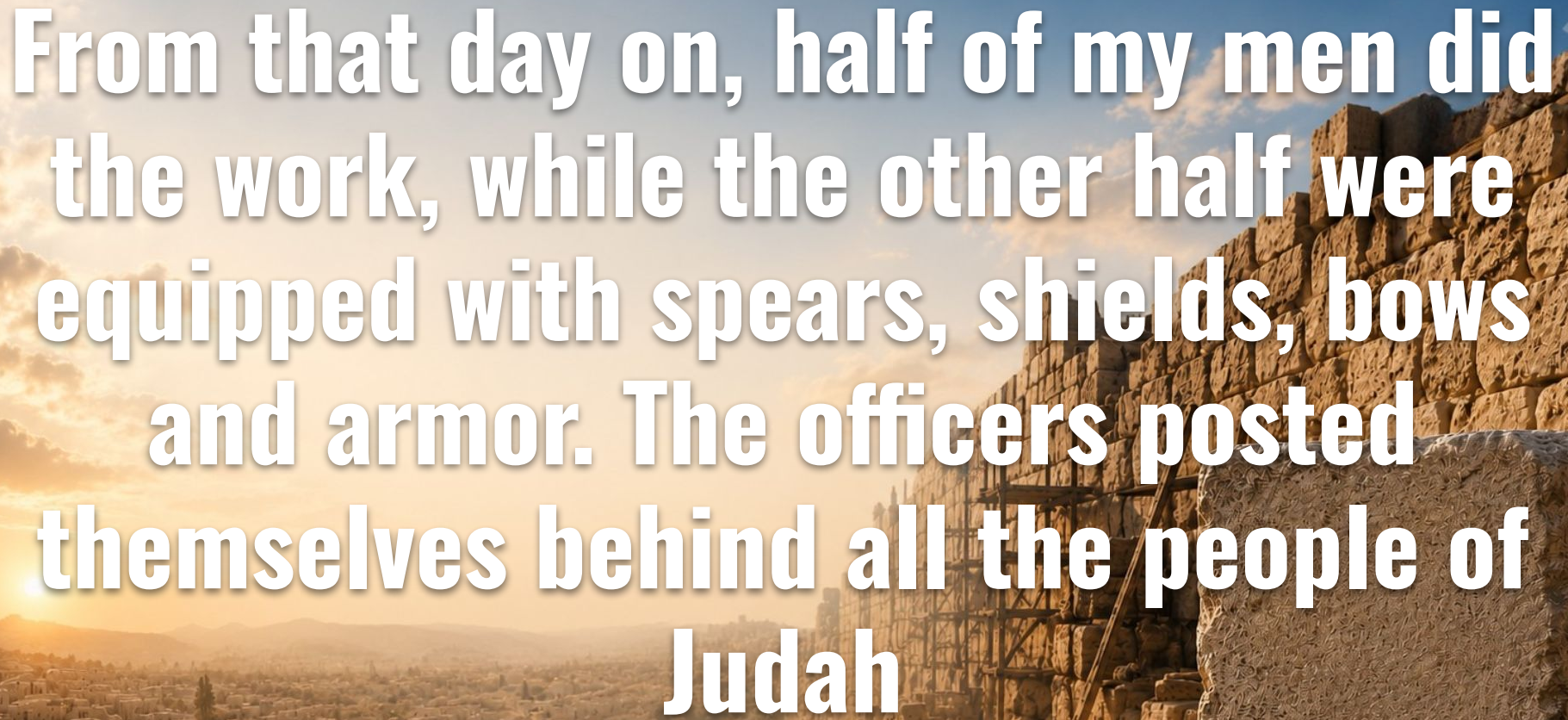
The Desperation

- ❖ “Strength is giving out”
- ❖ Doubt creeps into the hearts and minds of the workers
- ❖ God gave them strength to keep going



God's Strength

- ❖ Protects us from ourselves
 - When our minds say quit
- ❖ Sees challenges as obstacles to overcome
- ❖ God always gives His strength

