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THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH

God builds
our lives
and His church
brick by brick



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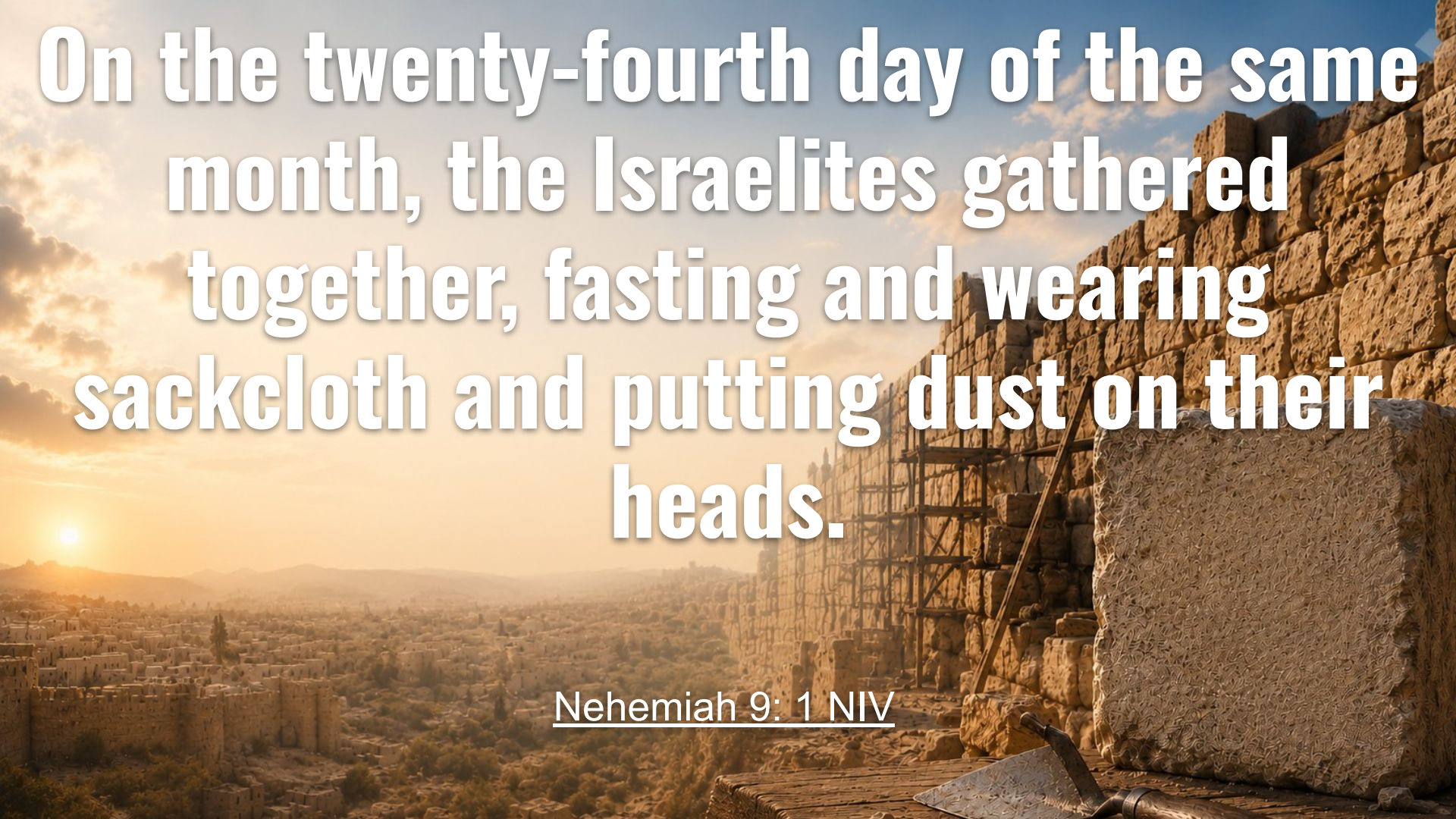
**Confession doesn't lead to
condemnation it leads to restoration**



Recap

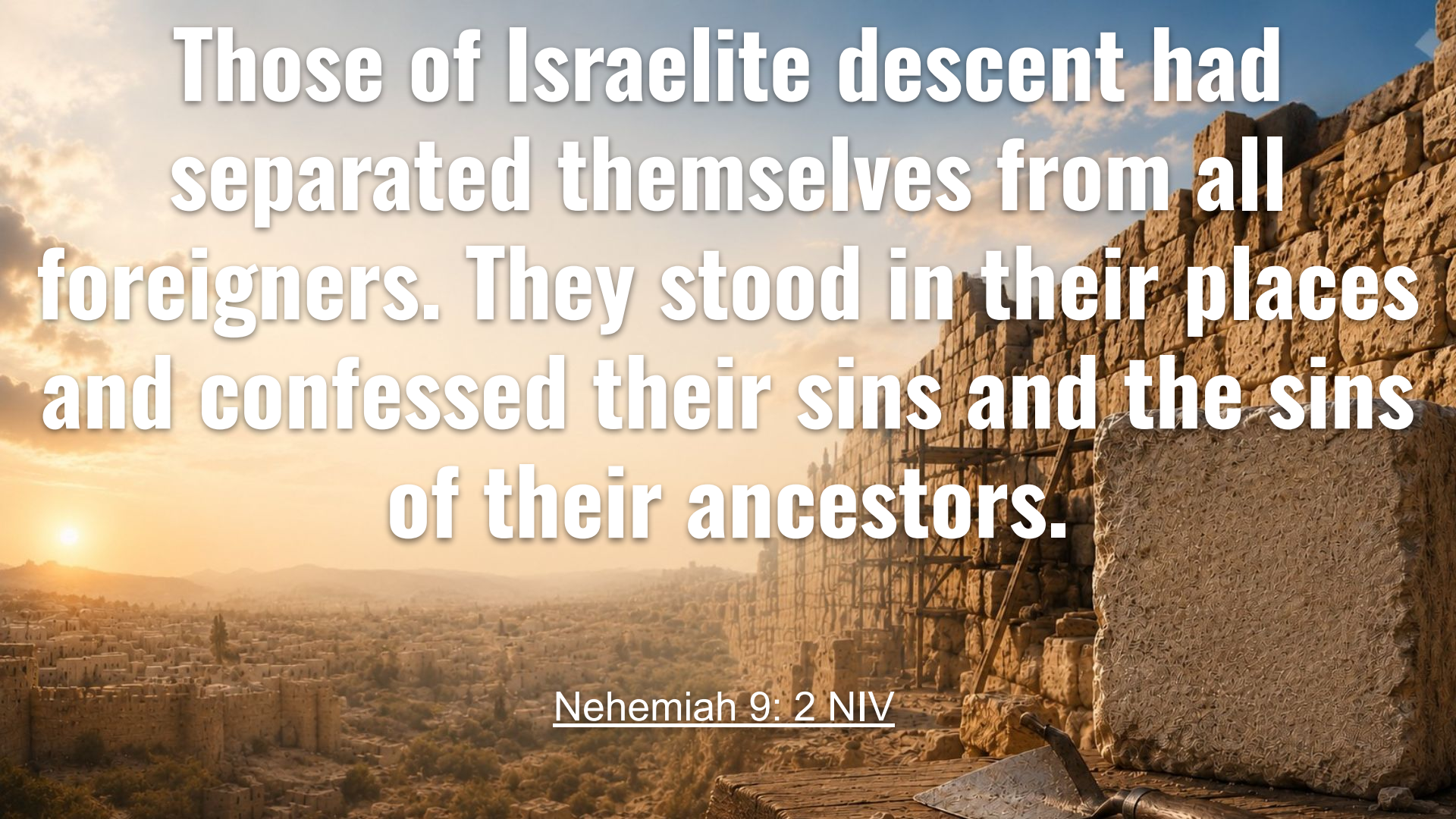
- ❖ First 6 weeks focused on rebuilding the wall
- ❖ Finding identity
- ❖ The importance of scripture



The background image is a scenic view of Jerusalem at sunset. In the foreground, the massive, weathered stone walls of the city are visible, with a wooden scaffolding structure leaning against them. A large, rectangular stone block lies on the ground in the lower right corner. In the background, the city of Jerusalem is spread out across a valley, with the sun setting on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the entire scene.

