

# EZRA

# NEHEMIAH

*Renewal Amongst the Ruins*



# CALL TO WORSHIP

4 As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, 5 you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

-1 Peter 2:4-5



# Nehemiah 3

*“3 Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brothers the priests, and they built the Sheep Gate. They consecrated it and set its doors. They consecrated it as far as the Tower of the Hundred, as far as the Tower of Hananel. 2 And next to him...”*

*[a whole lotta people]*

*8 Next to them Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, goldsmiths, repaired. Next to him Hananiah, one of the perfumers, repaired, and they restored Jerusalem as far as the Broad Wall.*

*9 Next to them...*

*[a whole lotta people]*



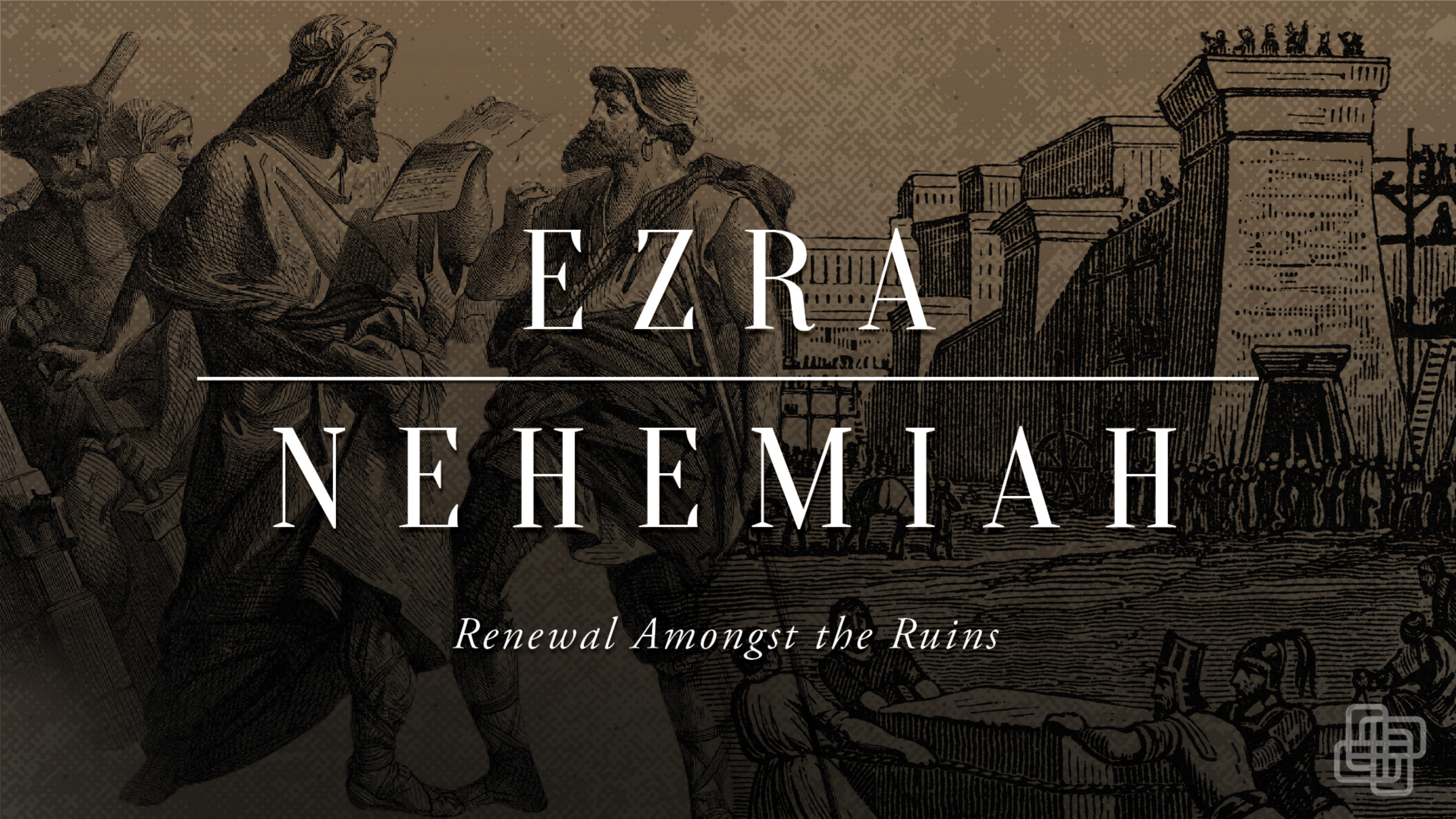
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*12 Next to him Shallum the son of Hallohesh, ruler of half the district of Jerusalem, repaired, he and his daughters.*

