



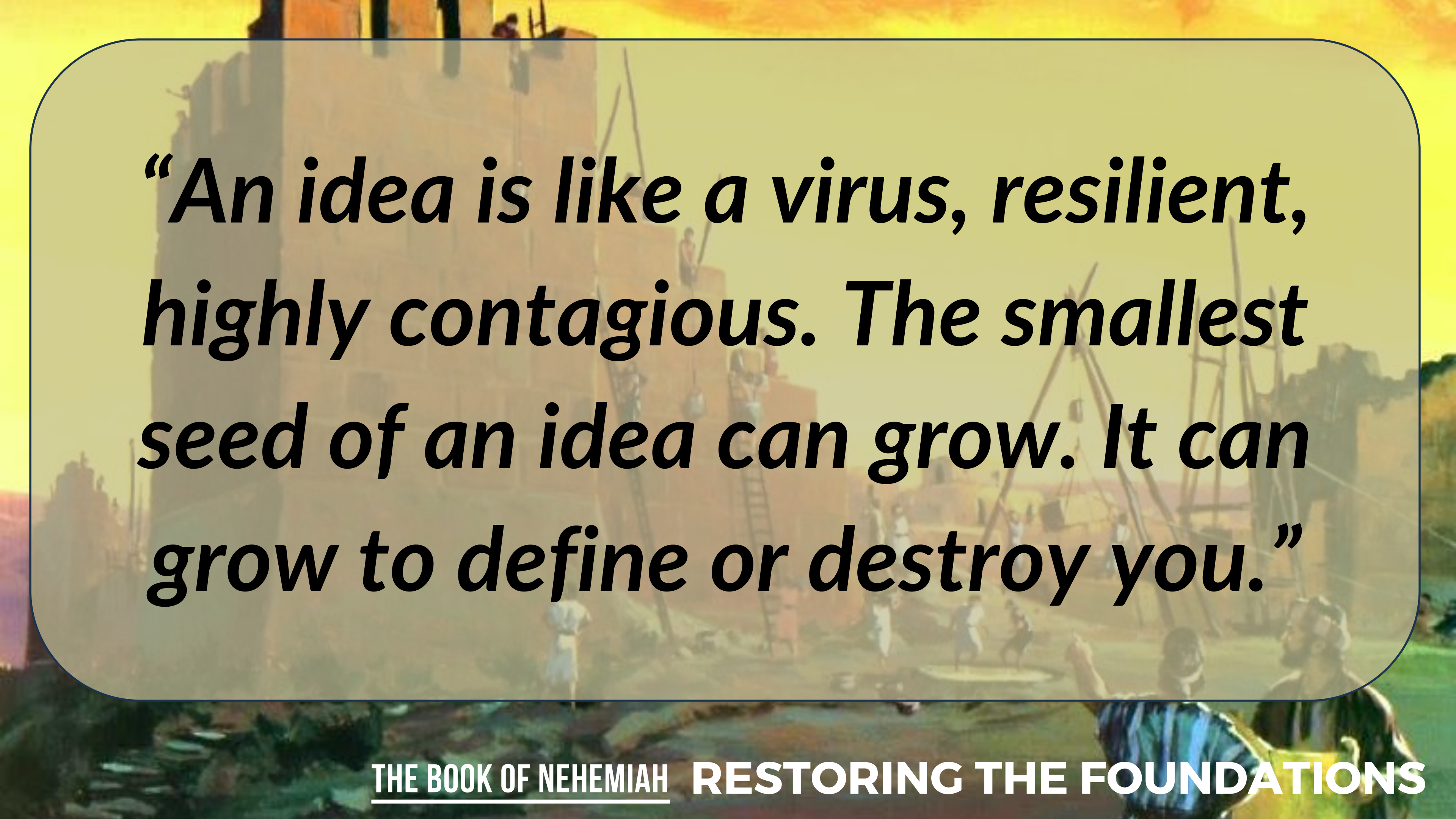
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RESTORING THE FOUNDATIONS

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“An idea is like a virus, resilient, highly contagious. The smallest seed of an idea can grow. It can grow to define or destroy you.”