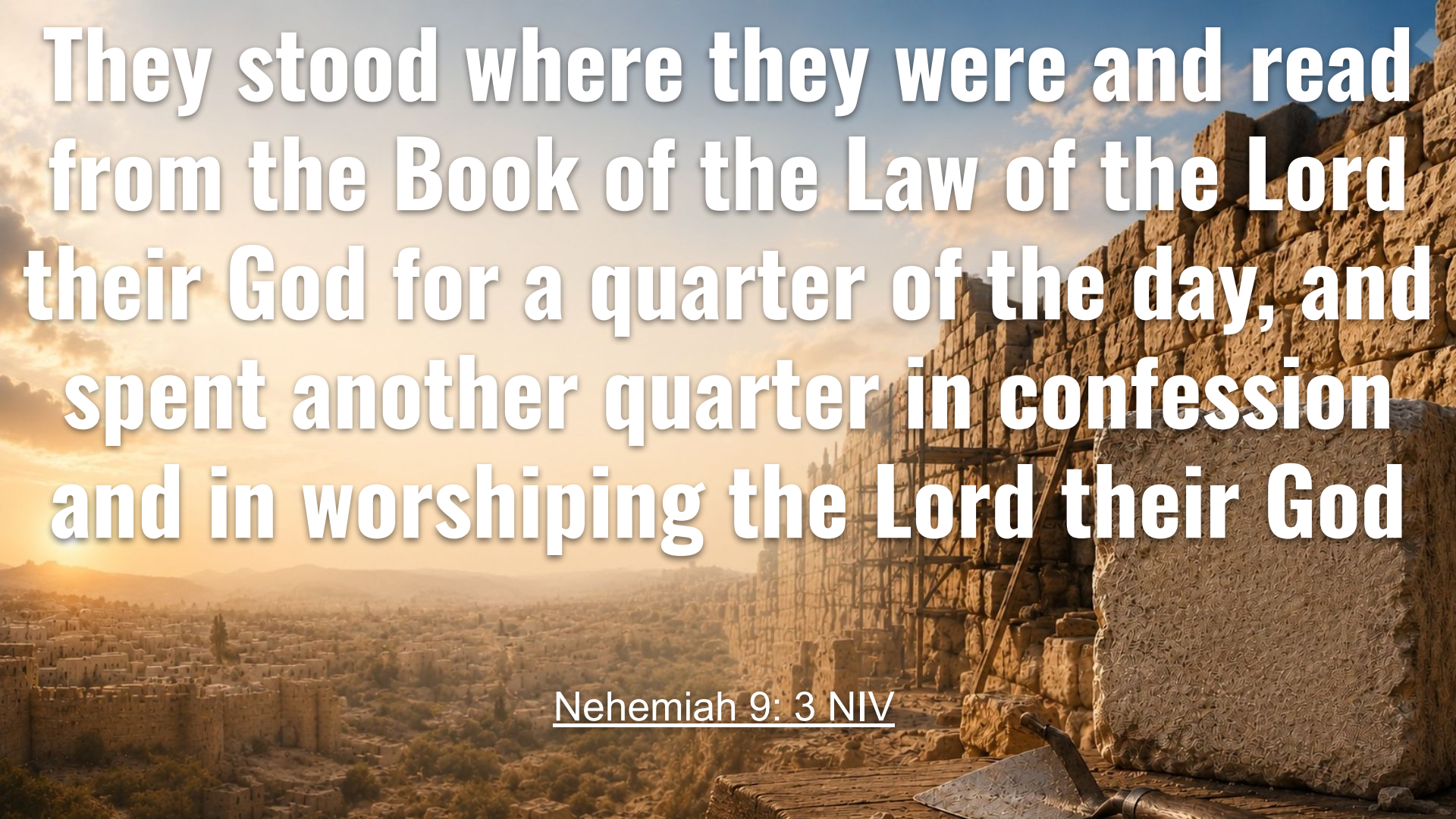
On the twenty-fourth day of the same month, the Israelites gathered together, fasting and wearing sackcloth and putting dust on their heads.

Nehemiah 9: 1 NIV



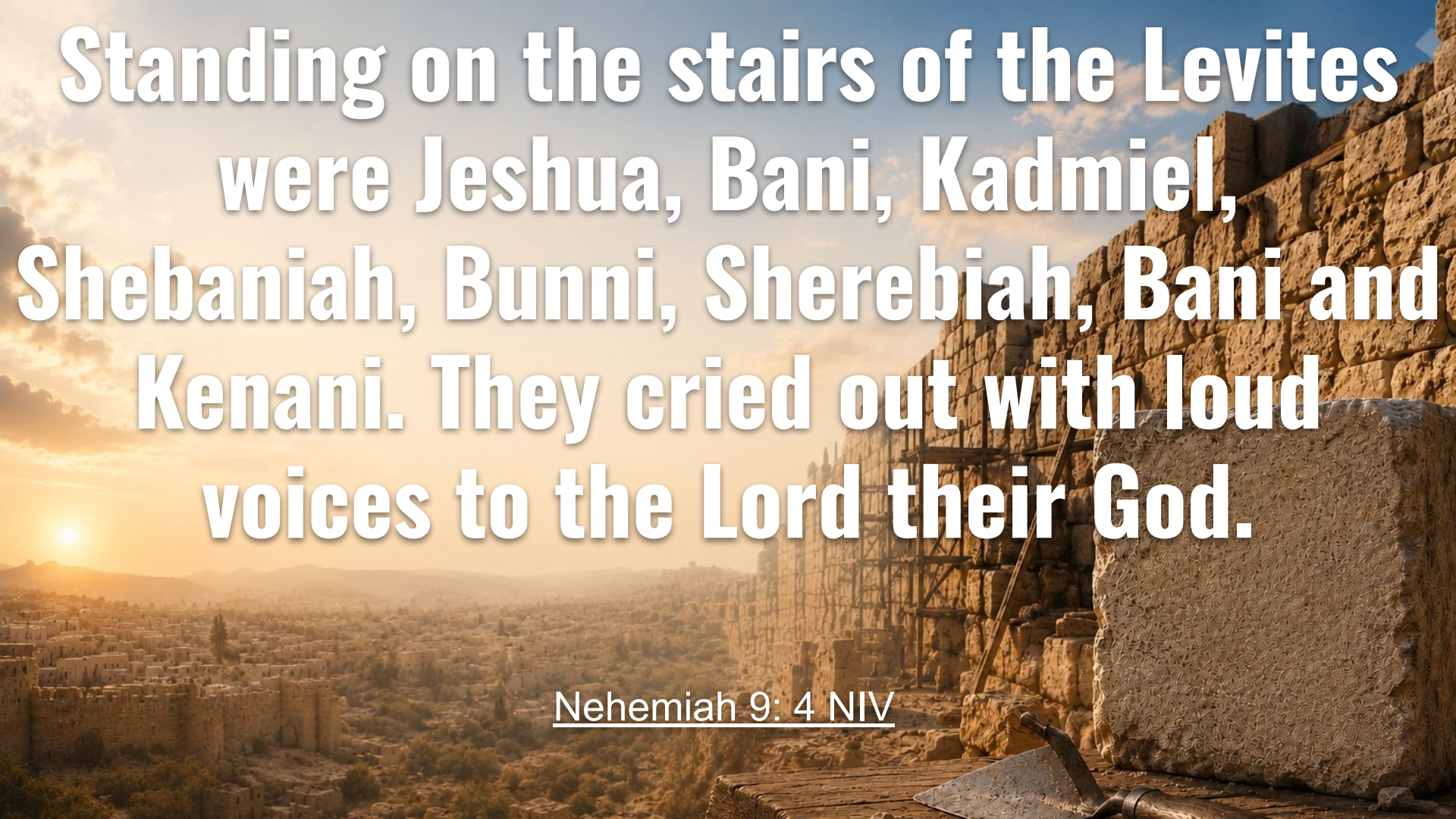
**Those of Israelite descent had
separated themselves from all
foreigners. They stood in their places
and confessed their sins and the sins
of their ancestors.**

Nehemiah 9: 2 NIV



**They stood where they were and read
from the Book of the Law of the Lord
their God for a quarter of the day, and
spent another quarter in confession
and in worshiping the Lord their God**

Nehemiah 9: 3 NIV

The background image is a panoramic view of Jerusalem during the time of Nehemiah. In the foreground, the massive, weathered stone blocks of the Temple Mount's wall are visible, with a wooden scaffolding structure leaning against them. A large, rough-hewn stone block lies on the ground in the lower right. In the distance, the city of Jerusalem is spread across the valley, with its walls and buildings visible under the warm, golden light of a setting or rising sun. The sky is filled with soft, orange-hued clouds.

