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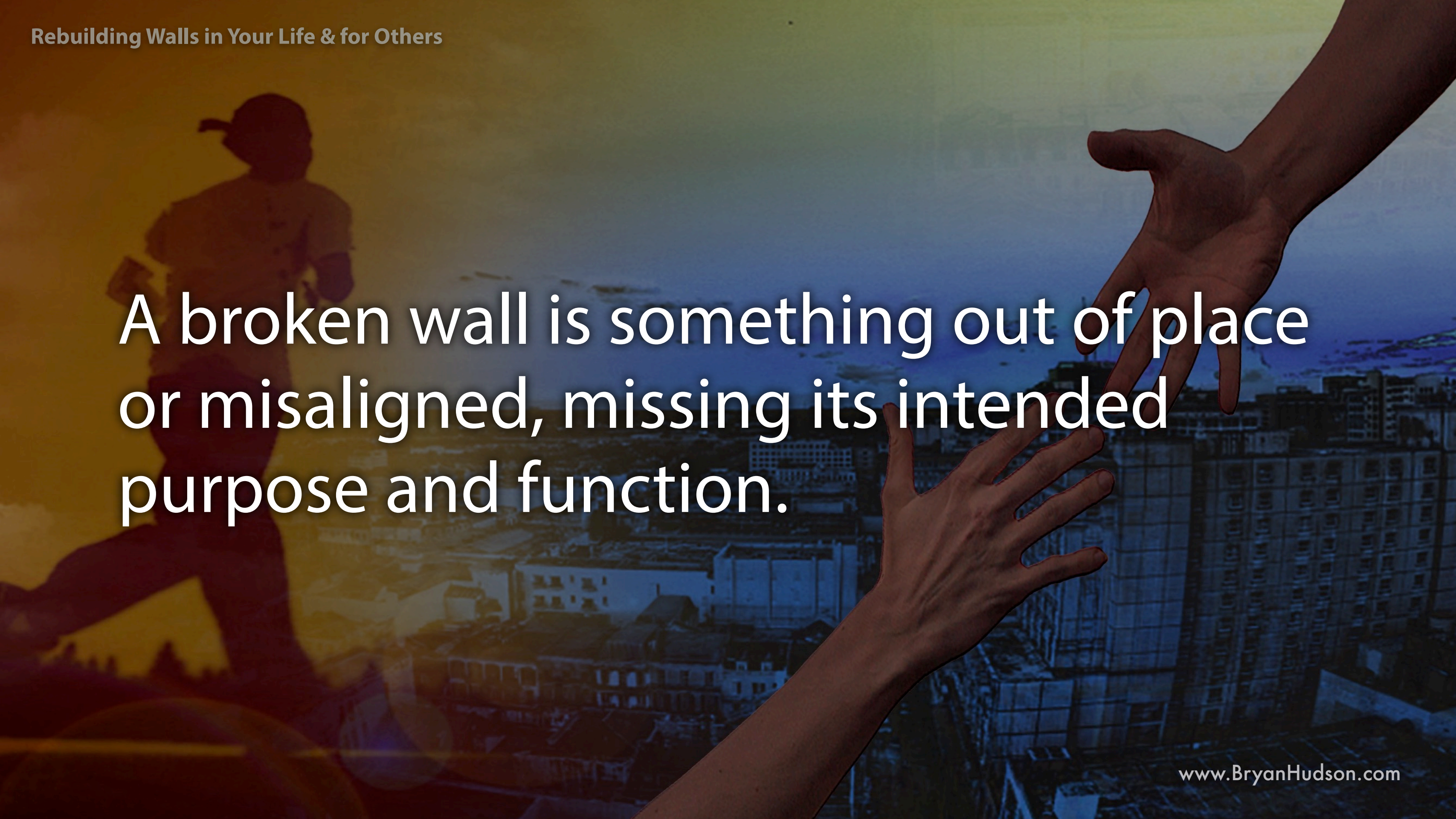
# Principles for Rebuilding Walls *In Your Life & For Others*

*...So they said, "Let us rise up and build."  
Then they set their hands to this good work.*

*Nehemiah 2:18b*

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A broken wall is something out of place  
or misaligned, missing its intended  
purpose and function.