*After them...[a whole lotta people]*

*31 After him Malchijah, one of the goldsmiths, repaired as far as the house of the temple servants and of the merchants, opposite the Muster Gate, and to the upper chamber of the corner. 32 And between the upper chamber of the corner and the Sheep Gate the goldsmiths and the merchants repaired.*





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# 1. THE WORK BEGINS WITH WORSHIP (v.1)

90-93 years since first group returned to Jerusalem w/ Zerubbabel

Grandson of Jeshua (HP during Zerubbabel)

Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brothers the priests, and they built

Northeastern side of wall (closest to temple) To declare holy/dedicate it to the Lord  
the Sheep Gate. They consecrated it and set its doors. They consecrated it as far as

the Tower of the Hundred, as far as the Tower of Hananel.

*Genuine renewal never begins externally.*

*It is initiated when worship is rightly ordered (w/ God at the pinnacle).*



## 2. GOD USES ORDINARY PEOPLE IN EXTRAORDINARY WAYS

(vs. 2-27)

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*When ministry is built on simply the participation of a few, the whole body suffers. (Eph.4:16)*



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14 Malchijah the son of Rechab, ruler of the district of Beth-haccherem, repaired **The Southern point of the wall—cities sanitation flowed through here** the Dung Gate. He rebuilt it and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars.

*Not all ministry isn't necessarily "pleasant" at times, but it is all equally important in God's economy.*



### 3. THERE IS A GREAT DANGER IN SPIRITUAL PRIDE THAT REFUSES HUMBLE SERVICE (v. 5)

People among covenant community      Manual labor was “beneath” them  
5 And next to them the Tekoites repaired, but their nobles would not stoop to serve  
their Lord.

*Jesus didn't come to be served, but to serve.*

*You can't be like Jesus by being served and yet refusing to serve. (Mark 10:45)*



## 4. GOD GIVES DIFFERENT ROLES FOR DIFFERENT GIFTS TO PEOPLE OF EQUAL VALUE TO ACCOMPLISH HIS WORK (whole passage)

All different people united under banner of God's covenantal love

8 Next to them Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, goldsmiths, repaired. Next to him

**This work was likely completely out of their comfort zone**

Hananiah, one of the perfumers, repaired, and they restored Jerusalem as far as the

Broad Wall.

