



BRICK BY BRICK



THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH

God builds
our lives
and His church
brick by brick

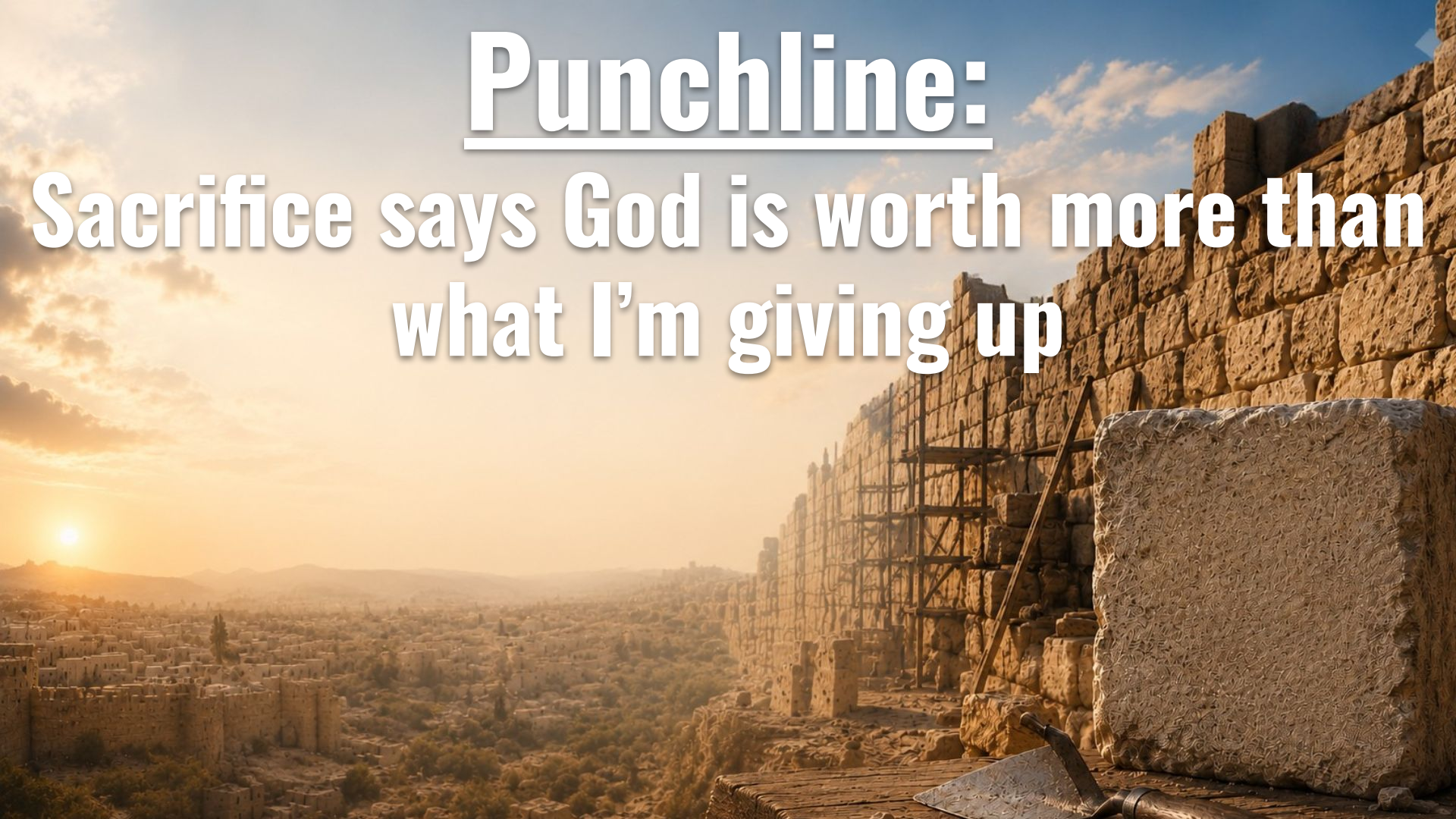


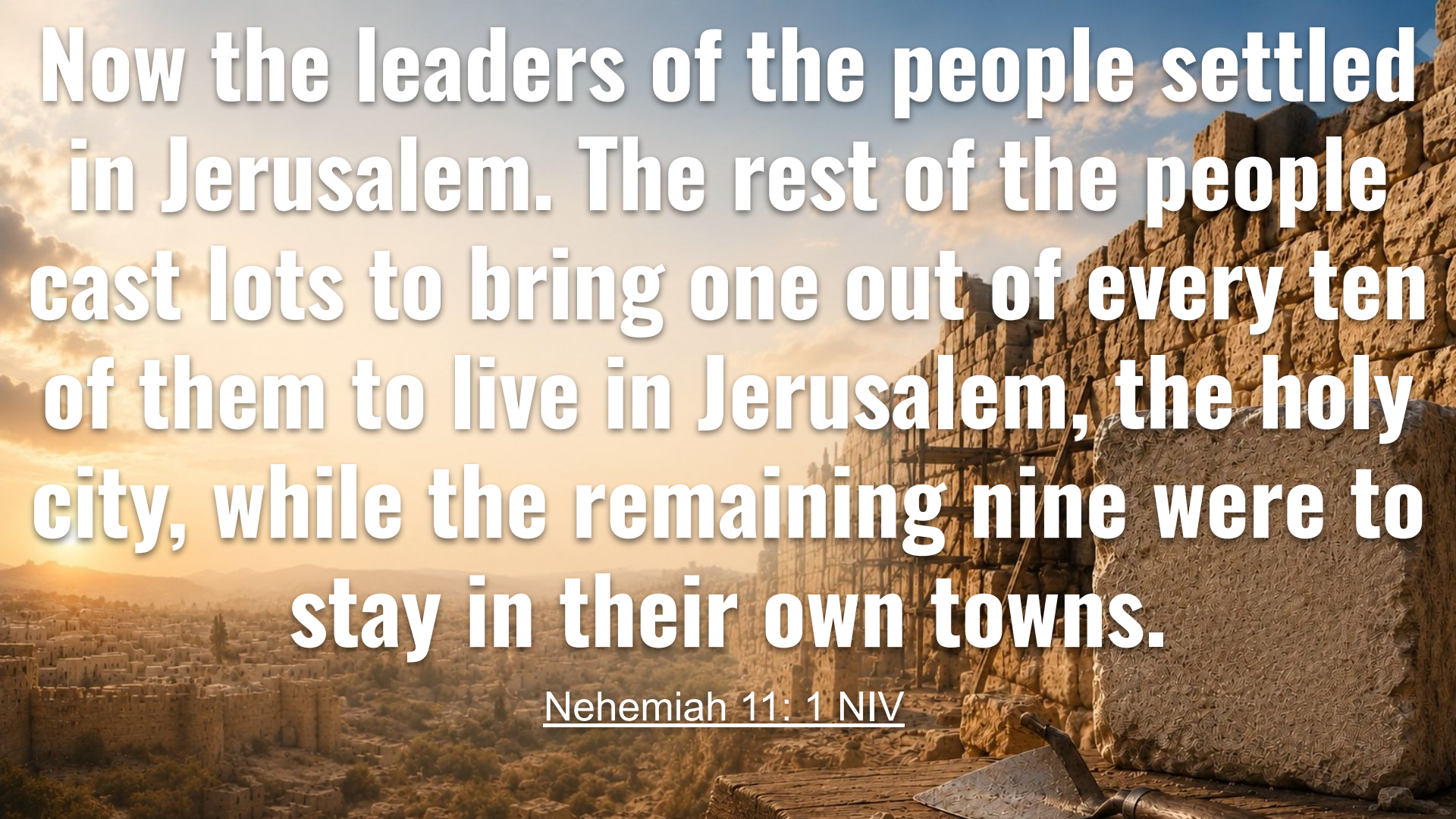
Recap

- ❖ First six chapters about the rebuild
- ❖ Internal turn
 - Identity, scripture, confession, and commitment

Punchline:

**Sacrifice says God is worth more than
what I'm giving up**



The background image shows a panoramic view of Jerusalem's Temple Mount. In the foreground, a massive, ancient stone wall made of large, rectangular blocks is visible. A wooden ladder leans against the wall, and a large, rough-hewn stone block is in the lower right corner. In the background, the city of Jerusalem is spread across a valley, with its buildings and walls visible under a warm, golden sunset sky. The overall scene is one of historical significance and tranquility.

**Now the leaders of the people settled
in Jerusalem. The rest of the people
cast lots to bring one out of every ten
of them to live in Jerusalem, the holy
city, while the remaining nine were to
stay in their own towns.**