**Many times our answers do not come from someplace new, but from someplace old.**

This is why the Apostle Paul wrote the following:

**Romans 15:4, *For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.***





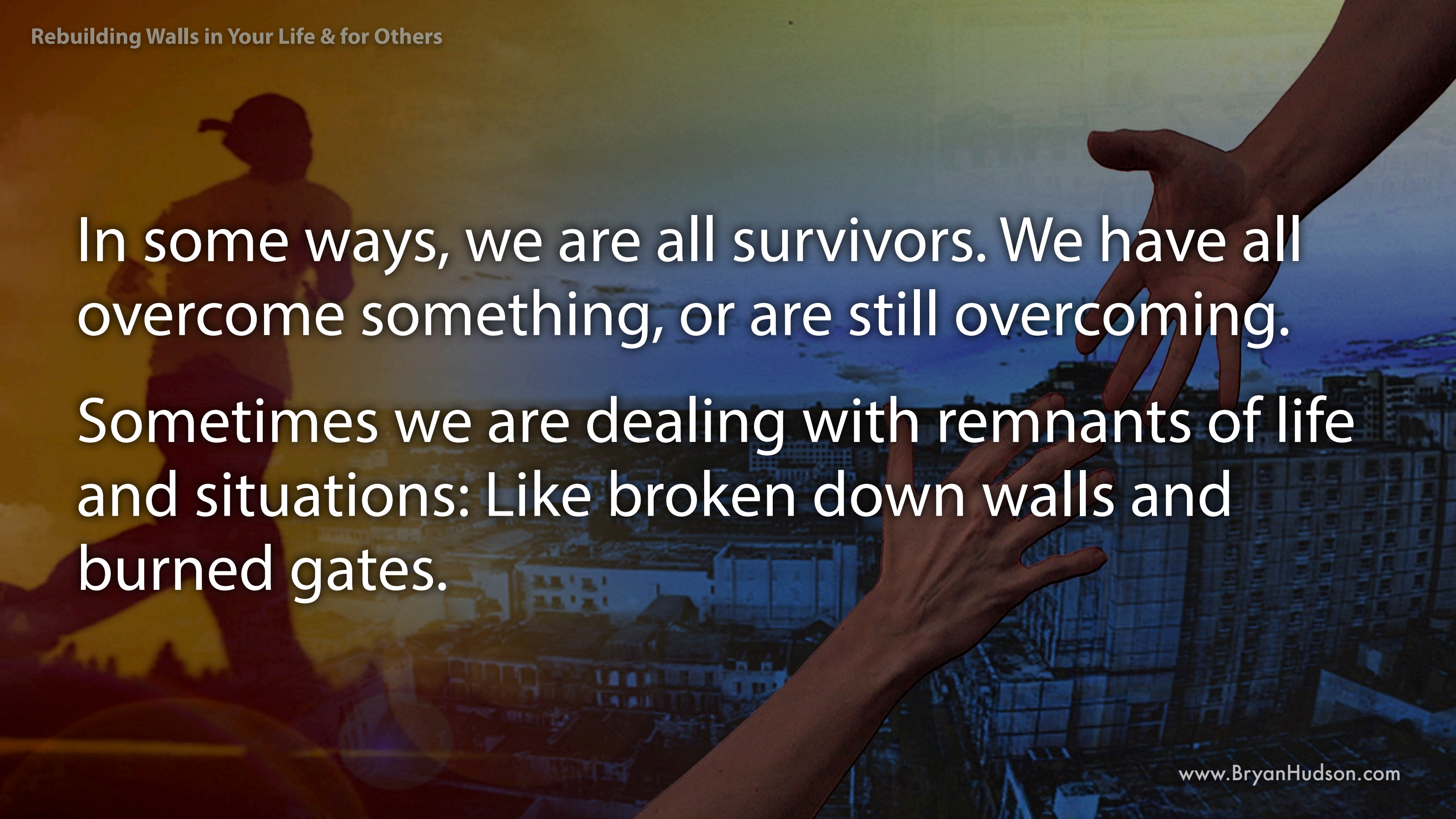
Learning brings **patience, comfort, and hope**. So let's learn some lessons from the life and times of Nehemiah.