**Standing on the stairs of the Levites
were Jeshua, Bani, Kadmiel,
Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani and
Kenani. They cried out with loud
voices to the Lord their God.**

Nehemiah 9: 4 NIV

God Reveals Hearts

- ❖ The Israelites gathered with a purpose
- ❖ They confess their sins and the sins of those from the past





Worship Leads to Revelation

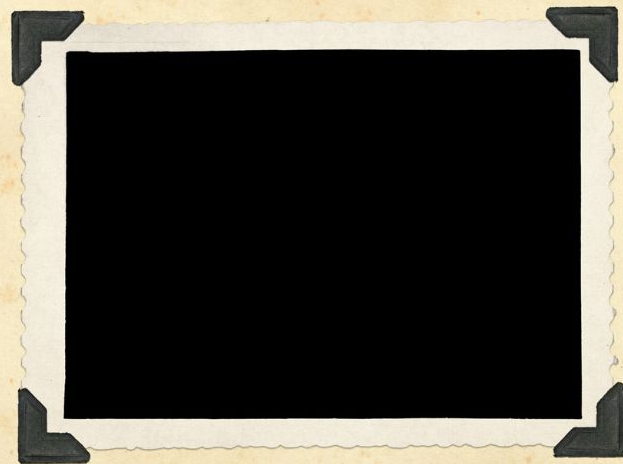
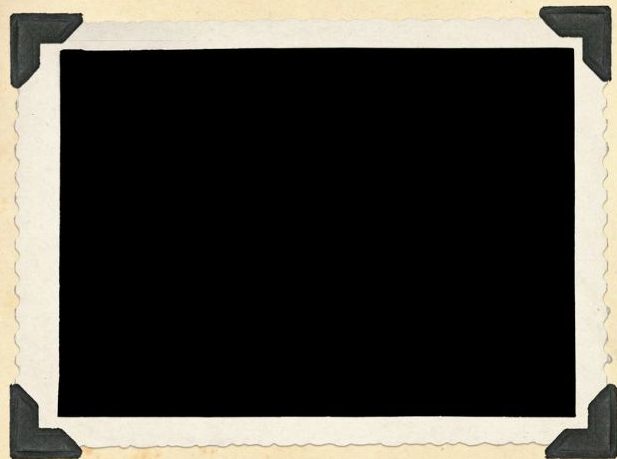
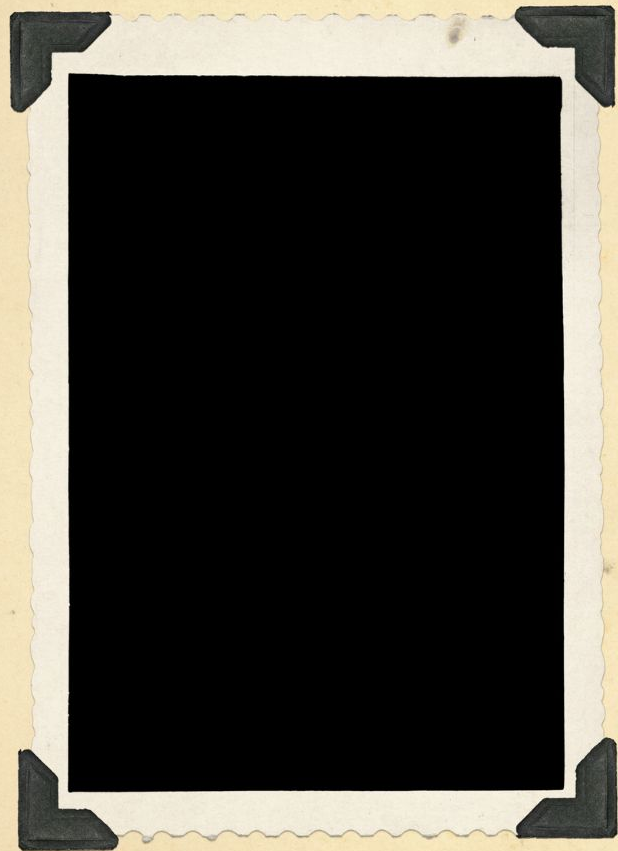
- ❖ Worship is anything done for the glory of God
- ❖ Worship puts us in a posture of humility
- ❖ Worship bring us close to God



Nehemiah 9: 5-15

- ❖ Creator - Everything
- ❖ Promise keeper - Abraham
- ❖ Rescuer - Israelites in Egypt
- ❖ Guide - 10 commandments



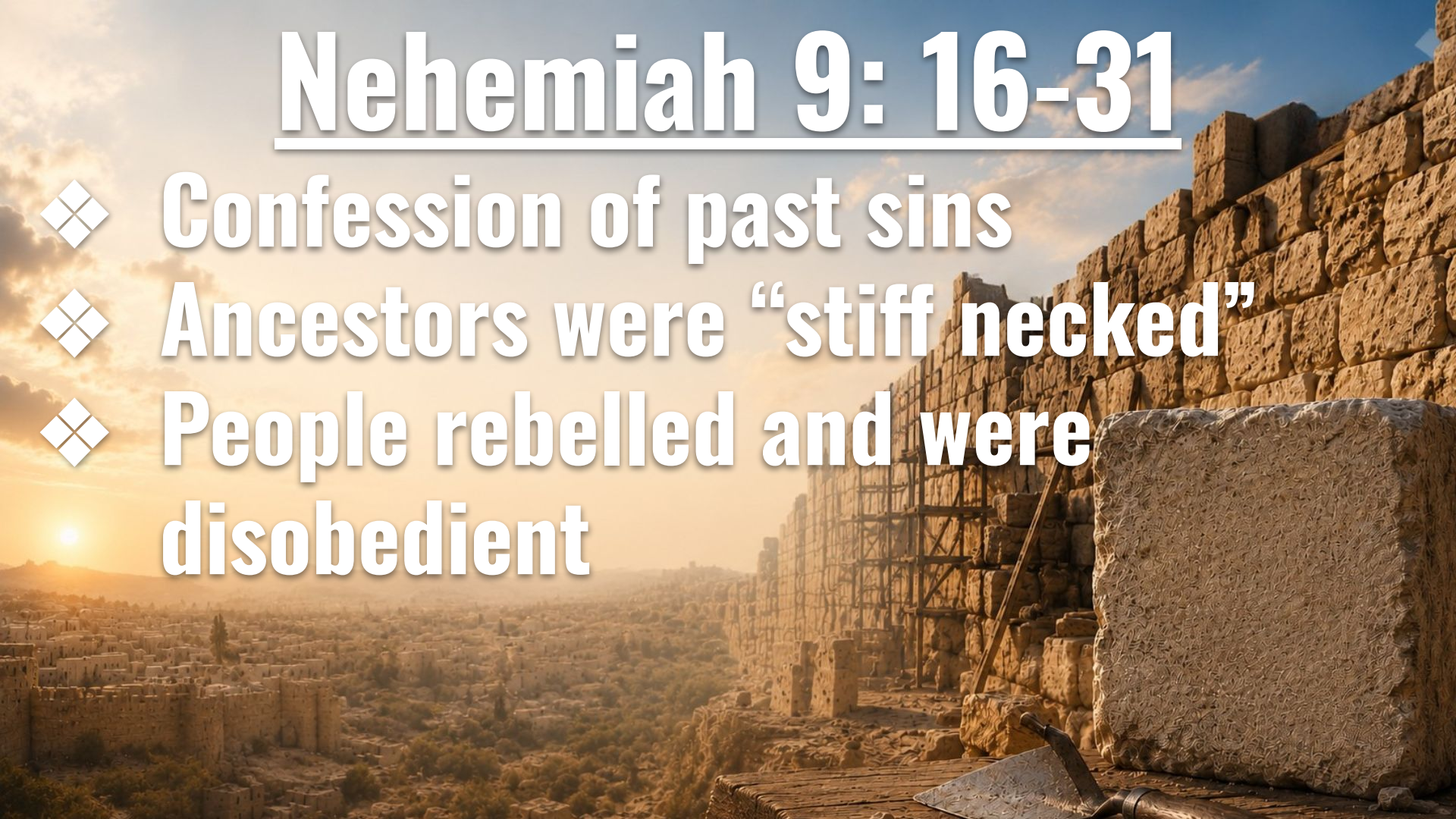


Who is God in Your Life?