INCEPTION

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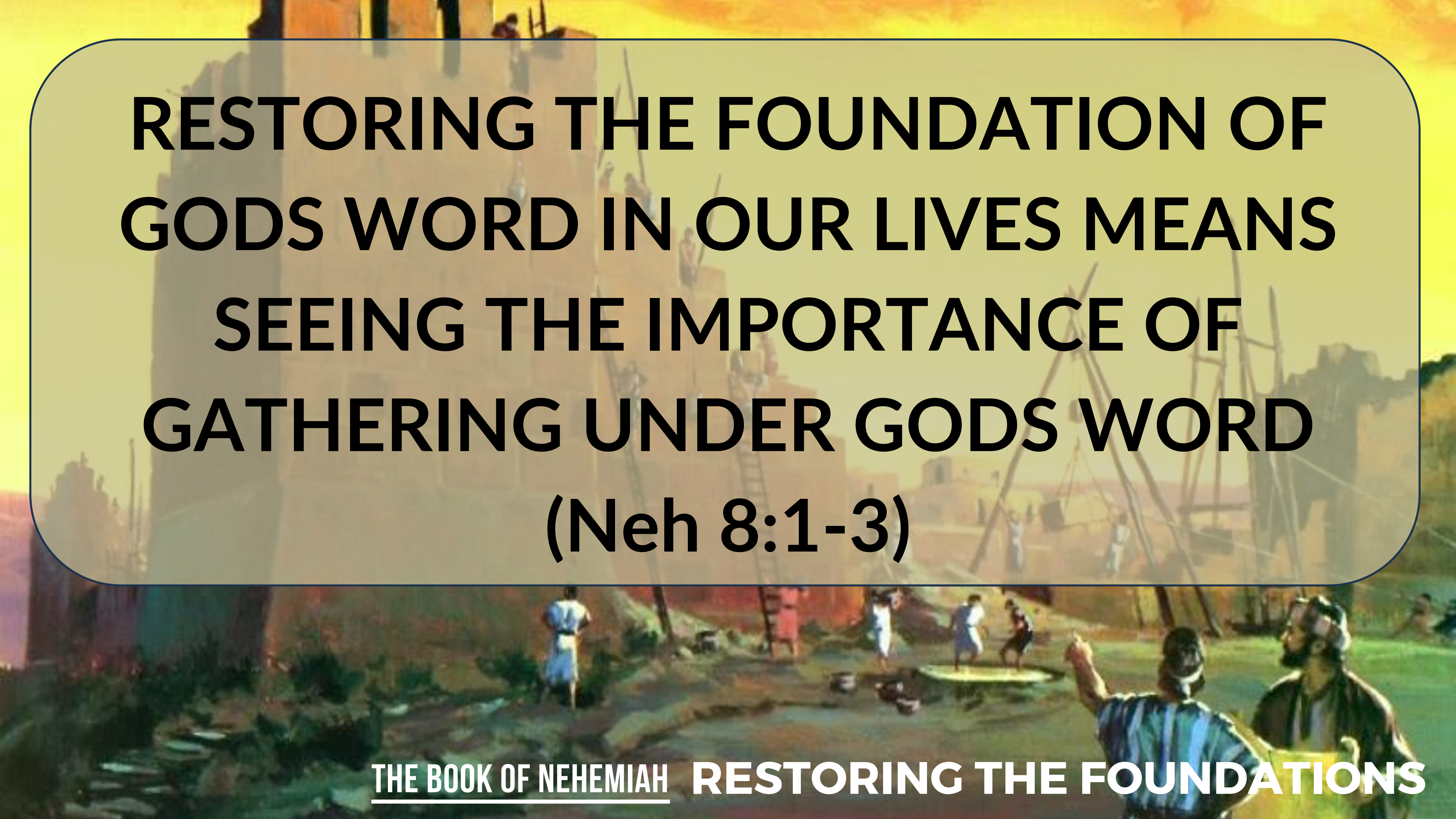
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A detailed illustration of the rebuilding of Jerusalem's walls. In the foreground, two men are shown from behind, looking towards the construction site. One man is wearing a blue and white striped tunic, and the other is wearing a dark tunic. They are standing on a dirt path. In the background, several workers are visible, some standing on ladders leaning against the walls, and others on the ground. The walls are made of reddish-brown bricks. The sky is a warm, golden yellow, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall scene is one of active construction and restoration.

