



# Rebuilding

LESSONS FROM NEHEMIAH

It Continues With **Providence**

Nehemiah 2





**THIS SERIES**

What does it look like for us **to rebuild something** from a place of **suffering?**

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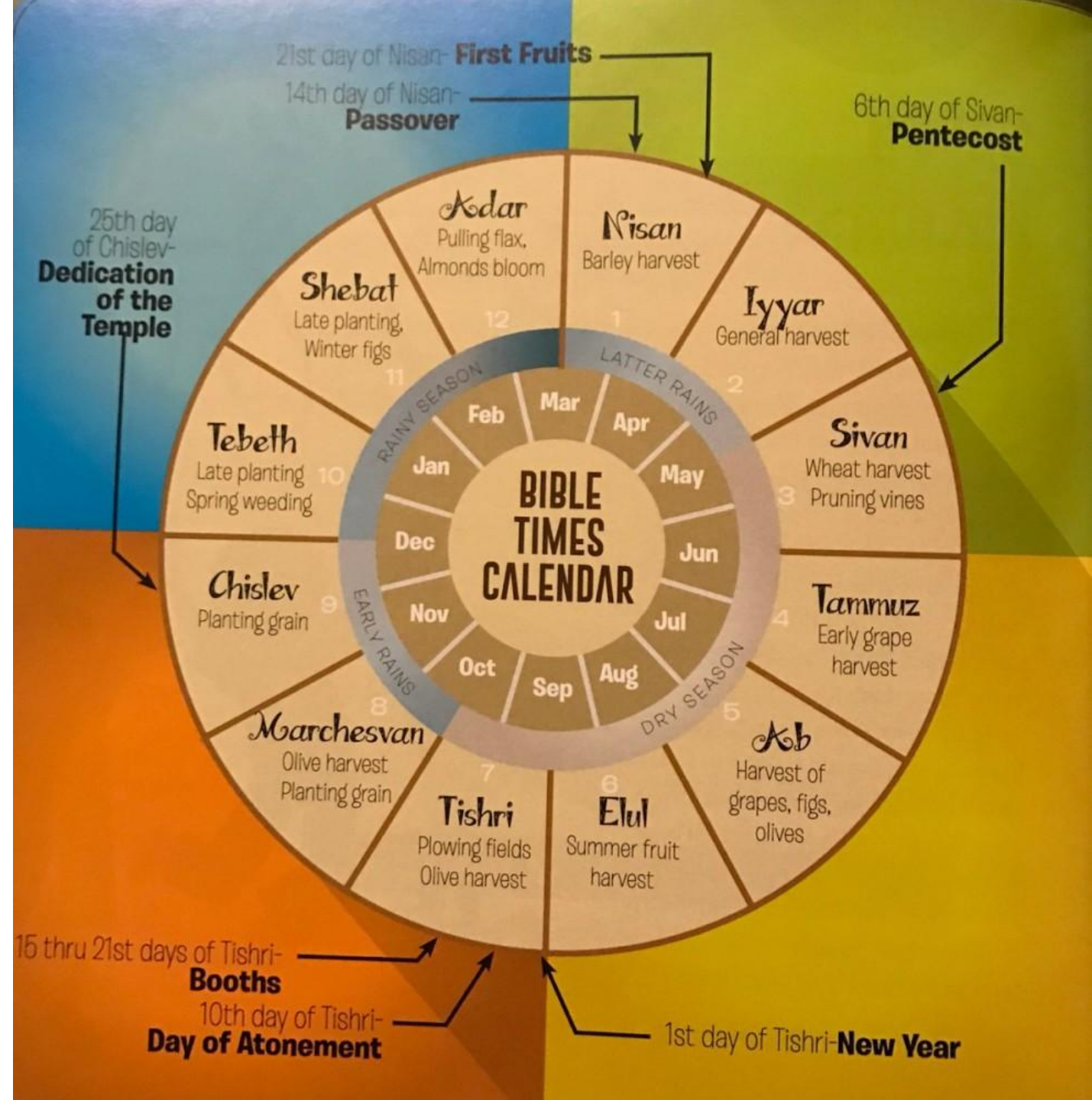
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# Nehemiah 1:1

The words of Nehemiah son of Hakaliah:

In the month of **Kislev** in the twentieth year, while I was in the citadel of Susa





**How Long Do We Wait  
In A Place of Pain?**



# Nehemiah 2:1-3

<sup>1</sup> In the month of Nisan in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was brought for him, I took the wine and gave it to the king. **I had not been sad in his presence before,** <sup>2</sup> **so the king asked me,** “Why does your face look so sad when you are not ill? This can be nothing but sadness of heart.”