*Calling is not limited by occupation.*

*God repurposes every vocation for kingdom work.*



## King Jesus, The True & Better Builder

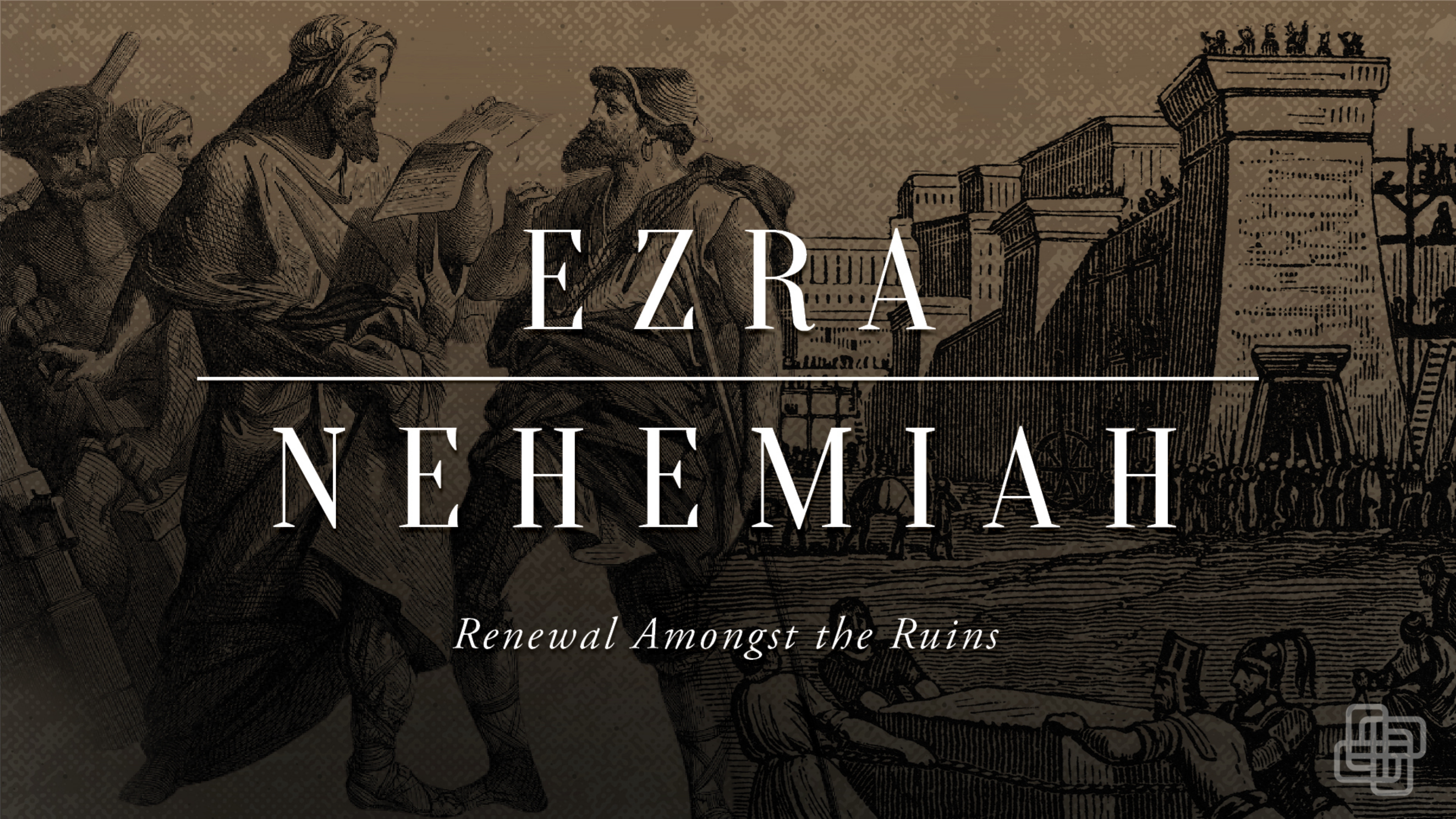
*8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*

*-Ephesians 2:8-10*

*Jesus didn't come to merely direct the work of our redemption, He came to bear the full weight & cost of it.*

*Christ has made us His people; now we're just called to be faithful in the place He has given us.*