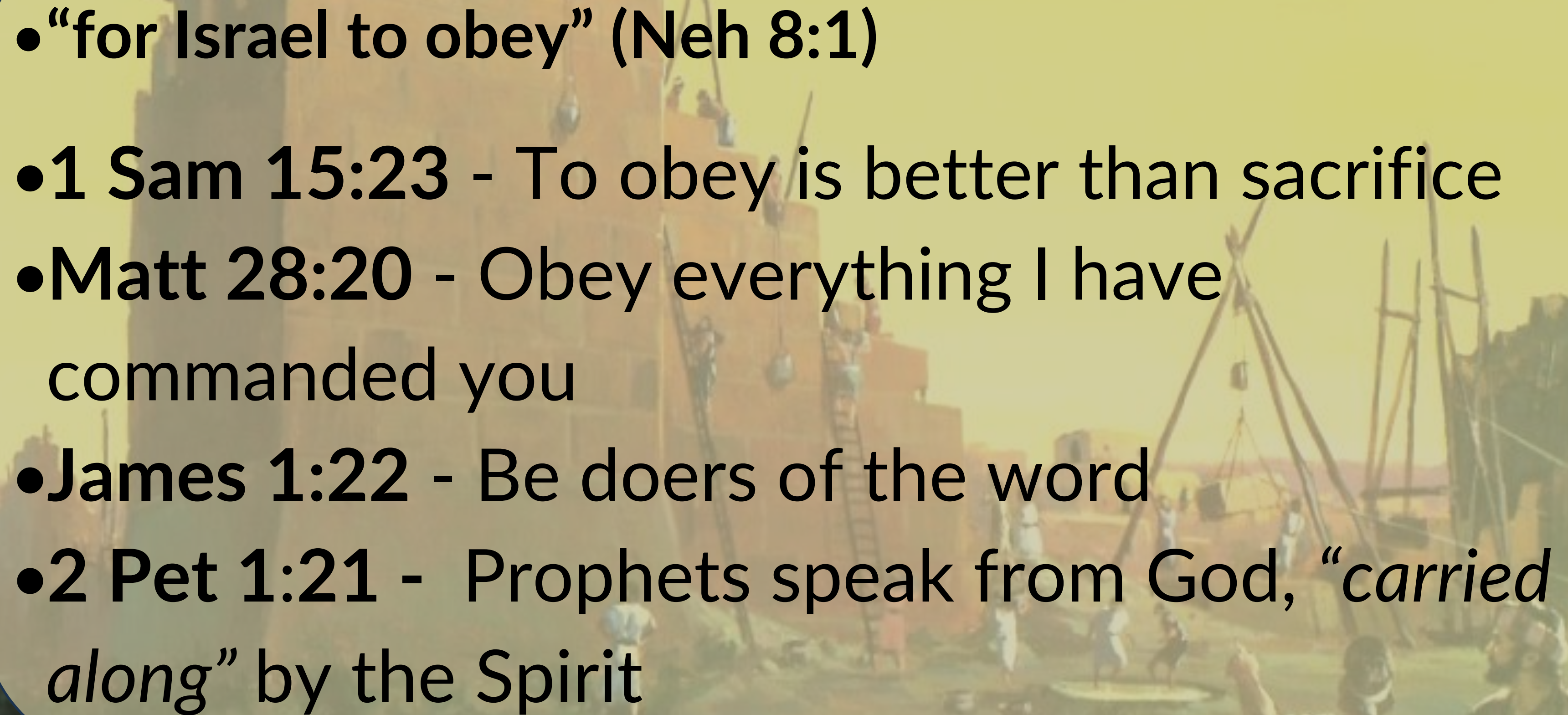
Nehemiah 8 focuses on the importance of reading, understanding, and responding to God's Word and our key memory verse is

