



BRICK BY BRICK



THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH

God builds
our lives
and His church
brick by brick

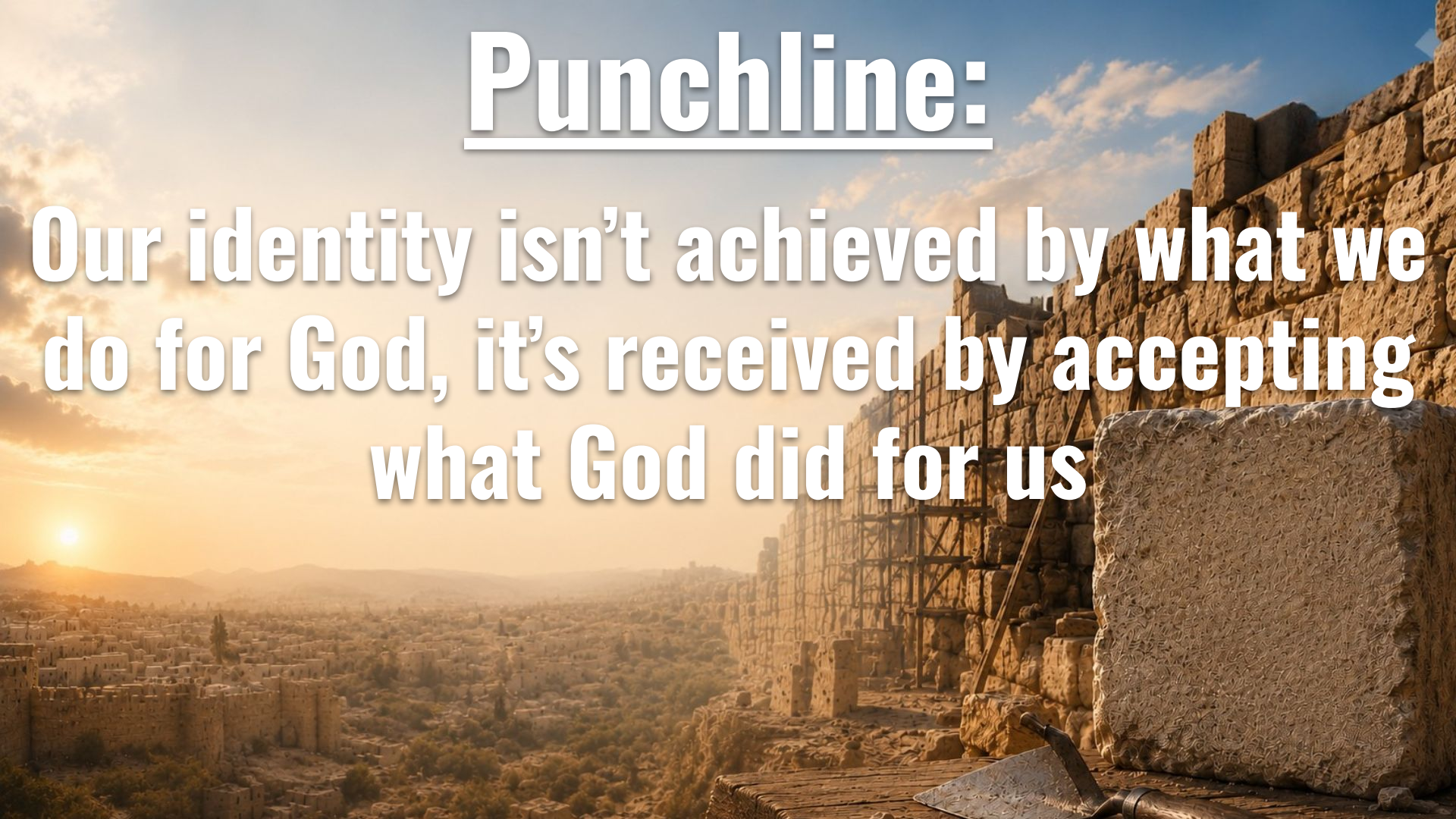


Recap

- ❖ First 6 weeks focused on rebuilding the wall
- ❖ Nehemiah encountered opposition but dealt with it and had lots of people involved
- ❖ Now we'll look more internally at the people of Jerusalem

Punchline:

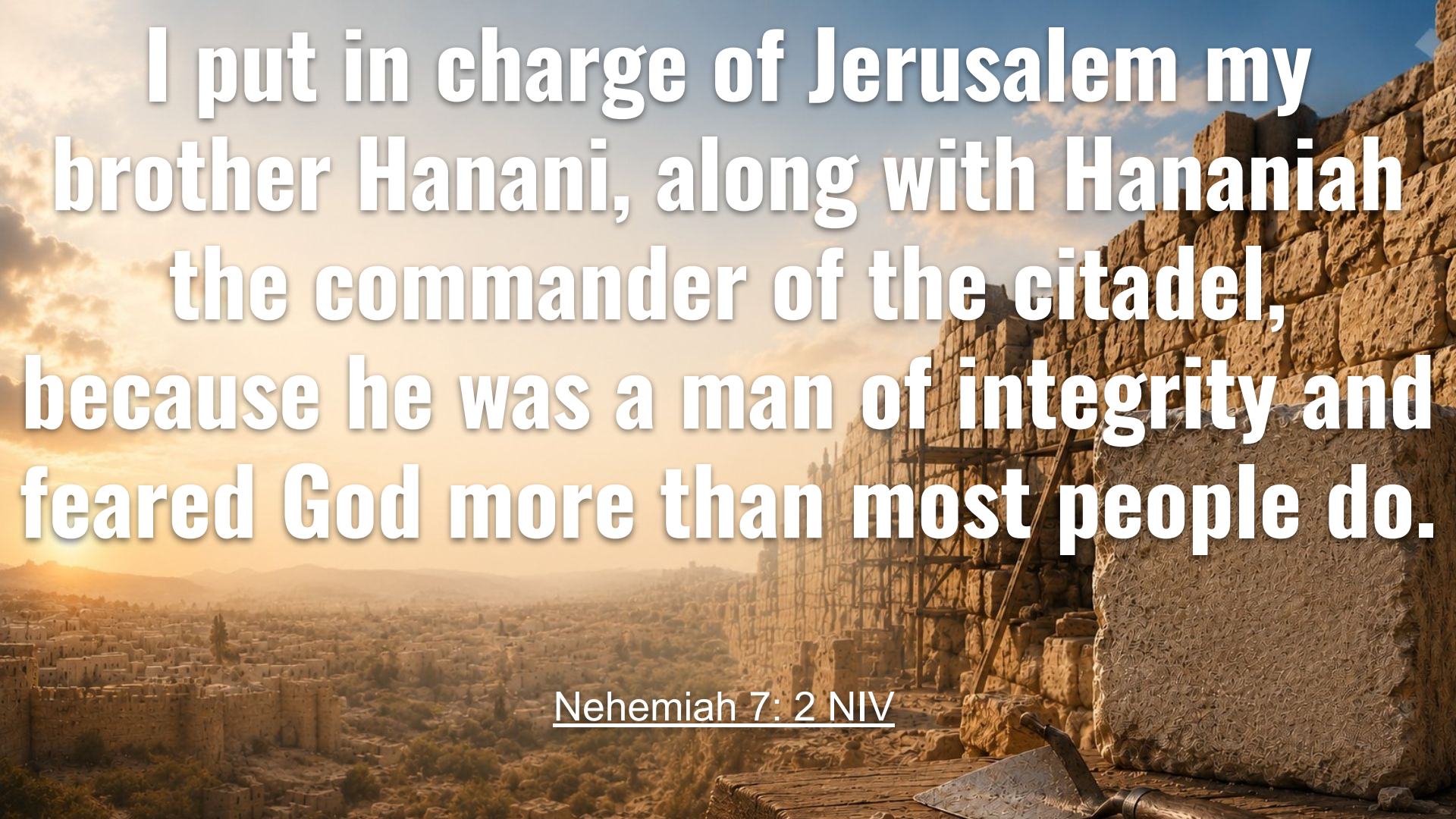
Our identity isn't achieved by what we do for God, it's received by accepting what God did for us



A dramatic sunset scene over a city, likely Jerusalem. In the foreground, a large stone wall is under construction, with scaffolding and a wooden ladder visible. A large, rough-hewn stone block lies on the ground in the lower right. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the city and the wall. The sky is filled with soft, orange and yellow clouds. The overall atmosphere is one of peace and completion.