## Nehemiah 1:1-4

*It came to pass in the month of Chislev, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the citadel 2 that Hanani one of my brethren came with men from Judah; and I **asked them concerning the Jews who had escaped, who had survived the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem.** 3 And they said to me, "The survivors who are left from the captivity in the province **are there in great distress and reproach.** The wall of Jerusalem is also broken down, and its gates are burned with fire." 4 **So it was, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept...***





In some ways, we are all survivors. We have all overcome something, or are still overcoming. Sometimes we are dealing with remnants of life and situations: Like broken down walls and burned gates.



We read: *The survivors who are left from the captivity in the province are there in great distress and reproach*

**Distress and reproach** not only has to do with when something is lacking **our material world**, but also when something is lacking **in our inner world**.



Psalm 11:3 says, *"If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?"*

Again, these things were written long ago for our learning. **So let's learn!**

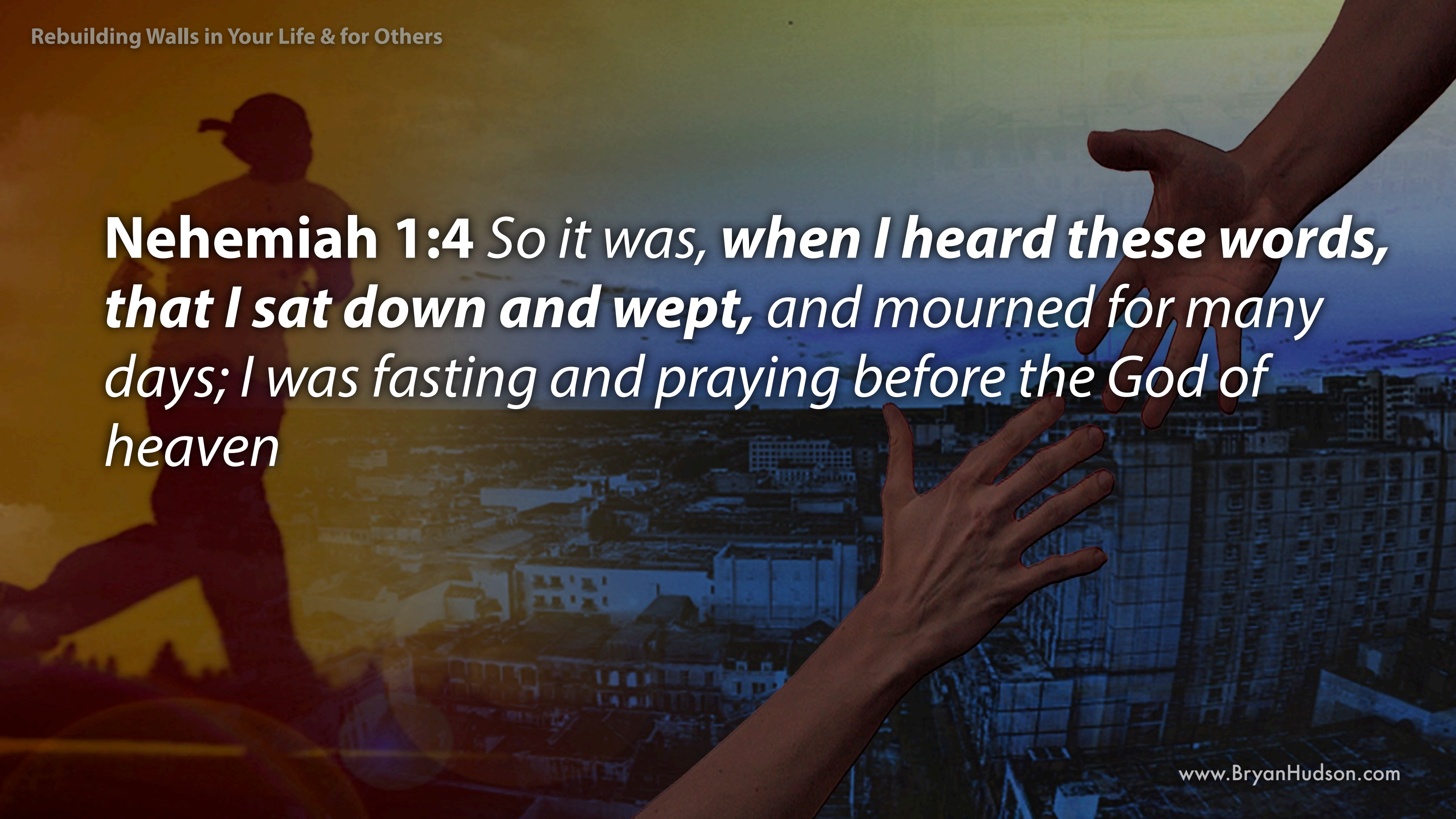
*"And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations [Jesus] shall come; and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts" (Haggai 2:7)*