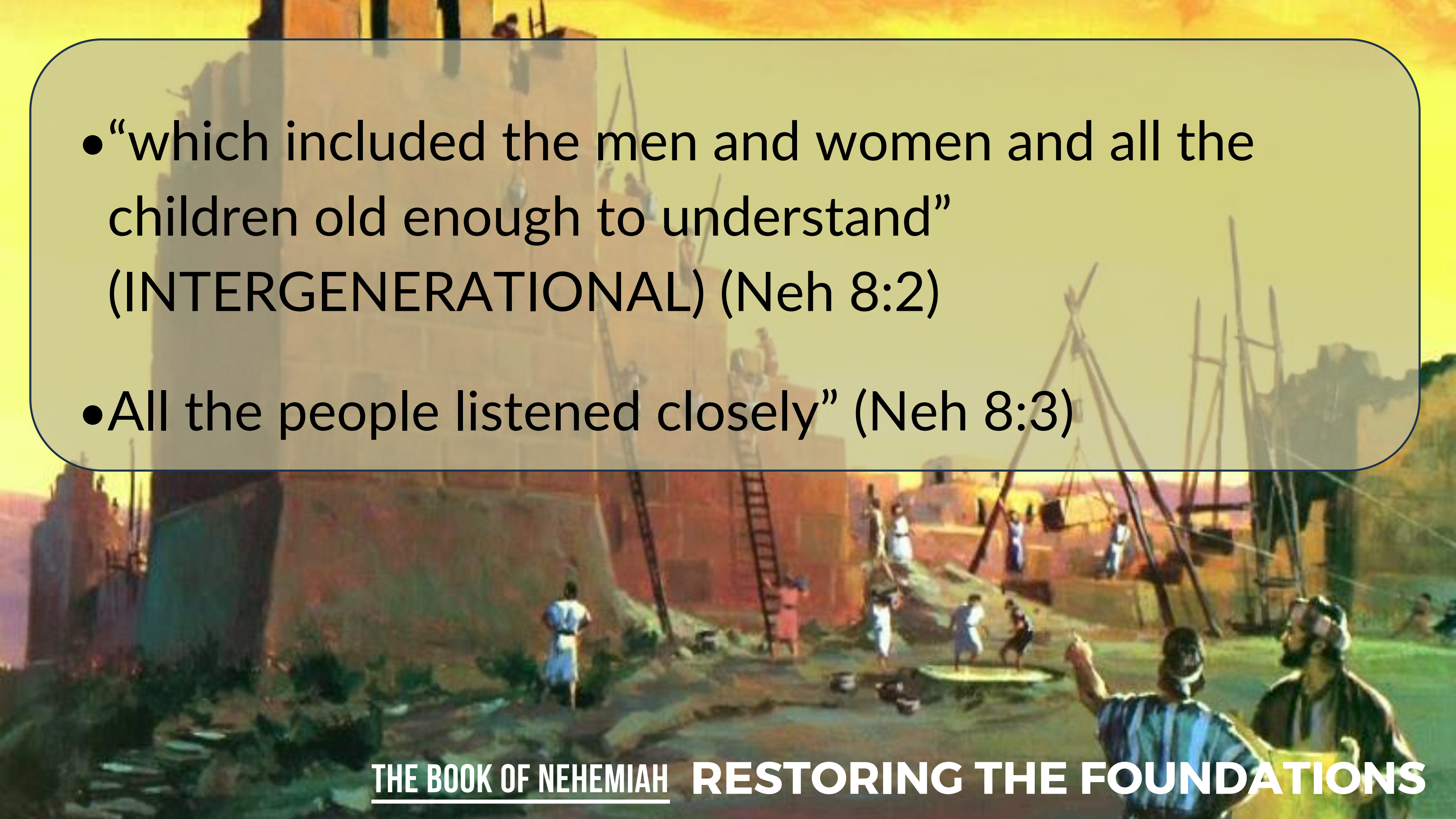
“The joy of the Lord is your strength.”

Nehemiah 8:10



**RESTORING THE FOUNDATION OF
GODS WORD IN OUR LIVES MEANS
SEEING THE IMPORTANCE OF
GATHERING UNDER GODS WORD
(Neh 8:1-3)**

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- “for Israel to obey” (Neh 8:1)
 - 1 Sam 15:23 - To obey is better than sacrifice
 - Matt 28:20 - Obey everything I have commanded you
 - James 1:22 - Be doers of the word
 - 2 Pet 1:21 - Prophets speak from God, “*carried along*” by the Spirit

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- “which included the men and women and all the children old enough to understand” (INTERGENERATIONAL) (Neh 8:2)
 - All the people listened closely” (Neh 8:3)



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Why is this important?