Nehemiah 11: 1 NIV



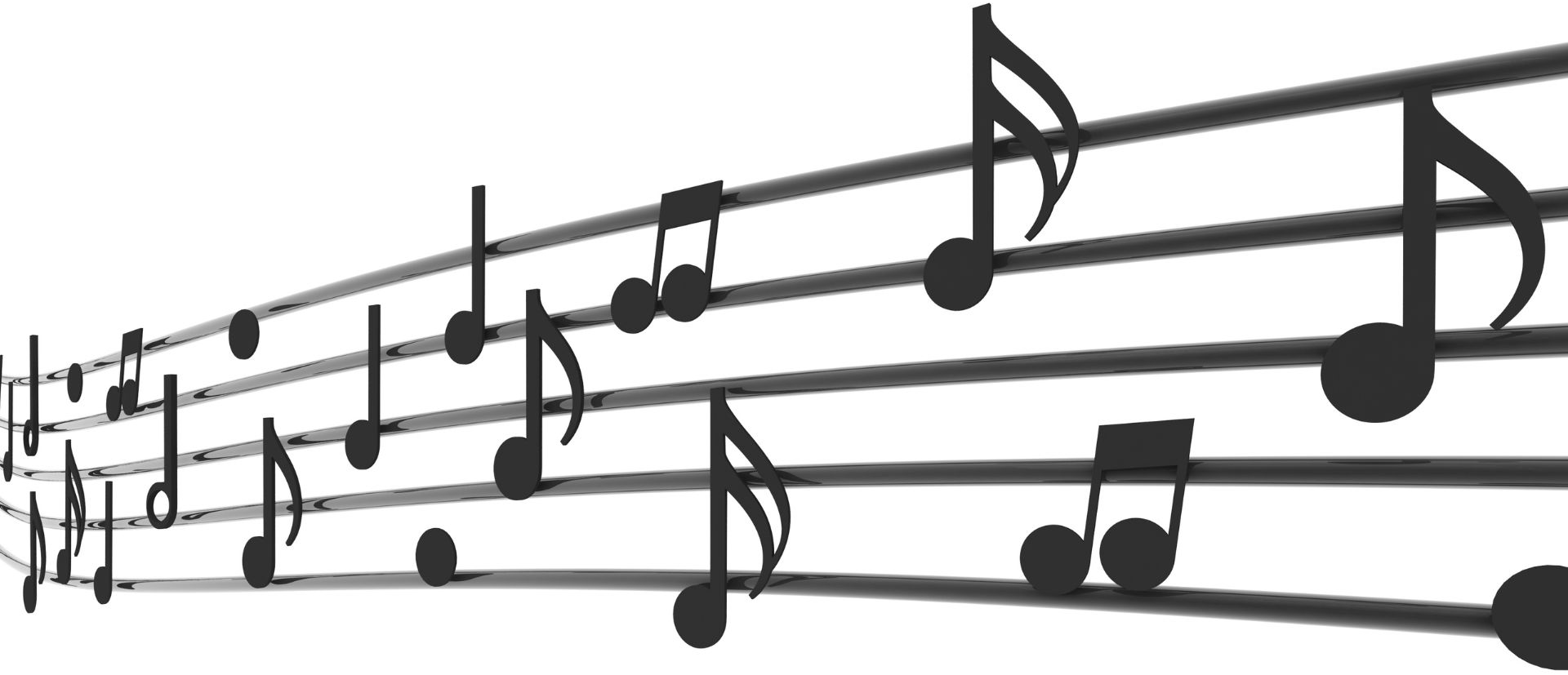
**The people commended all who
volunteered to live in Jerusalem.**

Nehemiah 11: 2 NIV

Repopulating Jerusalem

- ❖ The leaders
- ❖ Priests and the Levites
- ❖ Lots are cast to see who else will move to Jerusalem
- ❖ It took sacrifice to move





God's Sacrifice For Us



For God - SO LOVED the world.
That He gave HIS ONLY SON. Stop
there. His only son. That WHOEVER
believes in Him will not perish,
but have ETERNAL LIFE



Sacrifice Comfort

- ❖ Stability and familiarity
- ❖ Convenience
- ❖ Sacrifice not out of obligation but out of a desire to honor and worship God



Sacrifice Personal Plans

- ❖ Sacrificing control involves a high level of trust in God
- ❖ Sacrifice feeling like you know and understand everything
- ❖ Take your own plans and put them in God's hands



Hootie & the Blowfish

Cracked Rear View

Sacrifice the Extraordinary

- ❖ Embrace the ordinary moments
- ❖ People see God in us in the ordinary moments
- ❖ God sees the extraordinary in us



Sacrifice Significance



Does not mean you don't matter



"When writing songs was just my way to show affection
And they were only ever made for Your attention
'Cause when I'd worship, I would word it
Like there's one in the audience charts
When losing myself was the art"

"The Heart of It" - Benjamin William Hastings

Sacrifice Significance

- ❖ Does not mean you don't matter
- ❖ The heart is focused on serving God



Sacrifice is Not For Nothing

- ❖ Our hearts on God always honors God
- ❖ Our sacrifice for God helps others see God



Sacrifice as a Brick

- ❖ God sacrificed first
- ❖ Sacrifice comfort
- ❖ Sacrifice personal plans
- ❖ Sacrifice the extraordinary
- ❖ Sacrifice significance
- ❖ Sacrifice matters

