

A photograph of a stone wall with a tower at sunset. The wall is made of large, rectangular stones and has a prominent tower in the center. The sky is a mix of orange and dark blue, suggesting the time is either dawn or dusk. The overall scene is dramatic and evocative of ancient architecture.

A TIME TO BUILD

NEHEMIAH

Chapter 5:1-19



OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

**The Ministry
of Nehemiah**



THE PLIGHT OF THE PEOPLE

v. 1-5

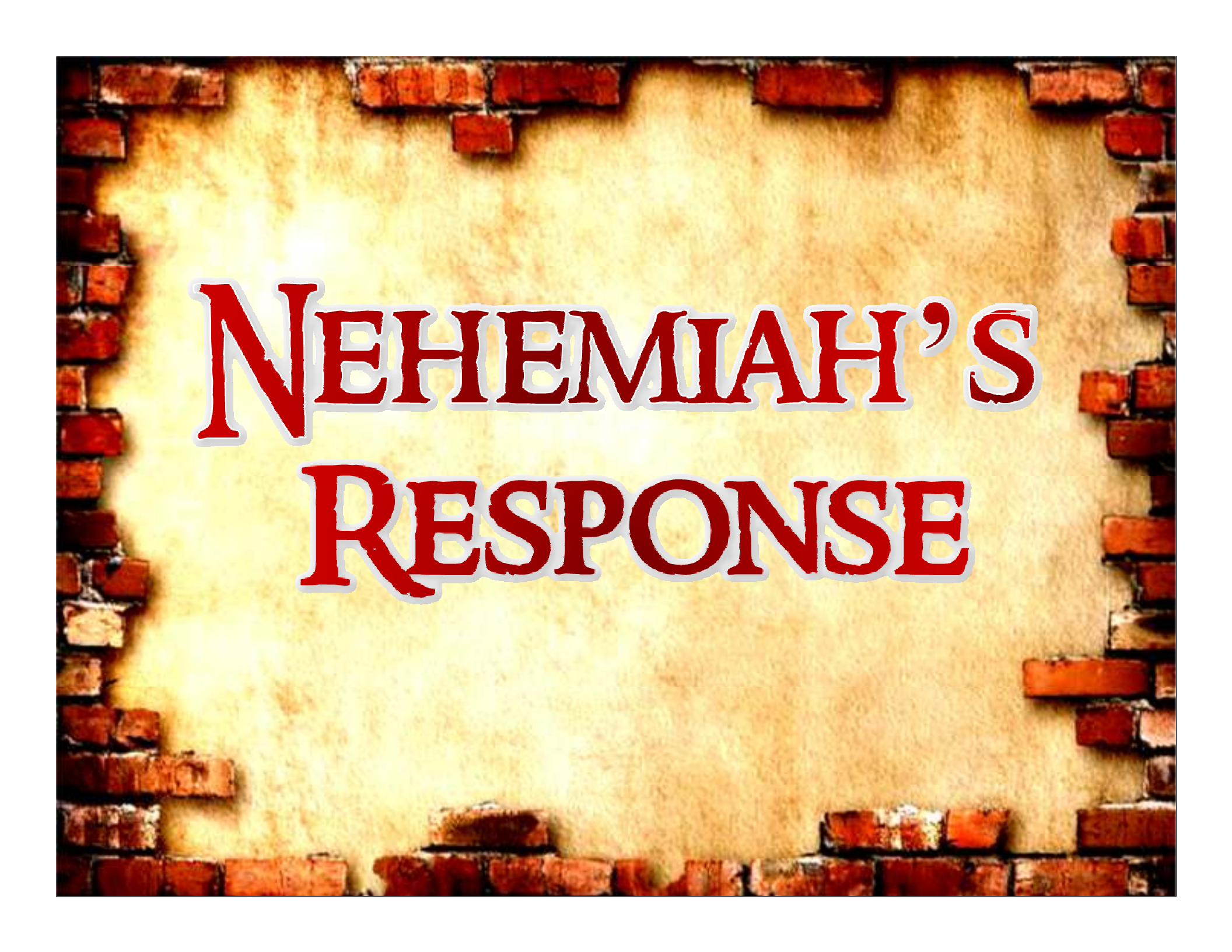
THE PLIGHT OF THE PEOPLE

**In the midst of his building project
a famine broke out**

**People's most basic needs
were going unmet**

**Whenever there is need there
are people that take advantage**

**This had serious implications
and threatened the mission**



NEHEMIAH'S RESPONSE

NEHEMIAH BECAME ANGRY

**When I heard their outcry
and these charges, I was
very angry.**

v. 6

ANGRY VS UPSET

For some reason our society seems to think anger is a bad thing

Anger is not wrong

What you do when you get angry?