- ❖ **Creator - the beauty and peace**
- ❖ **Promise keeper - salvation**
- ❖ **Rescuer - temptation to sin**
- ❖ **Guide - behavior and life decisions**

Nehemiah 9: 16-31

- ❖ Confession of past sins
- ❖ Ancestors were “stiff necked”
- ❖ People rebelled and were disobedient

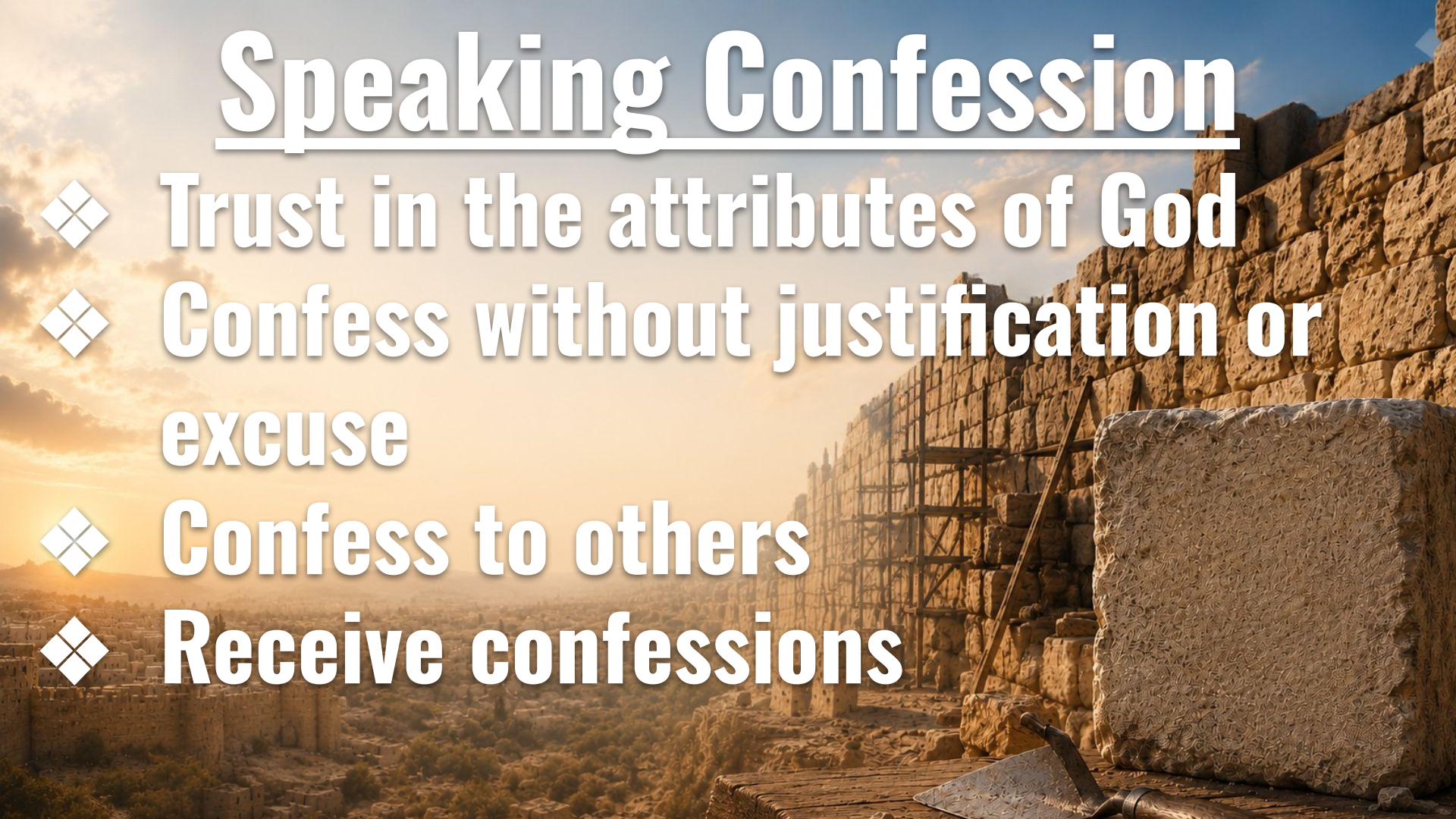


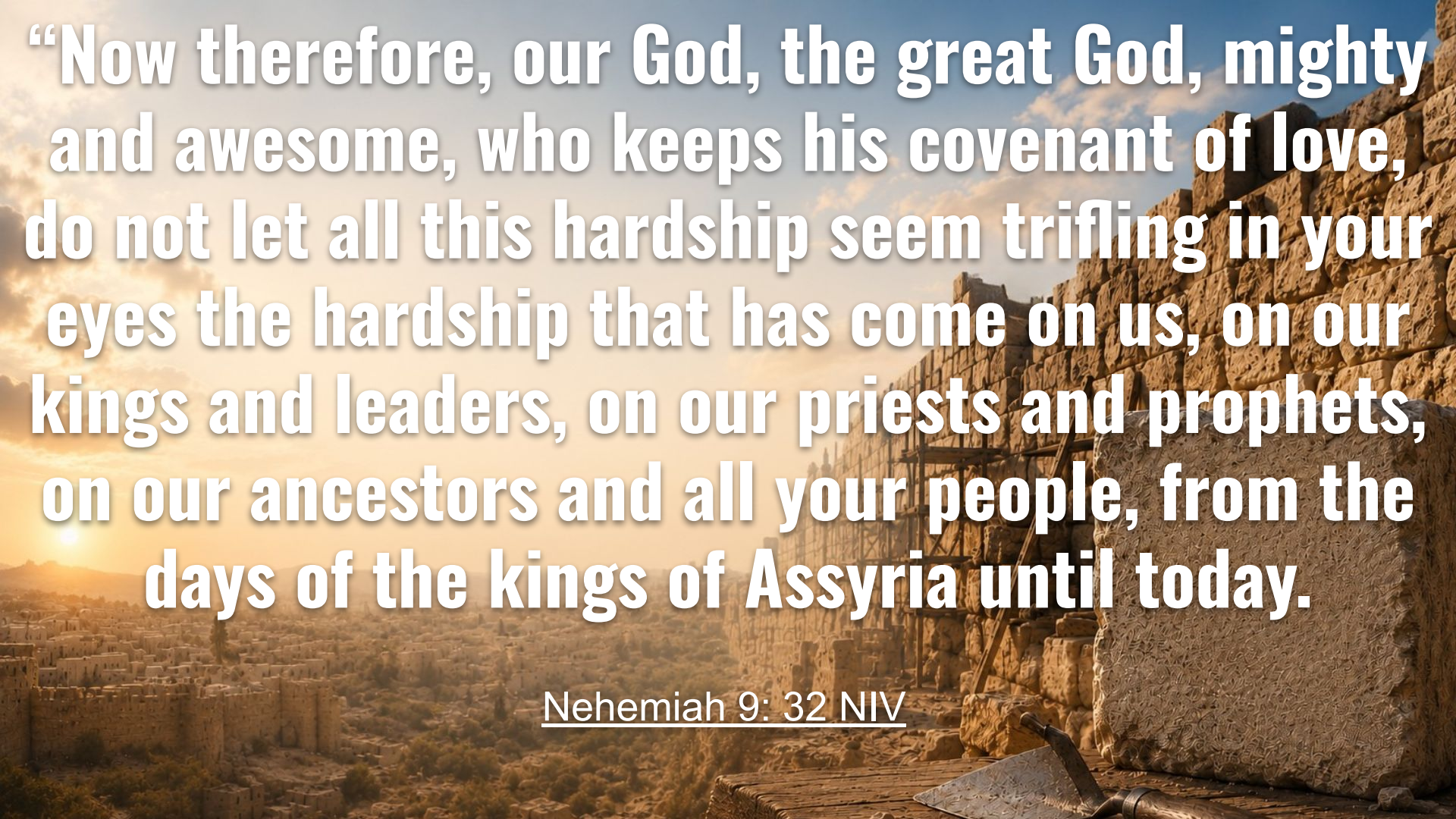


Speech

Speaking Confession

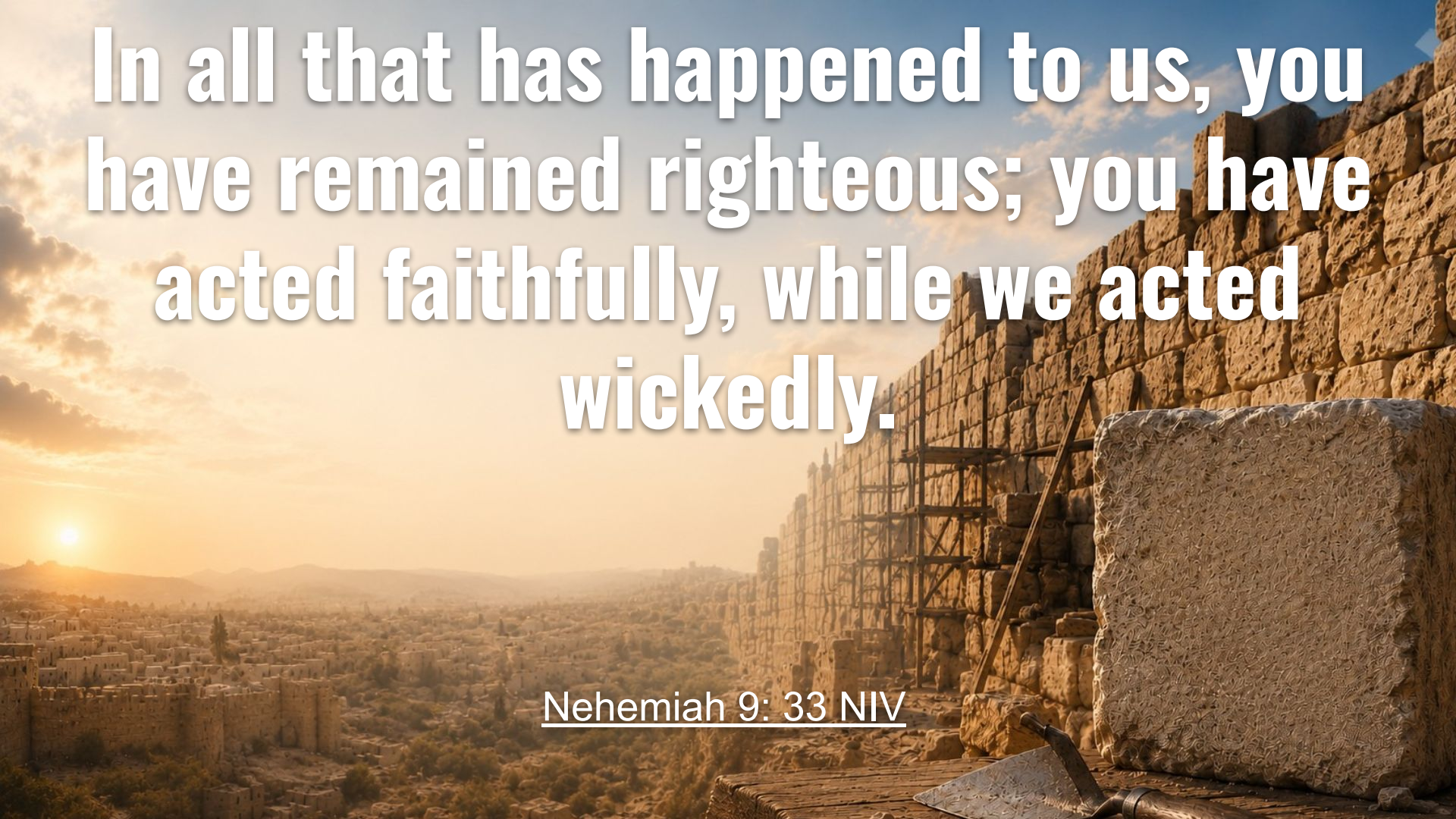
- ❖ Trust in the attributes of God