**I was very much afraid,** <sup>3</sup> **but I said to the king,** “May the king live forever! Why should my face not look sad when the city where my ancestors are buried lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?”





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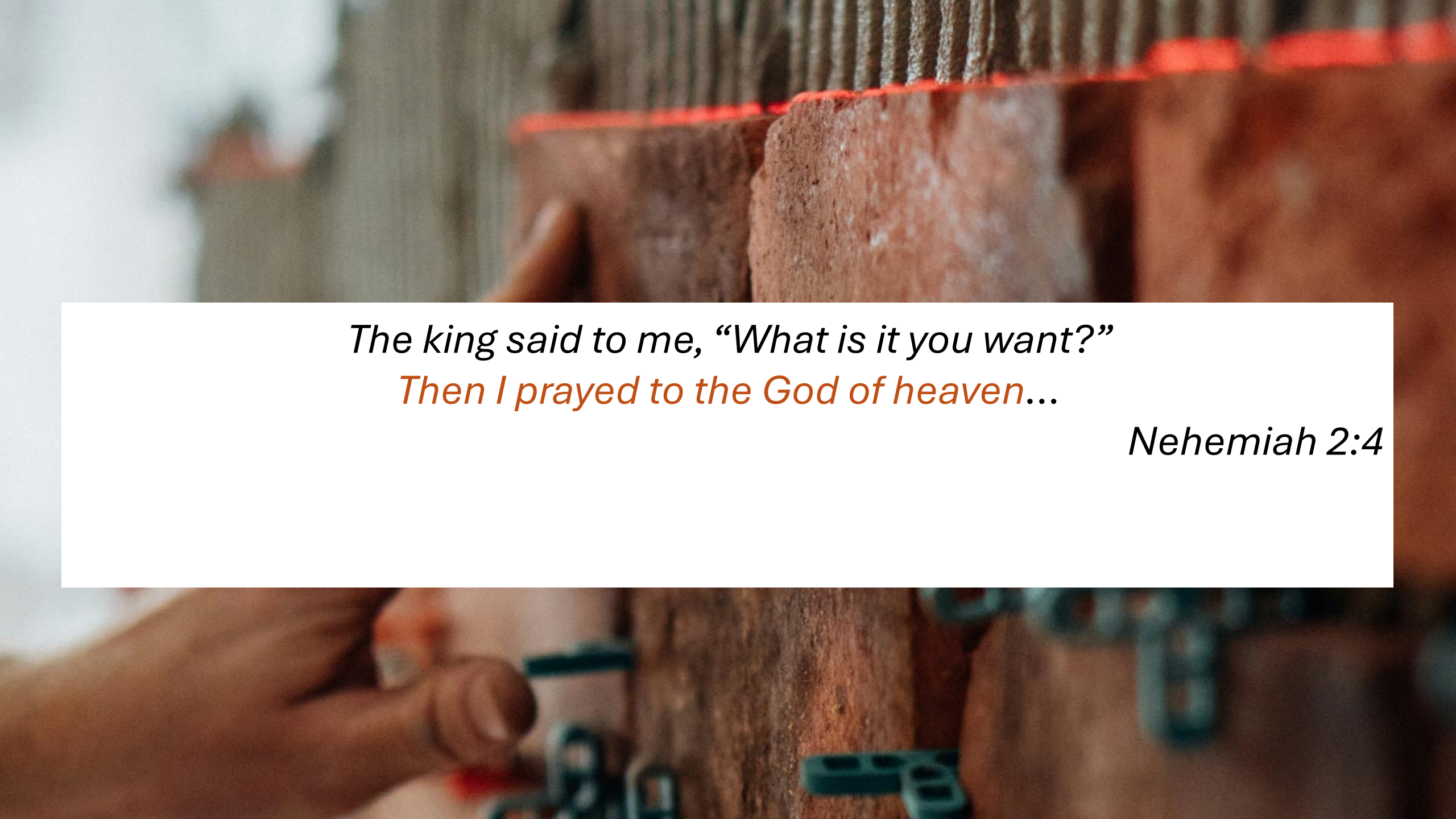




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*What Opportunities is God placing in front of you?*