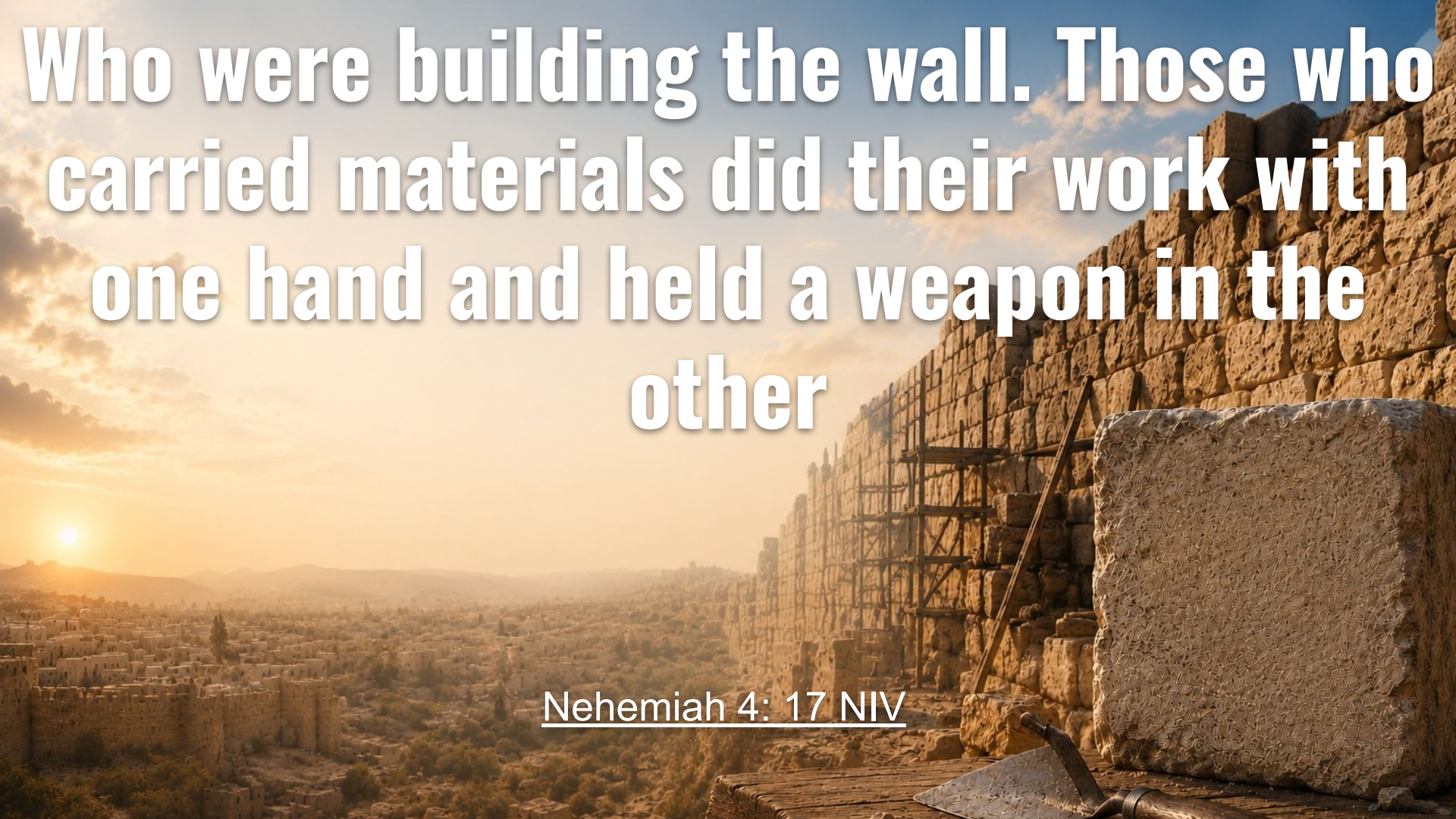
A dramatic landscape of ancient stone walls under a sunset sky. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow over the scene. In the foreground, a large, rough-hewn stone block sits on a wooden platform, with a metal trowel resting on it. The background shows a vast cityscape of stone buildings and walls, with a large stone wall under construction in the mid-ground, featuring scaffolding and a ladder.