- ❖ Confess without justification or excuse
- ❖ Confess to others
- ❖ Receive confessions





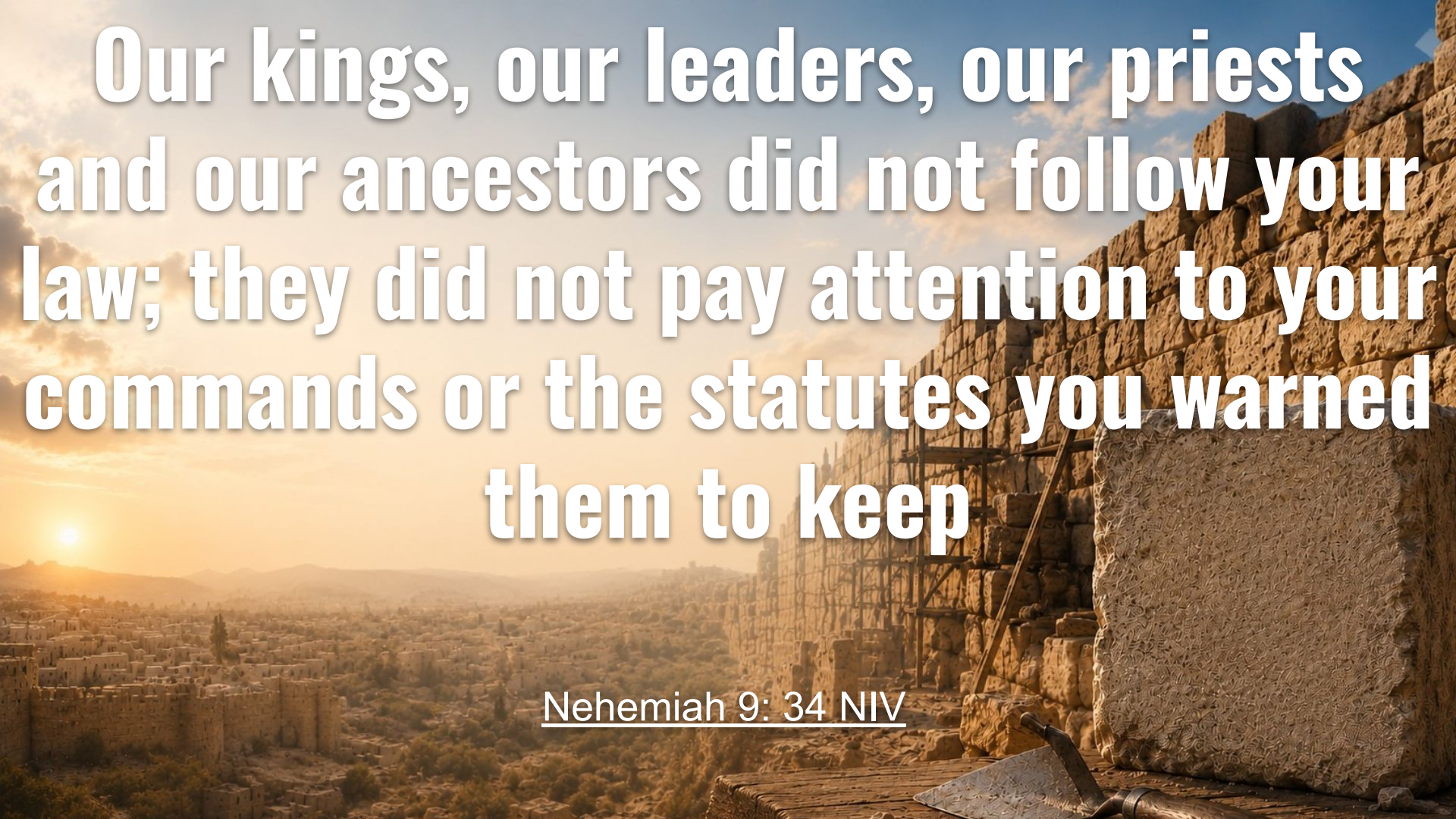
“Now therefore, our God, the great God, mighty and awesome, who keeps his covenant of love, do not let all this hardship seem trifling in your eyes the hardship that has come on us, on our kings and leaders, on our priests and prophets, on our ancestors and all your people, from the days of the kings of Assyria until today.