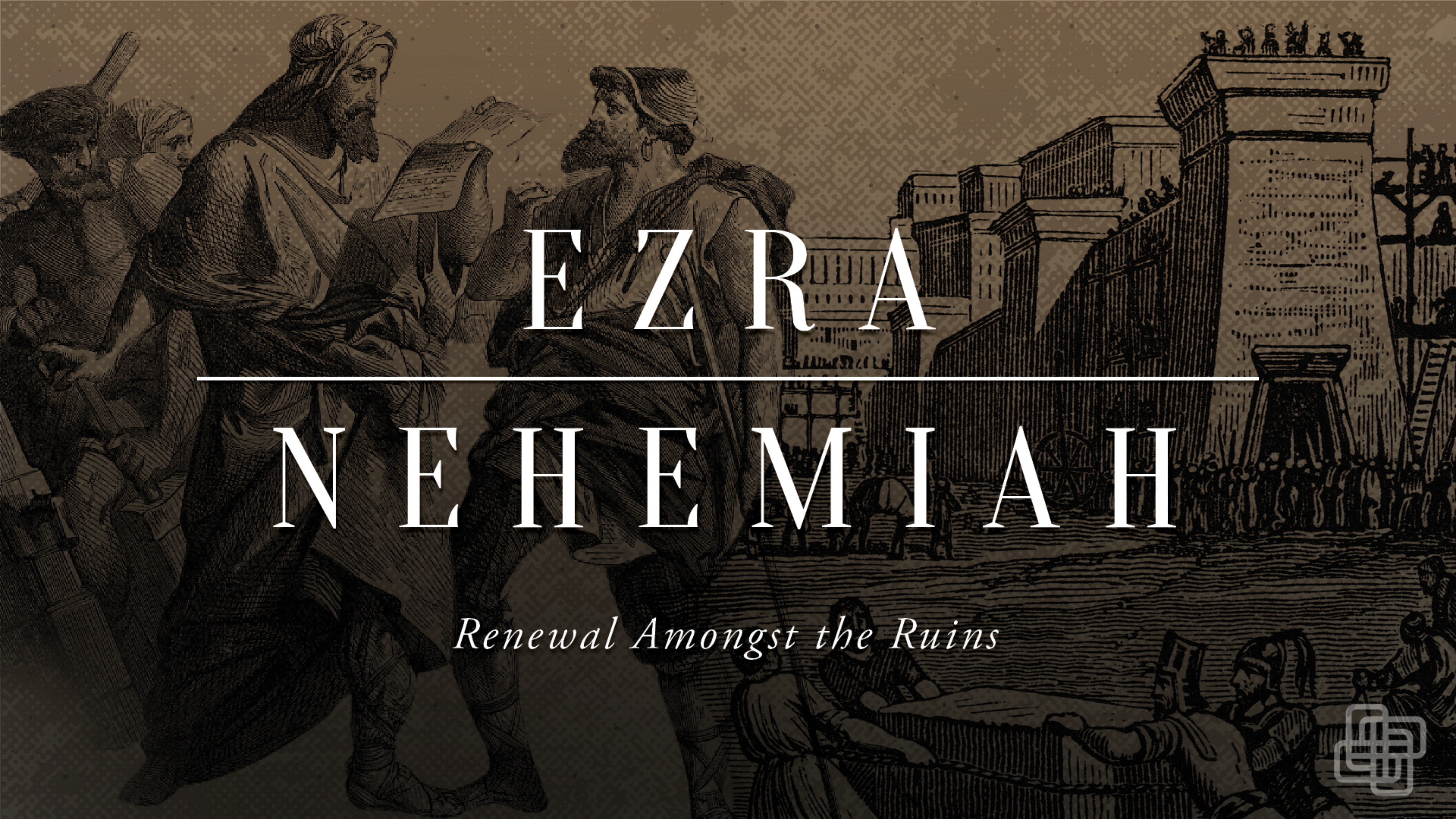


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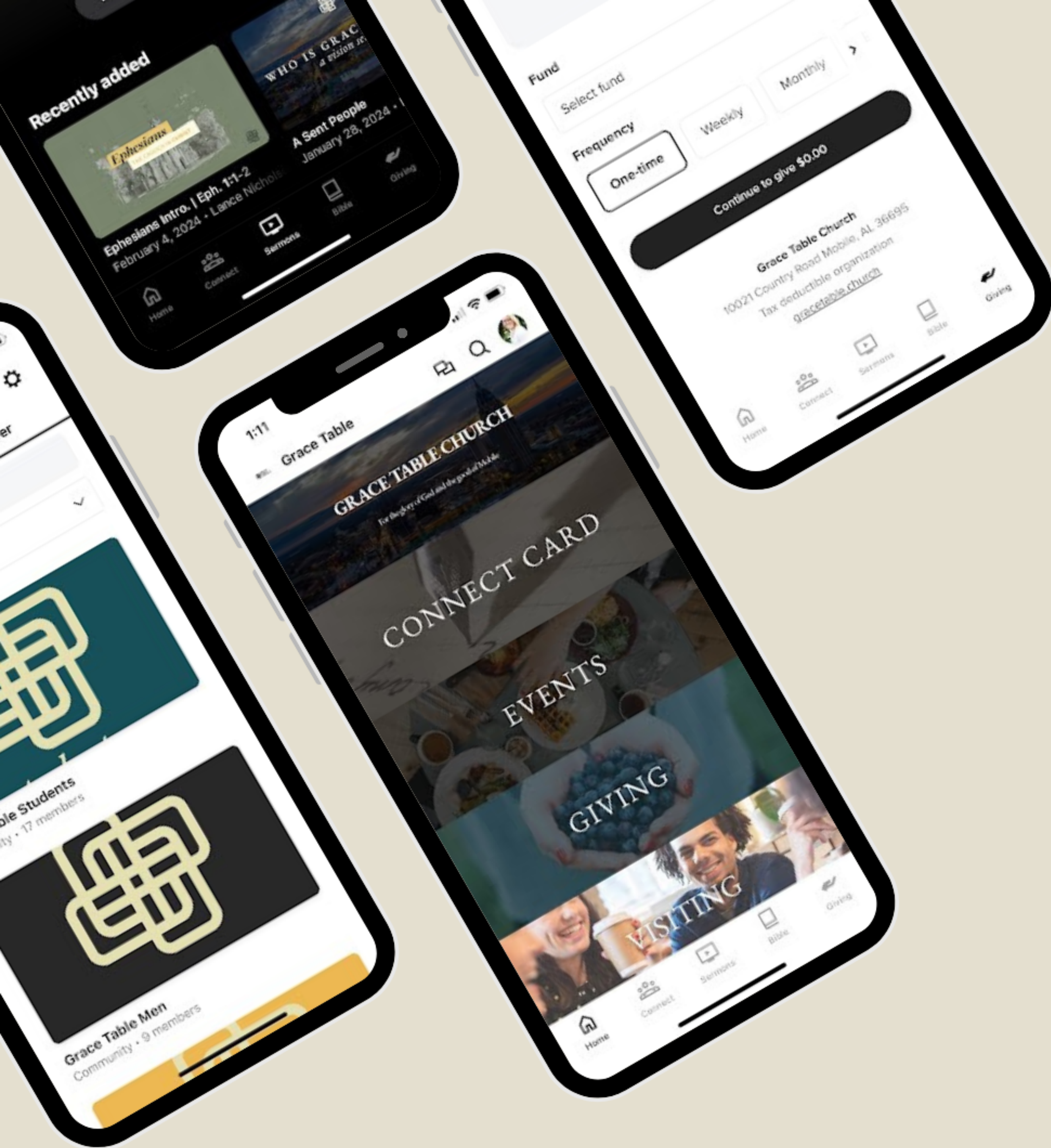