# **Seven Principles** for rebuilding the walls in our lives and for others

**Principle One** • Care enough to want to do something great





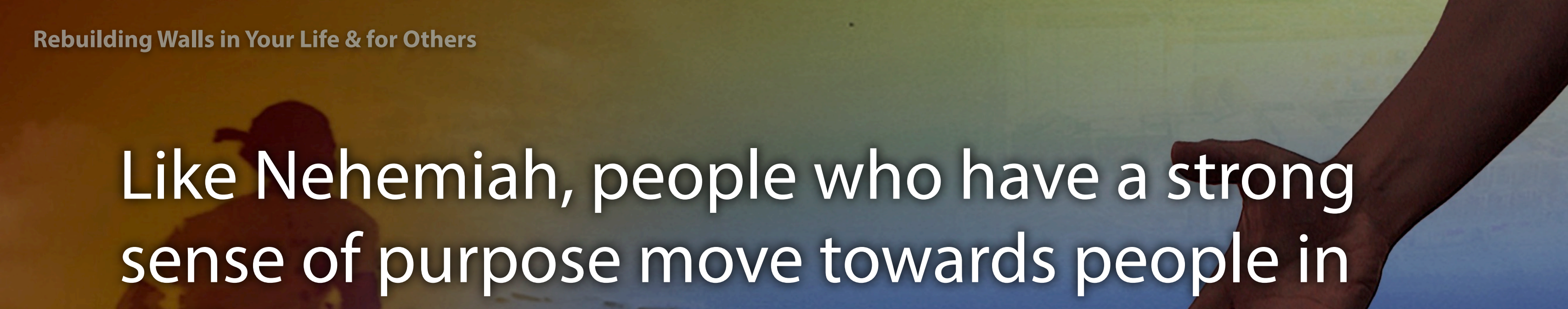
**Nehemiah 1:4** *So it was, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned for many days; I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven*



One of the jobs of God's leaders is to remind people of their higher purpose and their true place before God.

**It is possible to become comfortable in captivity.**



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Like Nehemiah, people who have a strong sense of purpose move towards people in difficult places.