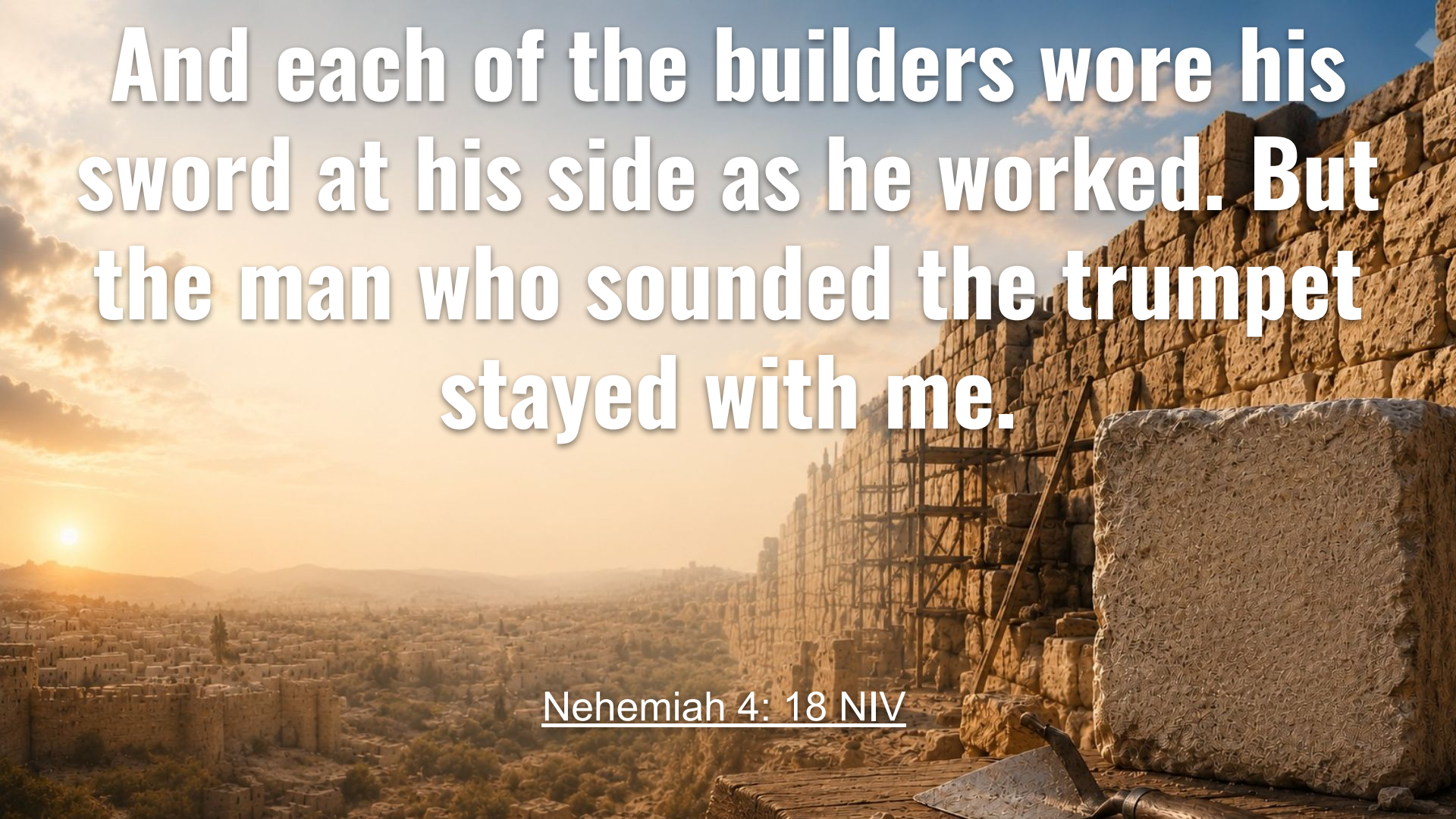
**From that day on, half of my men did
the work, while the other half were
equipped with spears, shields, bows
and armor. The officers posted
themselves behind all the people of
Judah**