“In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry

Ephesians 4:26

NEHEMIAH GAVE THOUGHT

**Verse 6: I pondered them
in my mind**

**He did not rush out to deal
with the issue**

It said he pondered in his mind

**Call it a hunch but
I bet he prayed**



NEHEMIAH
CONFRONTED
v. 6-9

NEHEMIAH CONFRONTED

**Confrontation is another thing
we struggle with**

**Somehow we have mixed up
that word with judgment**

Notice he stated the facts

No one disputed what was being done

He told them it was wrong

He gave them a chance to respond



NEHEMIAH LIVED THE EXAMPLE

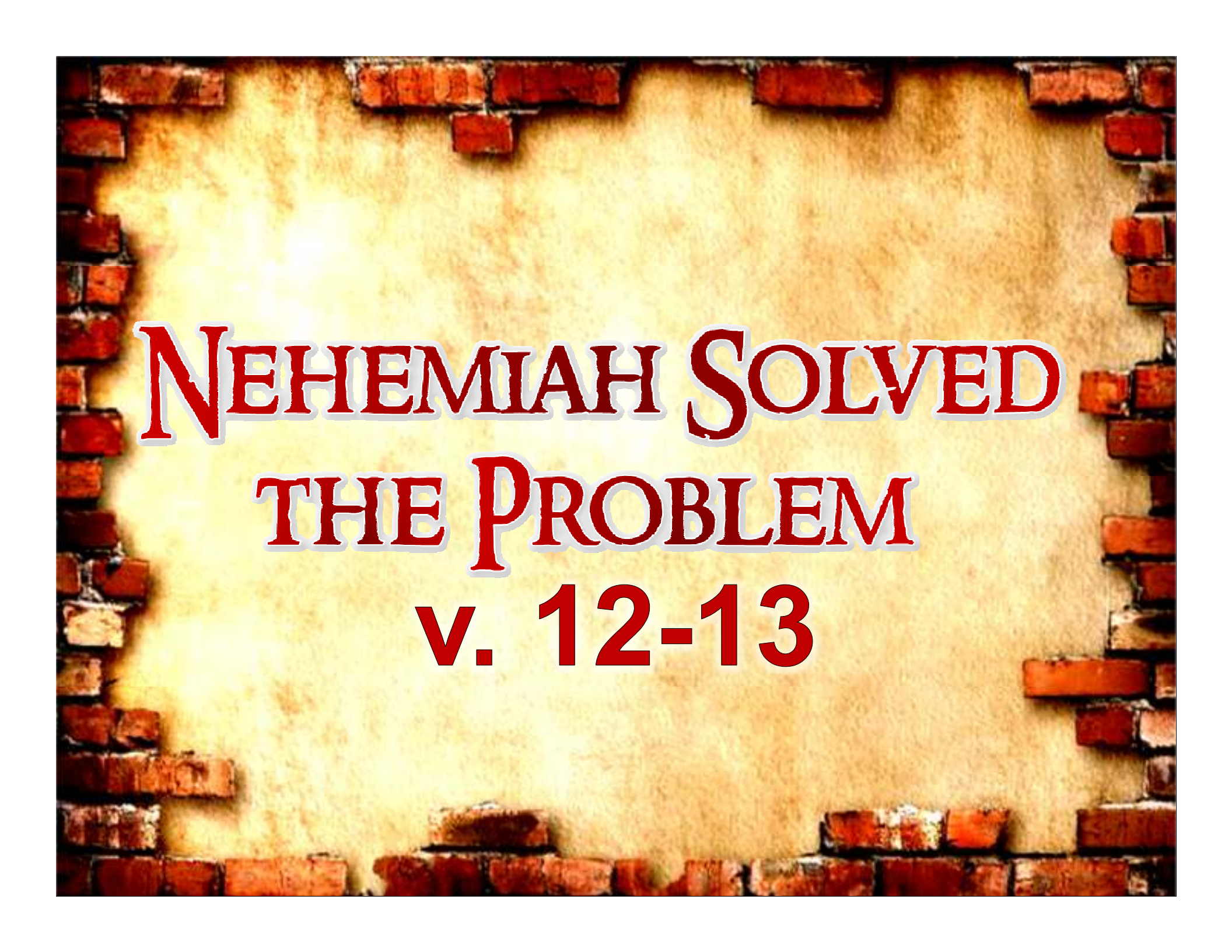
I and my brothers and my men are also lending the people money and grain. But let us stop charging interest!

v. 10

NEHEMIAH ORDERED

Give back to them immediately their fields, vineyards, olive groves and houses, and also the interest you are charging them—one percent of the money, grain, new wine and olive oil.”

v. 11

The background of the slide is a textured wall. The central portion is a light beige, mottled surface, possibly representing peeling plaster or a different material. This central area is framed by a border of reddish-brown bricks, which are arranged in a pattern that suggests a wall under construction or repair. The bricks are slightly irregular and have some mortar visible between them.

**NEHEMIAH SOLVED
THE PROBLEM
v. 12-13**

PROBLEM SOLVED

**They said they would,
but Nehemiah made sure
It said he called in the priests
Made them make an oath
This made a binding commitment
Accountability**



**NEHEMIAH
CONTINUED
TO BUILD
v. 14-16**



**NEHEMIAH
CONTINUED
TO MINISTER
v. 17-18**



**NEHEMIAH
SOUGHT GOD'S
BLESSING**

**Remember me with favor, my
God, for all I have done for
these people.**

v. 19

NEHEMIAH

IT IS TIME TO
BUILD