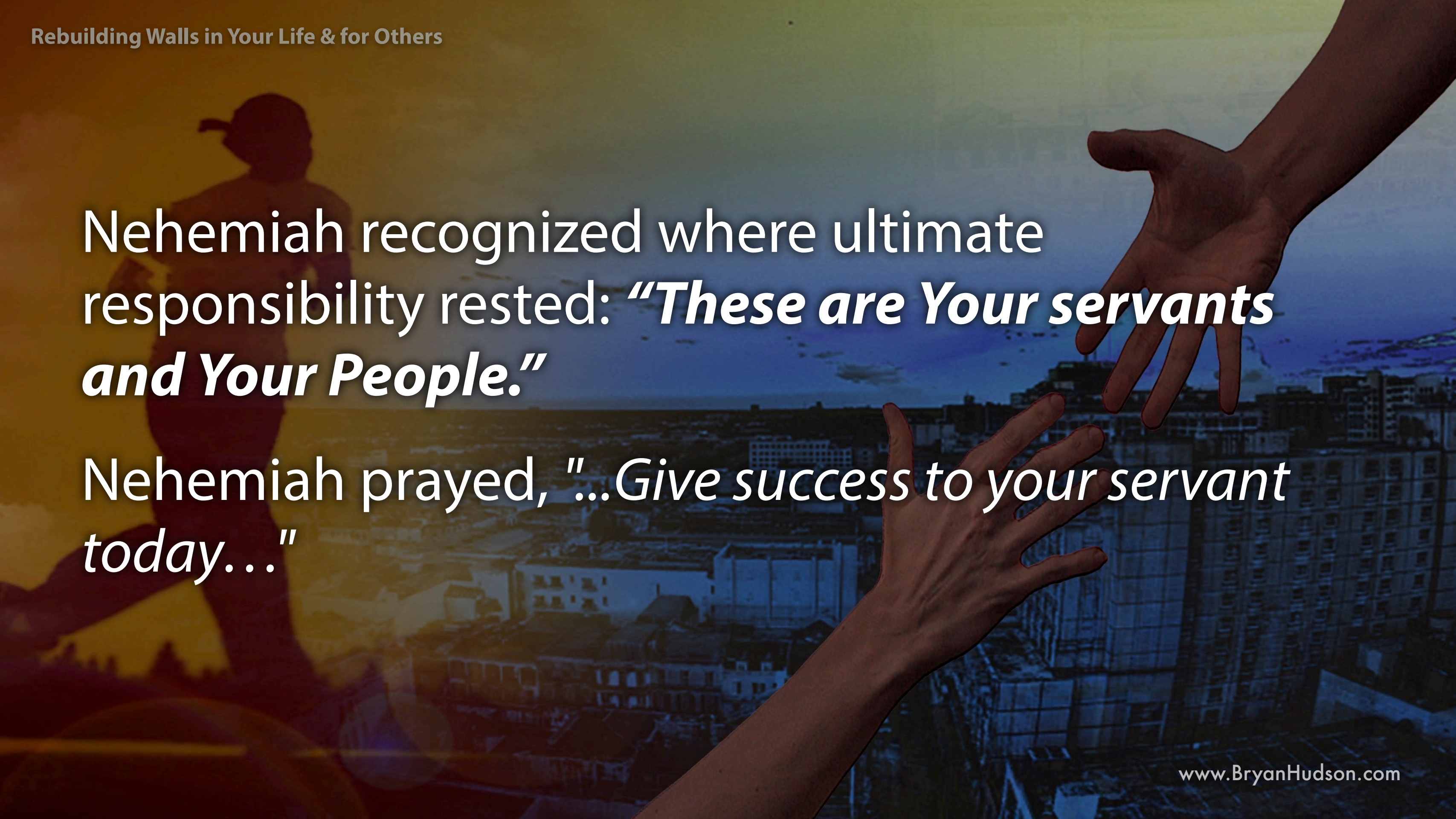
**WHICH WAY WOULD YOU RUN?**



# **Principle Two** • Commit to Prayer and Ownership of the Conditions

## **Nehemiah 1:5-10**





Nehemiah recognized where ultimate responsibility rested: ***“These are Your servants and Your People.”***

Nehemiah prayed, “..Give success to your servant today...”



**Principle Three** • Seek proper authority to act

**Nehemiah 2:1-6**

As the king's cupbearer, he had access, but needed  
**FAVOR**

**Authority is not only permission, it is partnership.**  
Proper authority comes with backup and resources,



## **Principle Four** • Come into agreement

### **Nehemiah 2:17-18**

*And I told them of the hand of my God which had been good upon me, and also of the king's words that he had spoken to me. **So they said, "Let us rise up and build." Then they set their hands to this good work.***



## **Principle Five** • Don't be surprised by resistance

### **Nehemiah 4:1-2**

*...When Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, he became angry and was greatly incensed. He ridiculed the Jews, and in the presence of his associates and the army of Samaria... “What are those feeble Jews doing? Will they restore their wall? Will they offer sacrifices?*



## **Principle Six** • Stay out of bad meetings

### **Nehemiah 6:1-2**

*Now it happened when Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arab, and the rest of our enemies heard that I had rebuilt the wall, and that there were no breaks left in it ...2 that Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, "Come, let us meet together among the villages in the plain of Ono." **But they thought to do me harm.***



## **Principle Six** • Stay out of bad meetings

**Going into wrong meetings will,**

- 1) Take you off your wall and your assignment.
- 2) It will set you up for ambush, distractions, or worse.
- 3) You won't finish what you started