Nehemiah 4: 16 NIV

**Who were building the wall. Those who
carried materials did their work with
one hand and held a weapon in the
other**

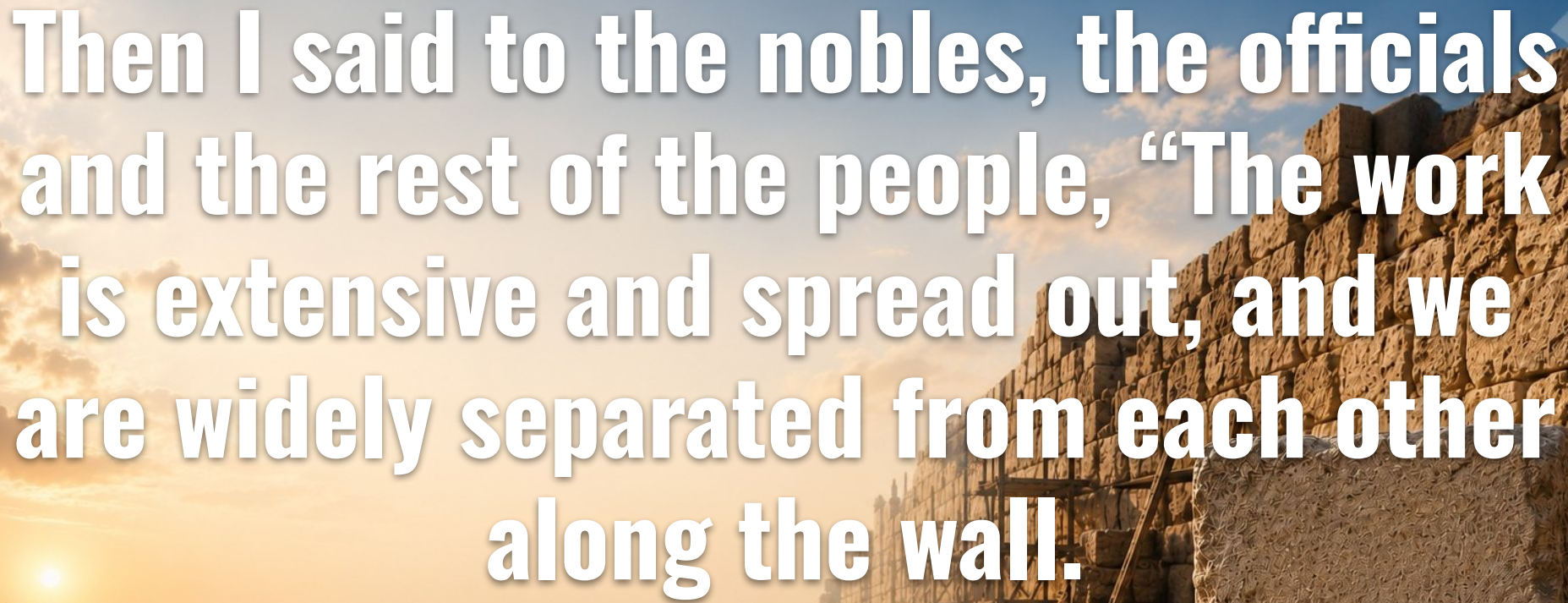
Nehemiah 4: 17 NIV



A photograph of a stone wall under construction at sunset. The wall is made of large, rectangular stone blocks and is partially covered with wooden scaffolding. A large, rough-hewn stone block is in the foreground on the right. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the scene. In the background, a city with many small buildings is visible, nestled in a valley. The sky is filled with soft, golden clouds.