Nehemiah 9: 32 NIV



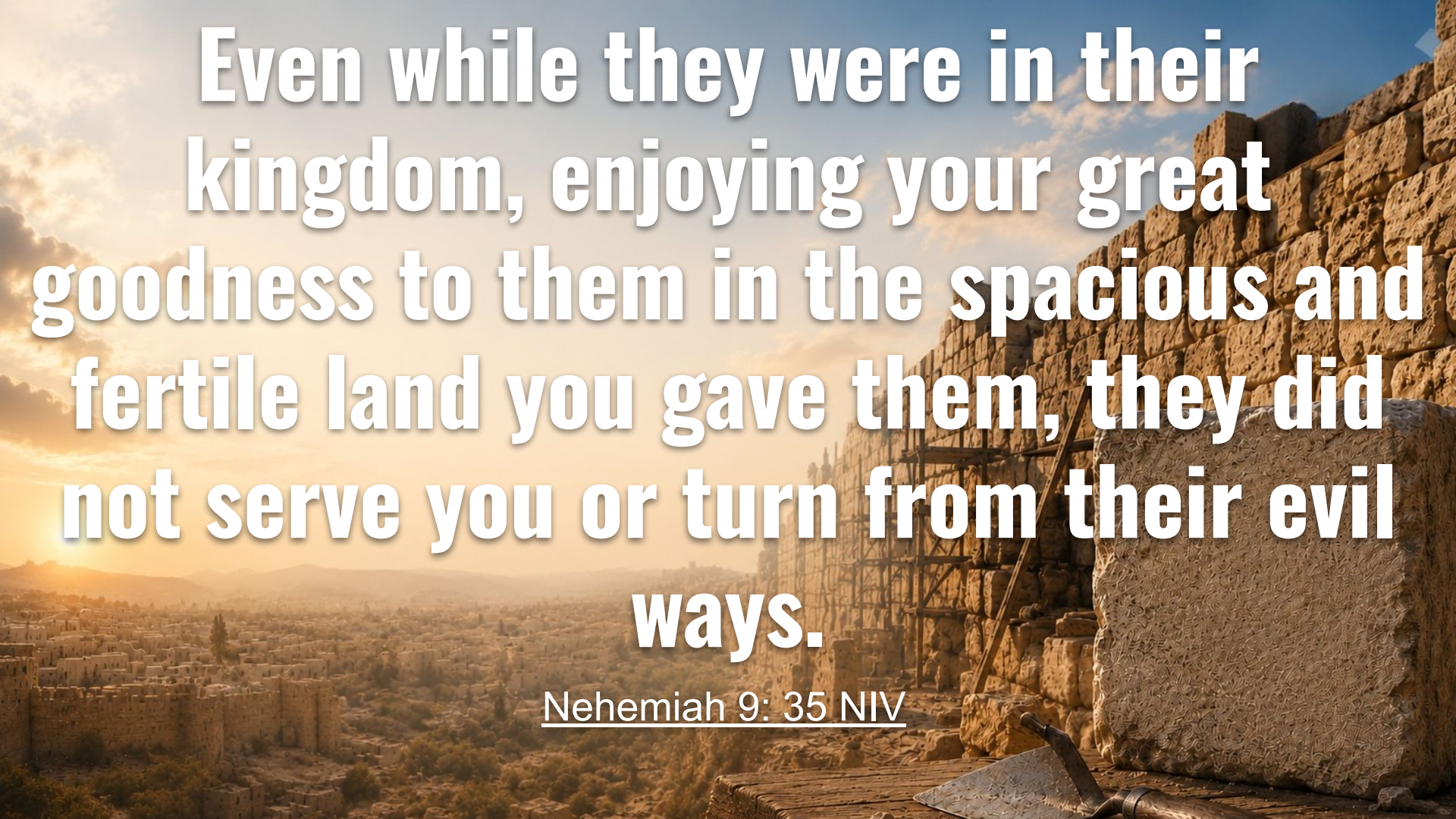
**In all that has happened to us, you
have remained righteous; you have
acted faithfully, while we acted
wickedly.**

Nehemiah 9: 33 NIV

The background of the image is a panoramic view of Jerusalem during a golden sunset. The sun is low on the horizon to the left, casting a warm, orange glow over the city. In the foreground on the right, a massive, rough-hewn stone block is being worked on, with a large metal chisel or tool lying on a wooden plank next to it. Scaffolding is visible against the city wall in the mid-ground. The city itself is a dense collection of stone buildings and walls, stretching out towards the hills in the distance. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds, and the overall atmosphere is one of historical grandeur and divine light.

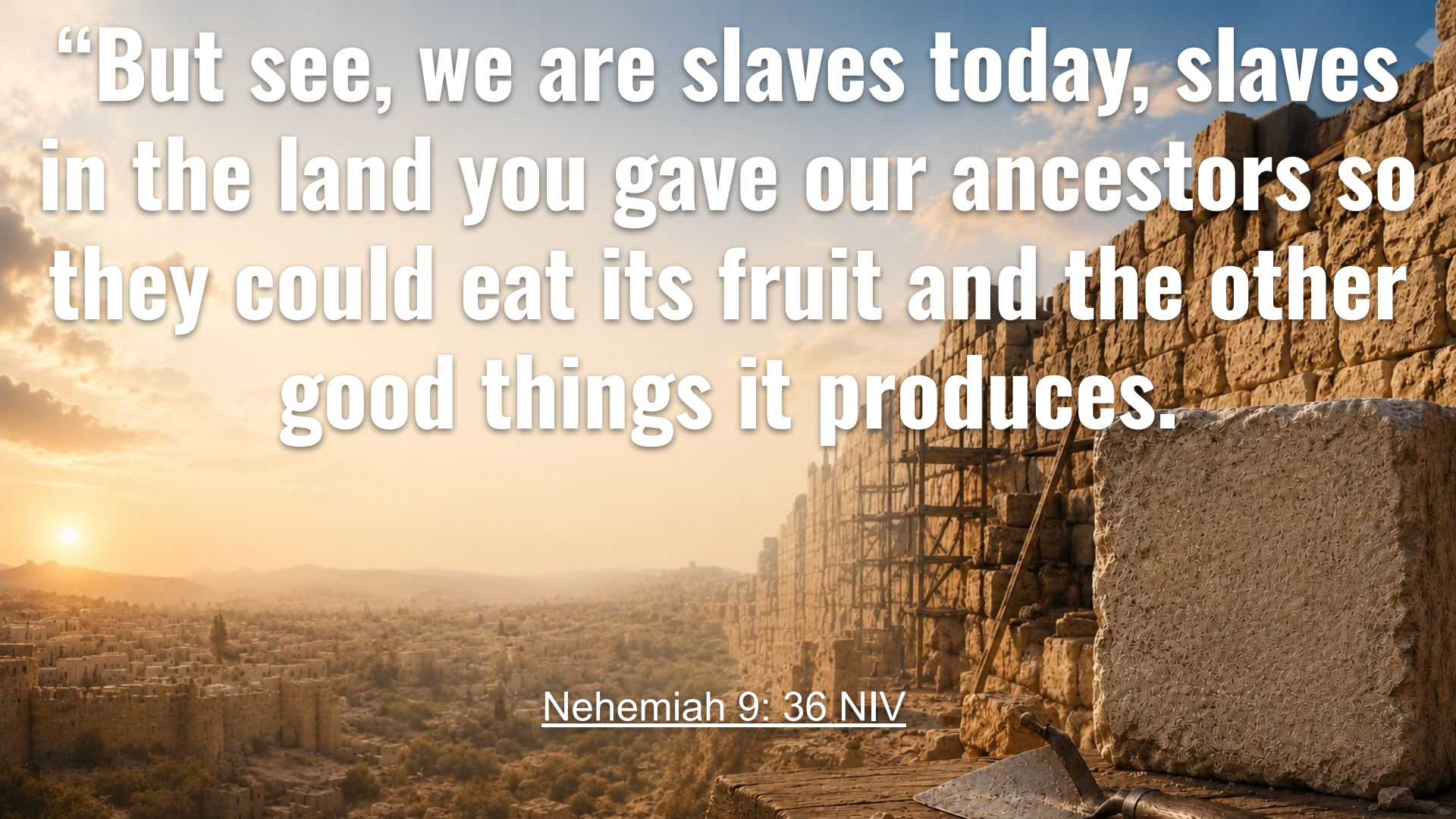
**Our kings, our leaders, our priests
and our ancestors did not follow your
law; they did not pay attention to your
commands or the statutes you warned
them to keep**