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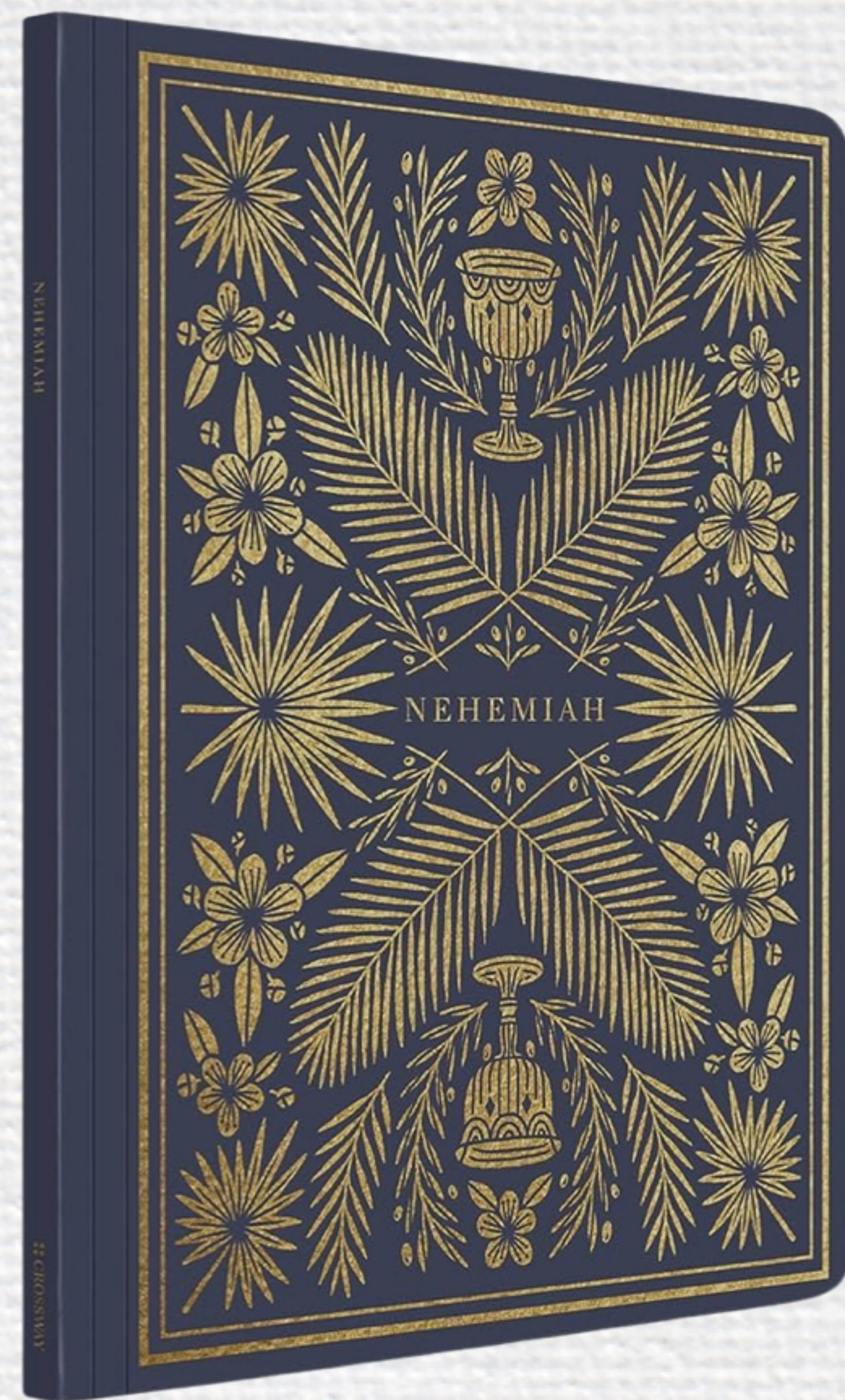
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*Scripture journals*