- Heb 10:22-25 “Let Us.....”
- Acts 17:11
- 2 Tim 3:16

**RESTORING THE FOUNDATION OF
GODS WORD IN OUR LIVES MEANS
UNDERSTANDING THE IMPORTANCE
OF GODS WORD (Neh 8:7-8)**

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EXTRA NOTES FOR STUDY

THE LEVITES played a vital role in the religious and social life of ancient Israel. They were members of the tribe of Levi, one of the twelve tribes of Israel, set apart specifically for service to God. Here are several key aspects of their role in the Bible:

1. **Priestly Service**
2. **Tabernacle and Temple Duties** (Numbers 1:50–53).
3. **Teaching and Law** (Deuteronomy 33:10).
4. **Music and Worship** (1 Chronicles 23:5; 2 Chronicles 5:12).
5. **Receiving Tithes** (Numbers 18:21-32).

Summary: Levites central focus was on ensuring that the people of Israel remained faithful to God and His covenant.

EXTRA NOTES FOR PERSONAL OR GROUP STUDY

1. PRIESTLY SERVICE

The Levites were given special responsibilities in connection with the tabernacle (later the Temple) and the worship of God. The priests carried out the sacrificial duties and performed rituals, while the non-priestly Levites supported them in various ways.

2. TABERNACLE AND TEMPLE DUTIES

The Levites had specific duties related to the care and upkeep of the tabernacle (later, the Temple in Jerusalem). They were responsible for transporting, setting up, and maintaining the tabernacle when the Israelites travelled in the wilderness (Numbers 1:50–53). Later, when the Temple was built, their duties shifted to maintaining the Temple, assisting in the offerings, and ensuring the overall operation of the sacred space.

EXTRA NOTES FOR PERSONAL OR GROUP STUDY

3. TEACHING AND LAW

The Levites were also teachers of God's law (Deuteronomy 33:10). Since they were not given a specific land inheritance like the other tribes (Numbers 18:20-24), they lived among the various tribes and served as spiritual leaders, teaching the people the laws of God and acting as judges in disputes.

4. MUSIC AND WORSHIP

A significant part of the Levites' role was to lead the worship of God through music and song. During the time of David and Solomon, the Levites were organized into groups that led musical worship, playing instruments, and singing during religious ceremonies (1 Chronicles 23:5; 2 Chronicles 5:12).

EXTRA NOTES FOR PERSONAL OR GROUP STUDY

5. RECEIVING TITHES

Since the Levites were not given land to cultivate, they were supported through the tithes of the other Israelites. In return for their service, the Levites received a tithe (one-tenth) from the produce of the other tribes, and they, in turn, gave a tithe of that to the priests (Numbers 18:21-32).

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Deut 6:4-7 DEDICATION SERVICE VERSES -

*“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your
soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I
give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your
children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you
walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up”*

The seed that fell on
good soil represents
those who truly hear
and understand God's
word

Matthew 13:23



For the word of God is
alive and powerful. It is
sharper than the
sharpest two-edged
sword

Hebrews 4:12



**Your word is a lamp to
guide my feet
and a light for my path
Psalm 119:105**



People do not live
by bread alone,
but by every word
that comes from
the mouth of God
Matthew 4:4



For if you listen to the
word and don't obey,
it is like glancing at
your face in a mirror
James 1:23



Does not my word burn like
fire?" says the Lord.