Nehemiah 9: 34 NIV

The background of the image is a panoramic view of Jerusalem during the golden hour of sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, with soft clouds. In the foreground and middle ground, the massive, weathered stone walls of the Temple Mount are visible, with scaffolding and ladders indicating ongoing restoration work. A large, rectangular stone block lies on the ground in the lower right. In the distance, the city of Jerusalem is spread across the valley, with its characteristic terraced buildings and olive trees. The overall atmosphere is one of historical grandeur and divine presence.

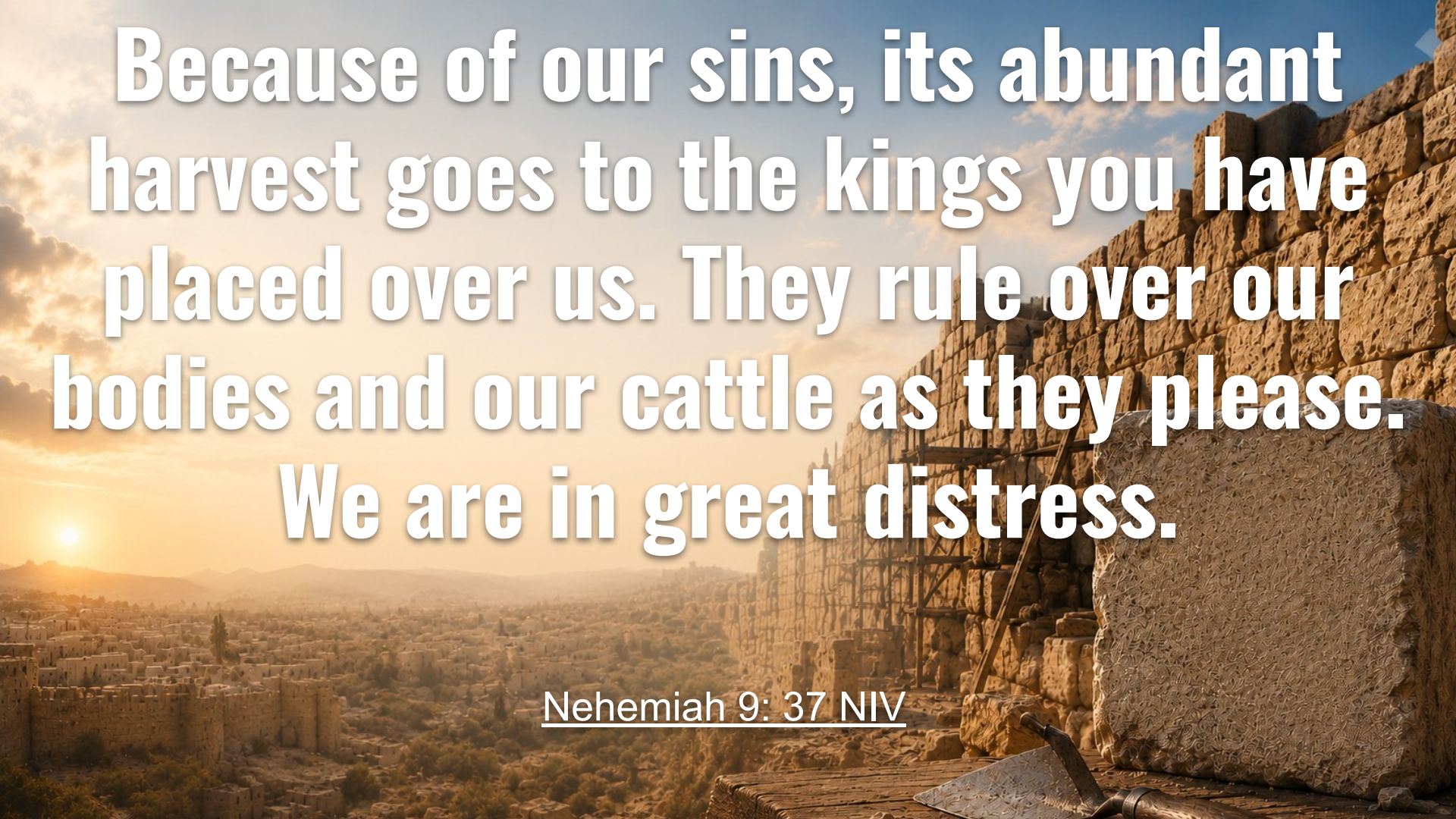
**Even while they were in their
kingdom, enjoying your great
goodness to them in the spacious and
fertile land you gave them, they did
not serve you or turn from their evil
ways.**