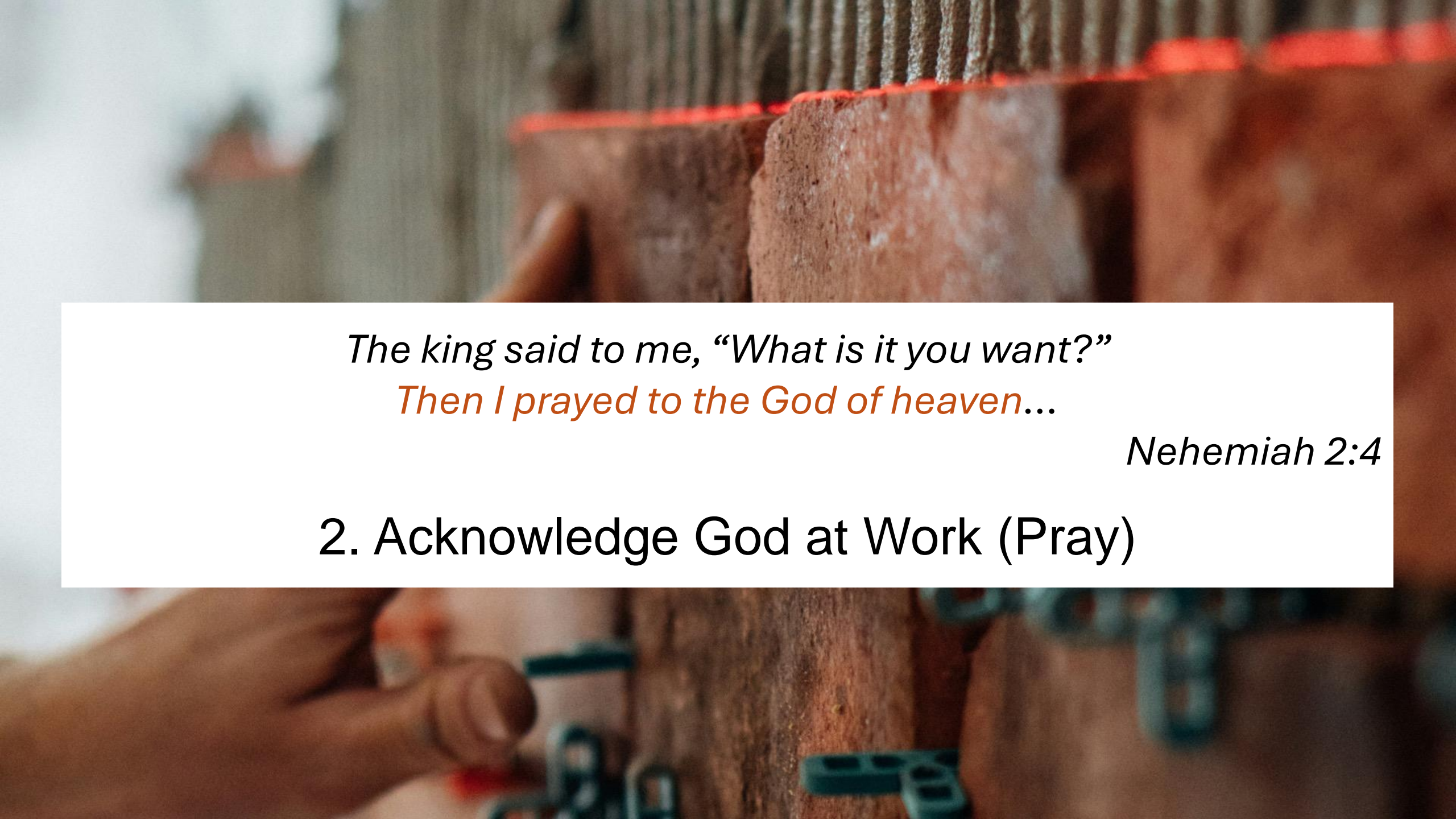




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## 2. Acknowledge God at Work (Pray)



## Nehemiah 2:5-9

<sup>5</sup> **and I answered the king**, “If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor in his sight, let him send me to the city in Judah where my ancestors are buried so that I can rebuild it.”

<sup>6</sup> Then the king, with the queen sitting beside him, asked me, “How long will your journey take, and when will you get back?” It pleased the king to send me; so I set a time.

<sup>7</sup> **I also said to him**, “If it pleases the king, may I have letters to the governors of Trans-Euphrates, so that they will provide me safe-conduct until I arrive in Judah?”



## Nehemiah 2:5-9

<sup>8</sup> **And** may I have a letter to Asaph, keeper of the royal park, so he will give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel by the temple and for the city wall and for the residence I will occupy?” **And because the gracious hand of my God was on me, the king granted my requests.** <sup>9</sup> So I went to the governors of Trans-Euphrates and gave them the king’s letters. **The king had also sent army officers and cavalry with me.**







### 3. Take The Opportunity God Is Providing





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*Do you need to boldly take the opportunity God is providing?*





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