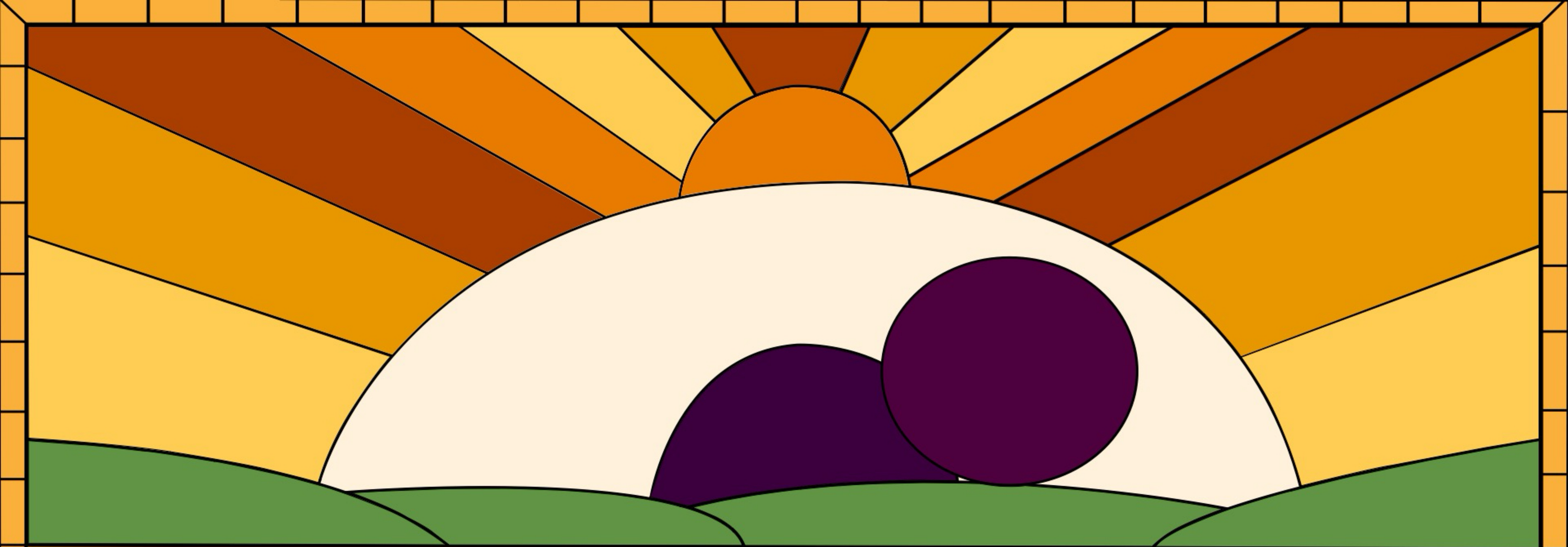
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# GOOD FRIDAY

at grace table church

APR. 03 | 6:30 PM



# EASTER

at grace table church

APR. 05 | 10:30 AM



# WORK DAY

*AT NEW FACILITY*

*SATURDAY, APR 11TH / 8 AM*

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*over new facility*

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# BENEDICTION

## **Leader:**

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”

-2 Corinthians 13:14

## **People:**

And also with you.