Nehemiah 9: 35 NIV



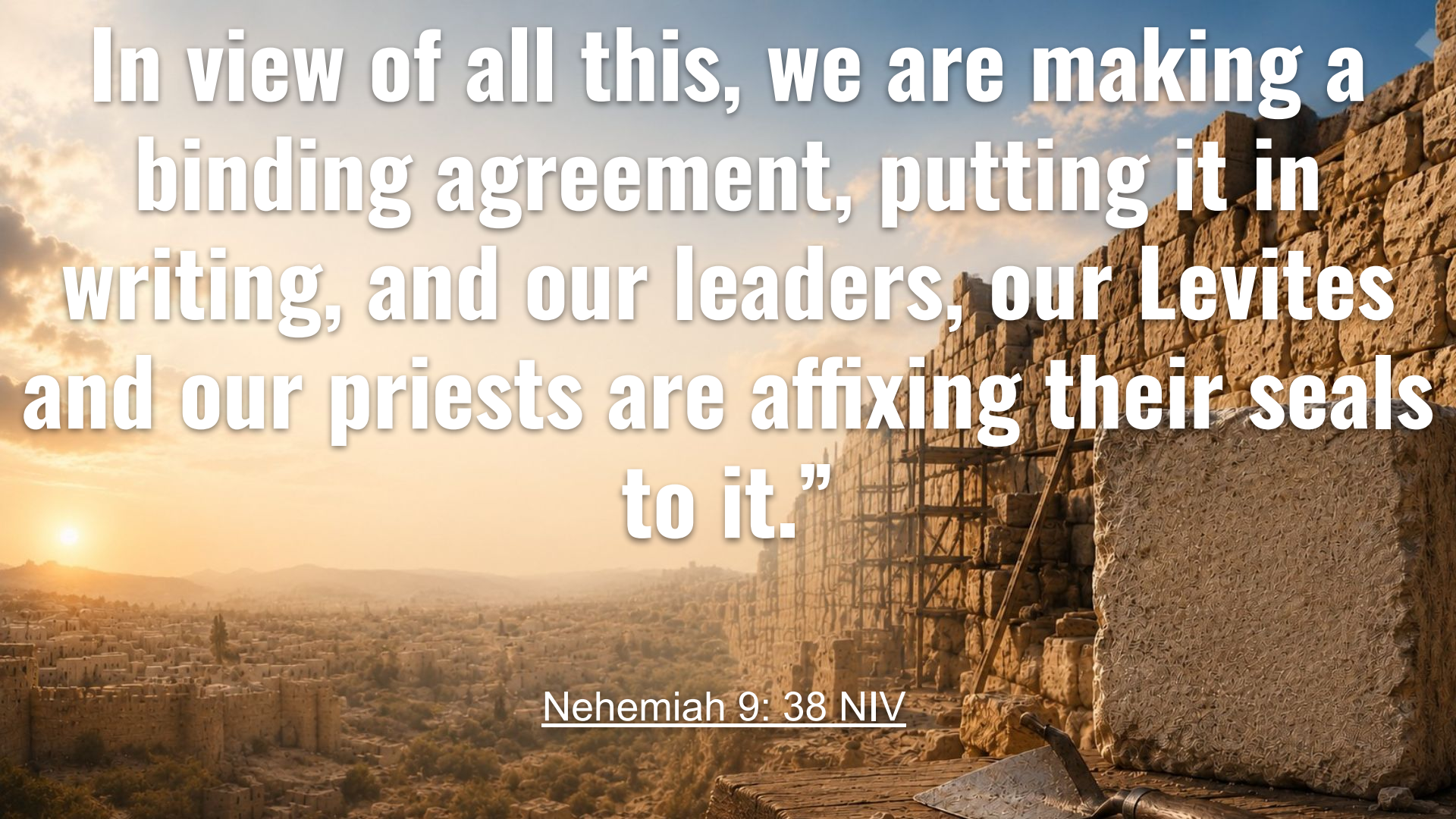
**“But see, we are slaves today, slaves
in the land you gave our ancestors so
they could eat its fruit and the other
good things it produces.**

Nehemiah 9: 36 NIV

The background of the image is a panoramic view of ancient Jerusalem during the "Golden Hour" of sunset. The sun is a bright, glowing orb on the left horizon, casting a warm, golden light across the scene. In the foreground and middle ground, the massive, weathered stone walls of the city are prominent, showing the texture of the ancient masonry. A wooden scaffolding structure is visible against one of the walls, suggesting ongoing construction or repair work. In the lower right foreground, a large, rectangular stone block lies on a wooden platform, with a metal trowel resting beside it. The background reveals a vast, hilly cityscape with numerous small buildings and terraces, stretching towards distant mountains under a sky filled with soft, golden clouds.

**Because of our sins, its abundant
harvest goes to the kings you have
placed over us. They rule over our
bodies and our cattle as they please.
We are in great distress.**

Nehemiah 9: 37 NIV

The background image is a composite of two scenes. The upper portion shows a close-up of a massive stone wall under construction, with scaffolding and a wooden ladder leaning against it. A large, rectangular stone block with a rough, textured surface sits on a wooden plank in the foreground, with a metal trowel resting beside it. The lower portion of the image shows a panoramic view of ancient Jerusalem at sunset, with the city's walls and buildings visible against a golden sky. The text is overlaid on the upper half of the image.

In view of all this, we are making a binding agreement, putting it in writing, and our leaders, our Levites and our priests are affixing their seals to it.”

Nehemiah 9: 38 NIV

Continuing Commitment

- ❖ The people are still in rough shape
- ❖ They don't blame anyone
- ❖ They commit to honor and worship God alone

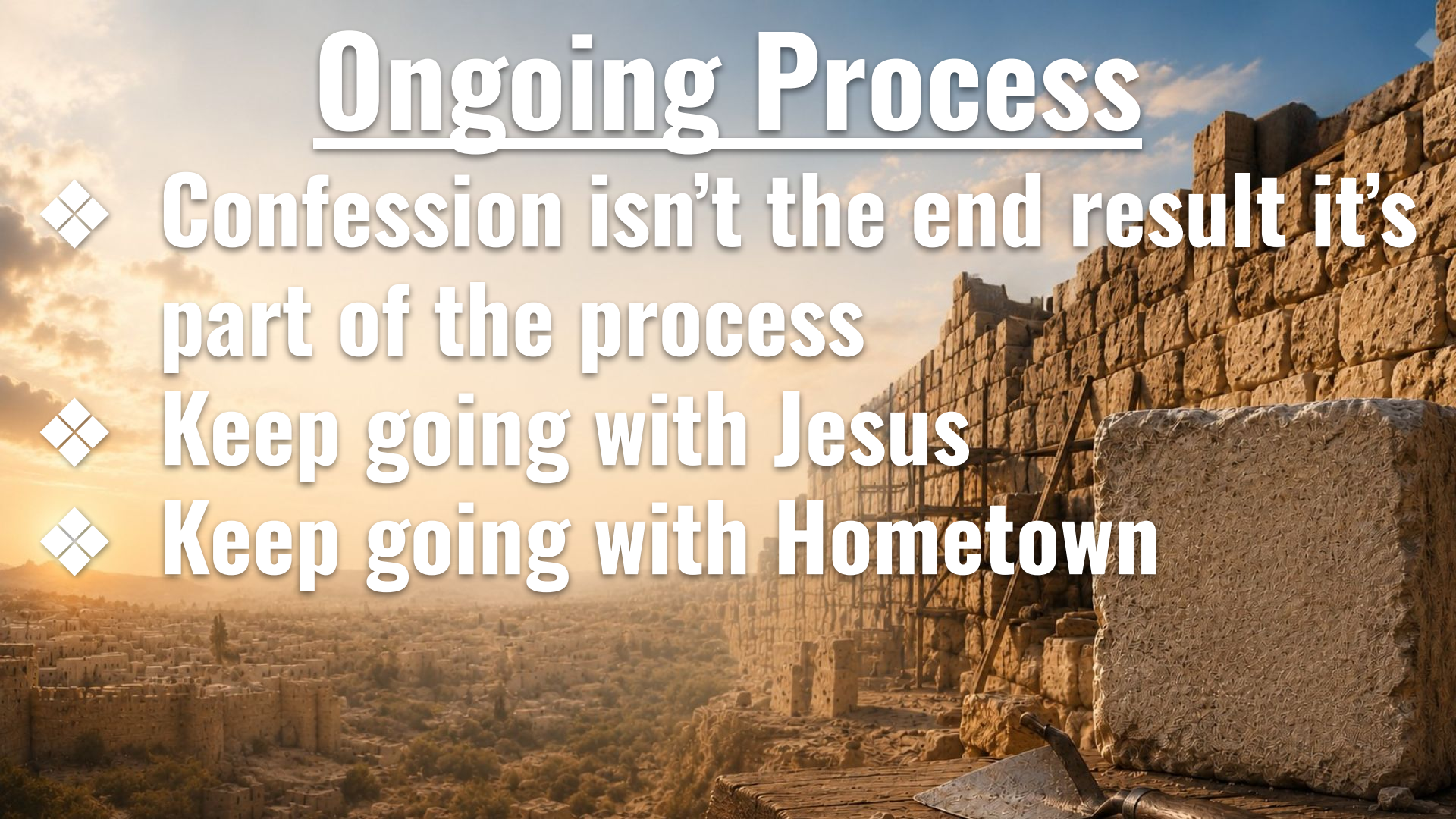




JUST KEEP
SWIMMING

Ongoing Process

- ❖ Confession isn't the end result it's part of the process
- ❖ Keep going with Jesus
- ❖ Keep going with Hometown



Confession as a Brick

- ❖ Brings us closer to God and aware of His grace and mercy and compassion
- ❖ Start with worship
- ❖ Remember who God is
- ❖ Speak confession
- ❖ Keep going