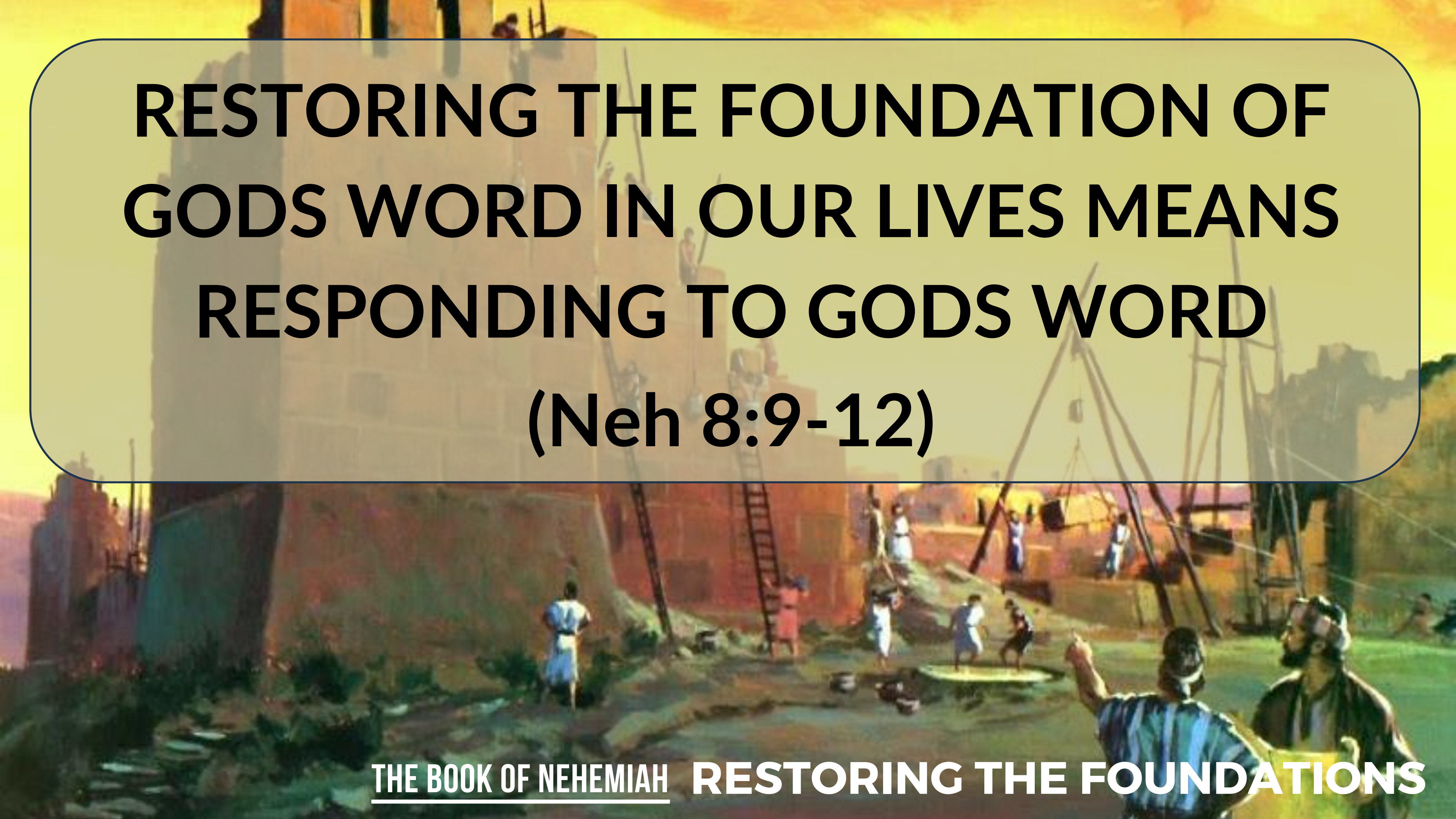
"Is it not like a mighty hammer
that smashes a
rock to pieces?
Jeremiah 23:29



Sermon: Can I Trust the Bible?