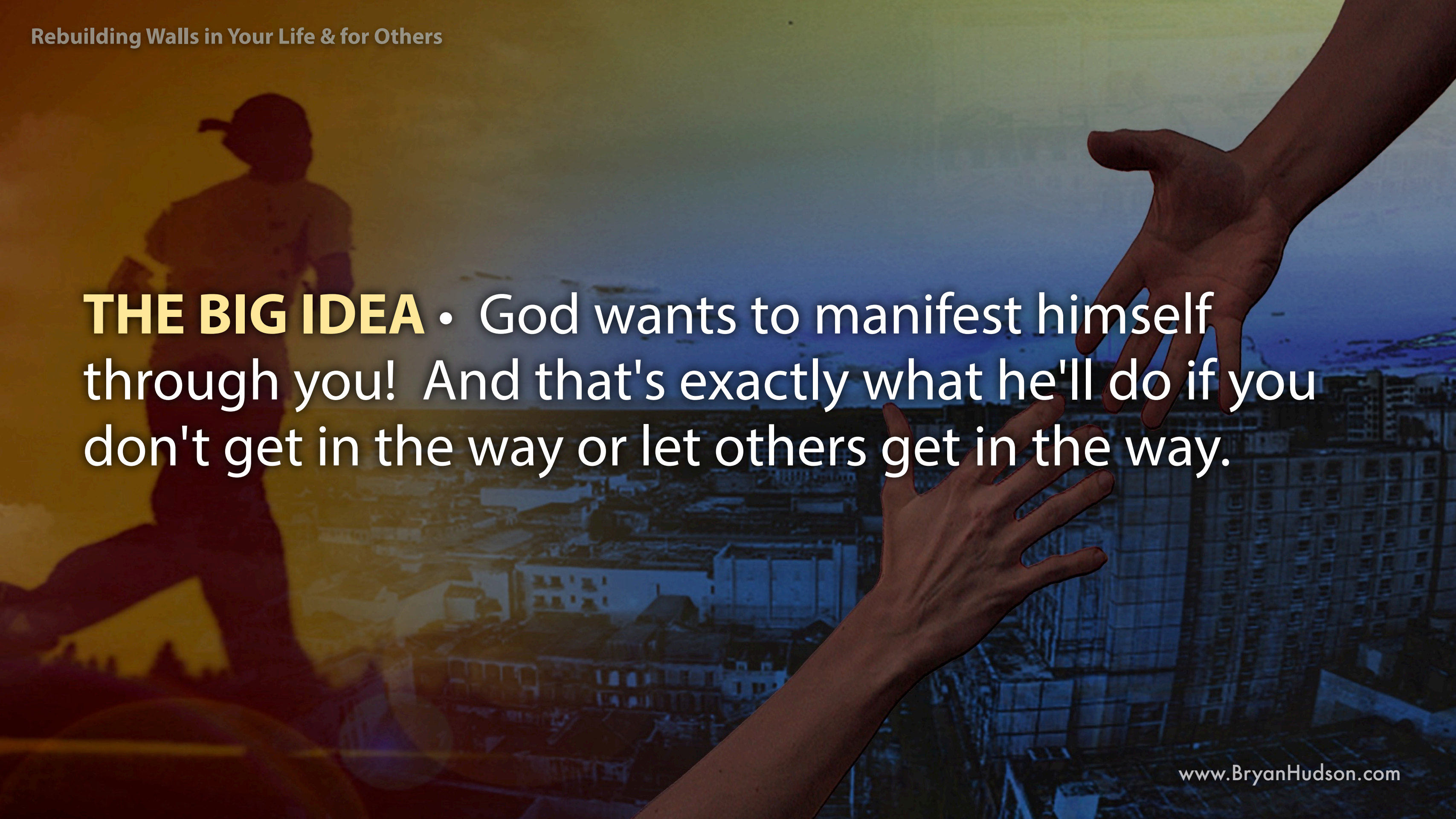
**Nehemiah's response, 6:3** *So I sent messengers to them, saying, "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down. Why should the work cease **while I leave it and go down to you?**"*



**Principle Seven • Get it done!** Defy the enemies –  
whether situations or people

**Nehemiah 6:15**, *So the wall was finished on the twenty-fifth day of Elul, in fifty-two days. 16 And it happened, when all our enemies heard of it, and all the nations around us saw these things, that they were very disheartened in their own eyes; for they perceived that this work was done by our God.*





**THE BIG IDEA** • God wants to manifest himself through you! And that's exactly what he'll do if you don't get in the way or let others get in the way.



The Apostle Paul summarized it this way:

**1 Corinthians 1:27-29**, *But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; 28 and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, 29 that no flesh should glory in His presence*