And each of the builders wore his sword at his side as he worked. But the man who sounded the trumpet stayed with me.

Nehemiah 4: 18 NIV

A dramatic landscape at sunset. In the foreground, a stone wall is under construction, with a large, rough-hewn stone block on the right and a wooden plank with a metal trowel resting on it. Scaffolding is visible along the wall. In the background, a city with many small buildings is visible, set against a sky with a bright sun low on the horizon, casting a golden glow over the scene.


**Then I said to the nobles, the officials
and the rest of the people, “The work
is extensive and spread out, and we
are widely separated from each other
along the wall.**

Nehemiah 4: 19 NIV

A dramatic landscape at sunset. In the foreground, a stone wall is under construction, with a large, rough-hewn stone block on the right and a wooden scaffolding structure. A metal trowel lies on the ground in front of the block. The wall extends into the distance, overlooking a valley filled with a dense cluster of small, light-colored buildings. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the scene. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds. The overall atmosphere is one of hope and perseverance.

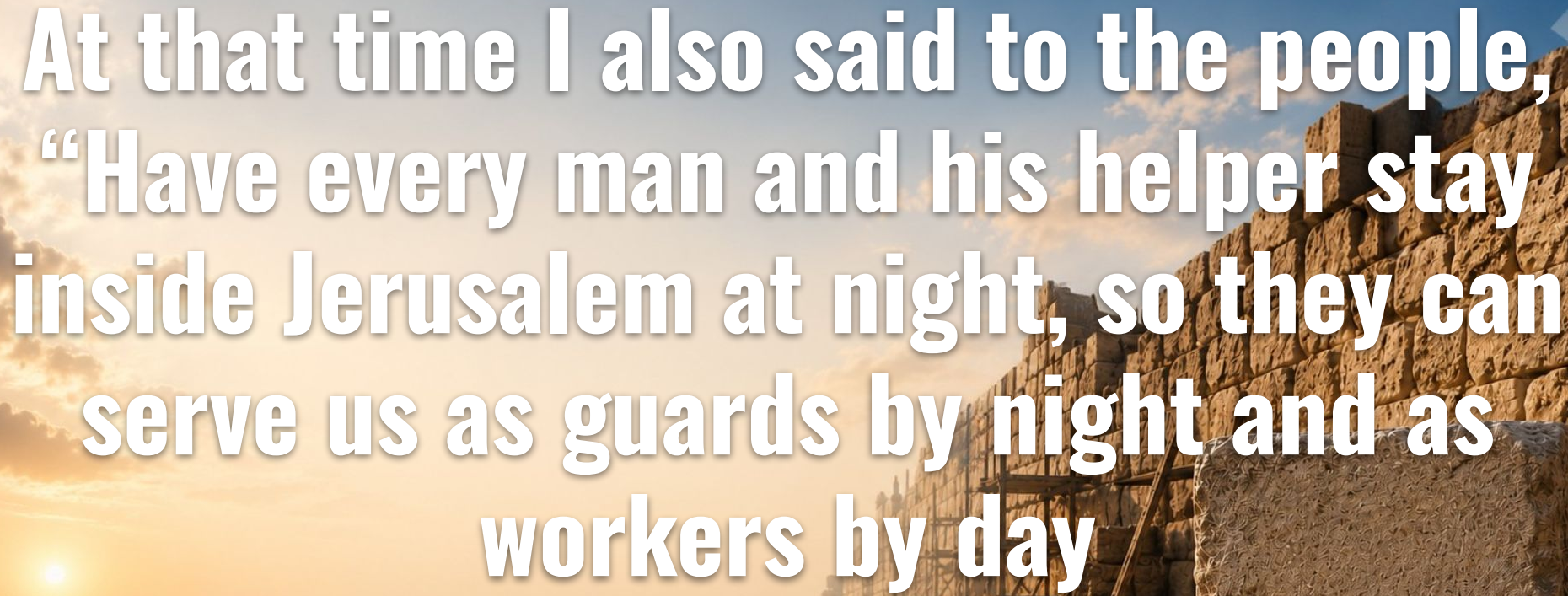
Wherever you hear the sound of the trumpet, join us there. Our God will fight for us!”