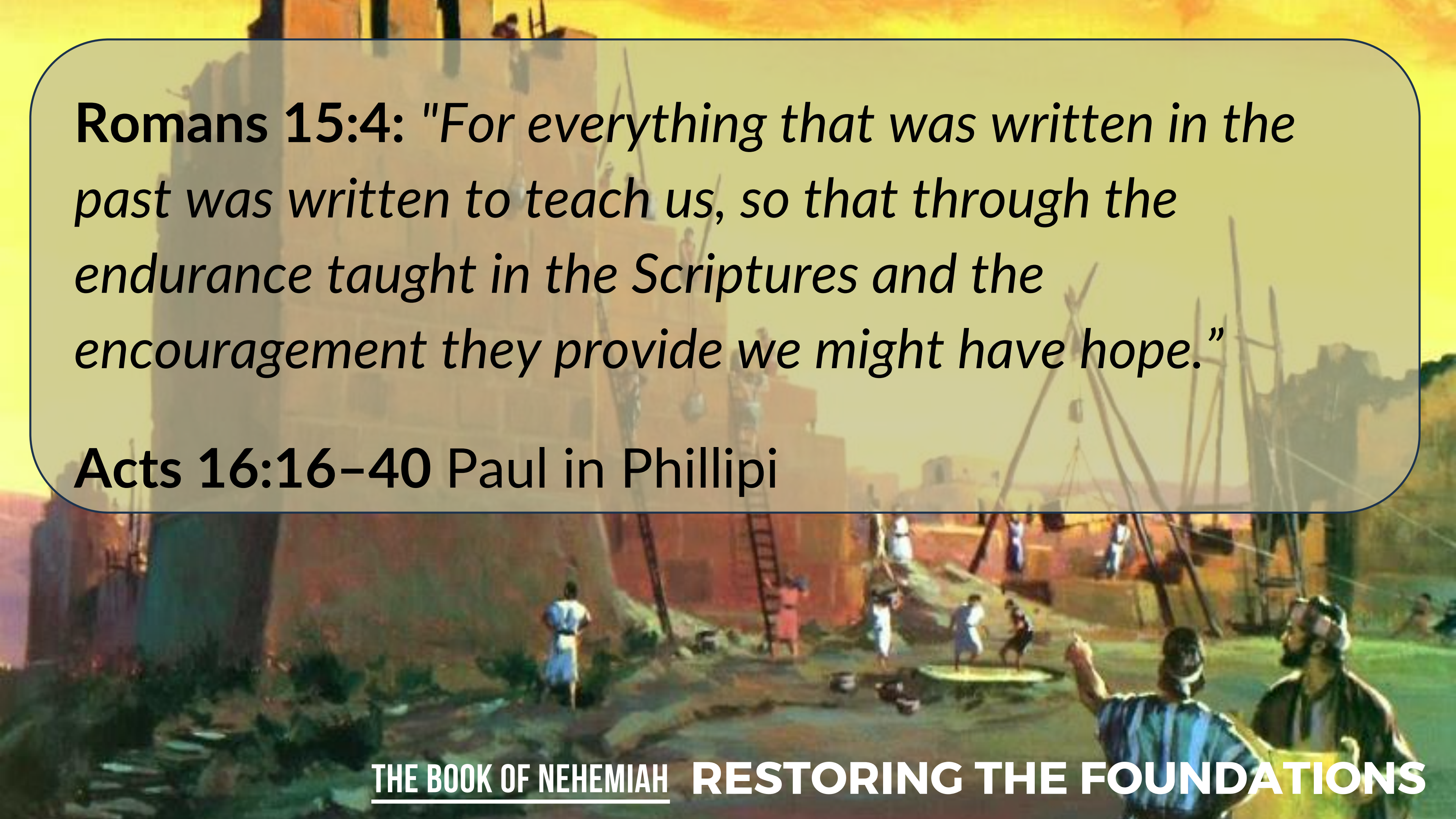
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- Right Now Media resources
- Youversion Bible app
- Gotquestions.org
- Lectio 365

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RESTORING THE FOUNDATION OF GODS WORD IN OUR LIVES MEANS RESPONDING TO GODS WORD (Neh 8:9-12)

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Romans 15:4: *"For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope."*

Acts 16:16–40 Paul in Phillipi

CONCLUSION: A Call to Action

- What can you do?
- What should you do?
- What? So What? Now What?

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NOW WHAT?

- ✓ PRIORITIZE reading & study of Scripture in your daily life.

Proverbs 29:18 “where there is no vision people perish”

“If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; But when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed.” MSG

- ✓ PARTICIPATE in small groups or Bible study sessions that embrace the diverse cultures within the church.