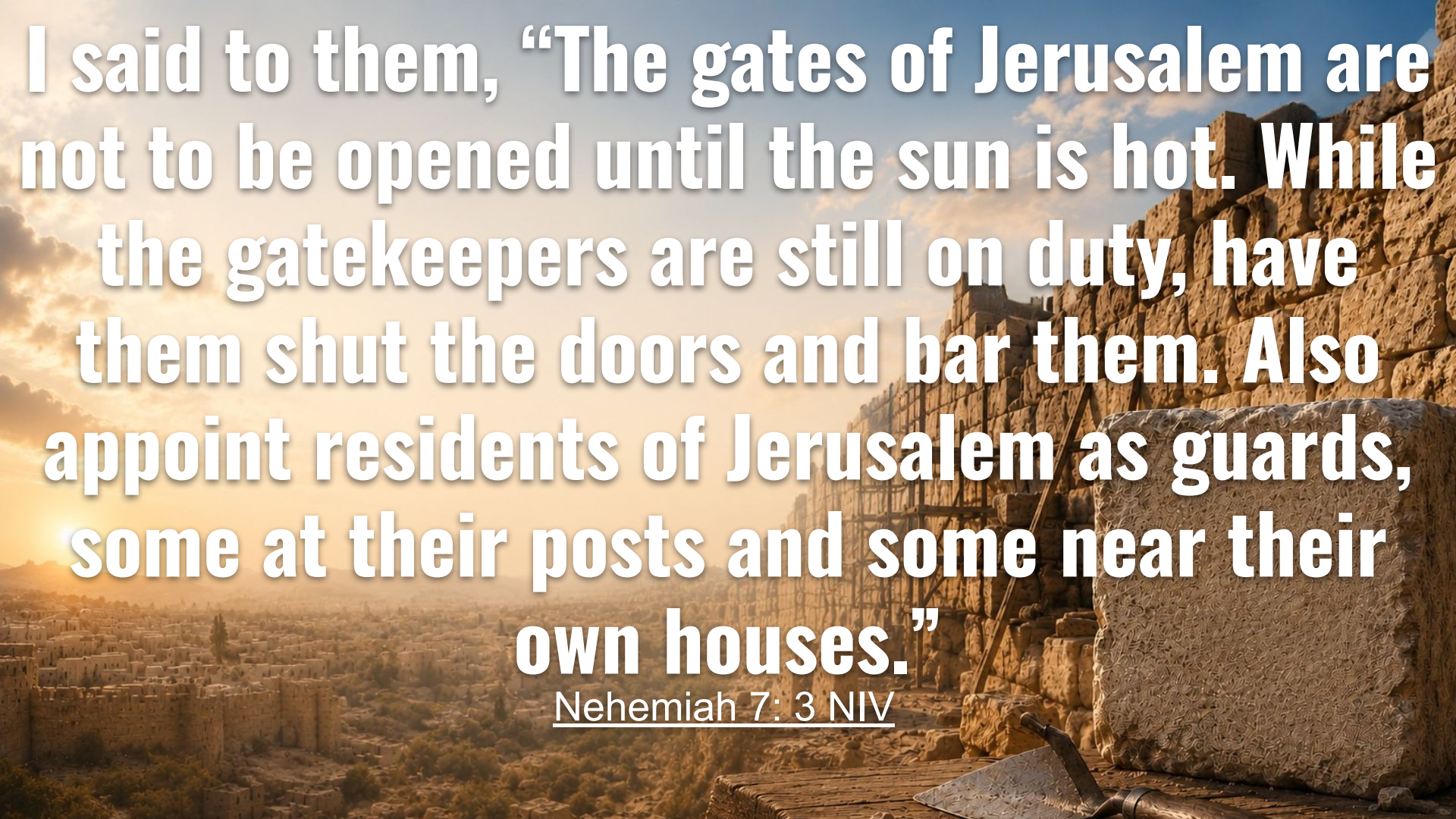
**After the wall had been rebuilt and I
had set the doors in place, the
gatekeepers, the musicians and the
Levites were appointed.**

Nehemiah 7: 1 NIV



**I put in charge of Jerusalem my
brother Hanani, along with Hananiah
the commander of the citadel,
because he was a man of integrity and
feared God more than most people do.**

Nehemiah 7: 2 NIV



I said to them, “The gates of Jerusalem are not to be opened until the sun is hot. While the gatekeepers are still on duty, have them shut the doors and bar them. Also appoint residents of Jerusalem as guards, some at their posts and some near their own houses.”

Nehemiah 7: 3 NIV

Roles and Responsibilities

- ❖ Gatekeepers, musicians, and Levites
- ❖ Hanani is put in charge
- ❖ Hananiah is commander of the citadel



Child of God

- ❖ God protects us
- ❖ God heals us
- ❖ God disciplines us
- ❖ God gives grace/forgiveness
- ❖ We have a relationship with God





Light of the World

- ❖ We are God's fireflies
- ❖ Let your light shine as people **SEE** your good deeds
- ❖ Be a mirror for Jesus





Complete

- ❖ In Christ we are complete
- ❖ We don't have to become more for God to accept us or fulfill us
- ❖ We don't have to fix what's broken to come before God



God's Temple

- ❖ Spirit of God dwells within believers
- ❖ There is power in God's temple
- ❖ Protect and honor God's temple





Roles

- ❖ No role is more important than another
- ❖ Some roles happen on Sunday mornings
- ❖ Some happen outside of Sundays
- ❖ Diversity of roles and gifts are part of the identity of God's church

Identity as a Brick

- ❖ We are children of God
- ❖ We are the light of the world
- ❖ We are complete in Christ
- ❖ We are God's temple
- ❖ We have different roles