Nehemiah 4: 20 NIV



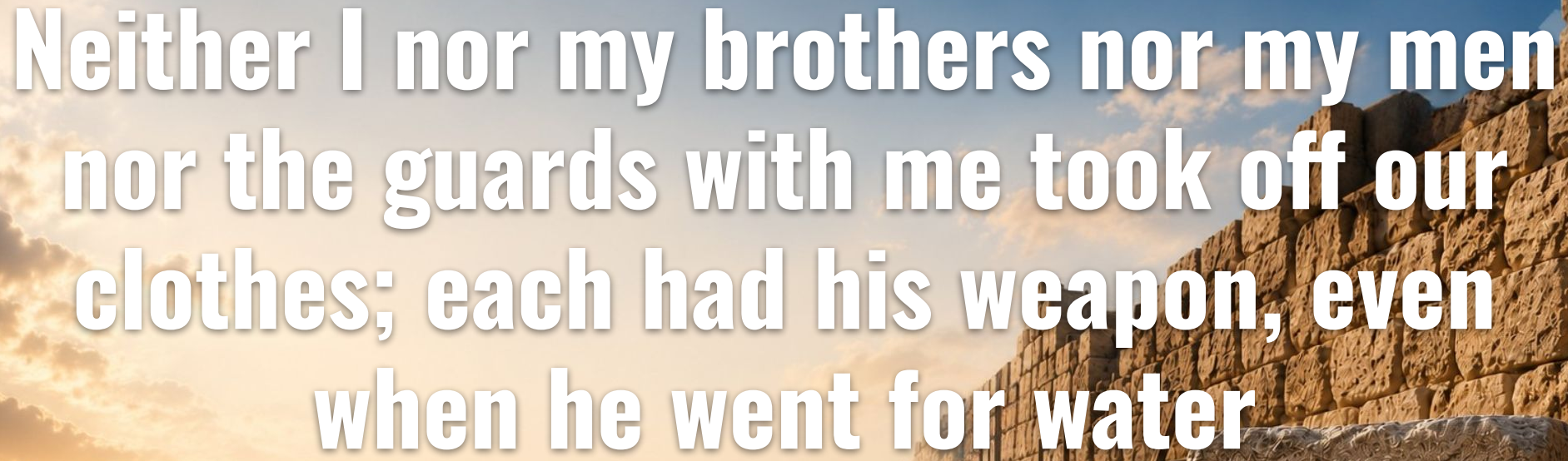
**So we continued the work with half
the men holding spears, from the first
light of dawn till the stars came out.**

Nehemiah 4: 21 NIV

A scenic view of Jerusalem at sunset, showing the city's walls and a large stone block being worked on by a mason. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the city. The walls are made of large, rectangular stone blocks, and a wooden scaffolding structure is visible. A large, rough-hewn stone block is in the foreground, with a metal trowel resting on a wooden plank next to it. The background shows the city's buildings and the surrounding landscape.

**At that time I also said to the people,
“Have every man and his helper stay
inside Jerusalem at night, so they can
serve us as guards by night and as
workers by day**

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**Neither I nor my brothers nor my men
nor the guards with me took off our
clothes; each had his weapon, even
when he went for water**

Nehemiah 4: 23 NIV

The Preparation

- ❖ For a potential threat
- ❖ What to do if attacked
- ❖ The rule was constantly being prepared for anything





Be Prepared

- ❖ Keep God involved
- ❖ Builds trust with God
- ❖ Helps effectiveness
- ❖ Get others involved
- ❖ Prepare spiritually



Preparation As A Brick

- ❖ God doesn't want what He builds to be knocked down
- ❖ Prayer
- ❖ Strength
- ❖ Preparation

