

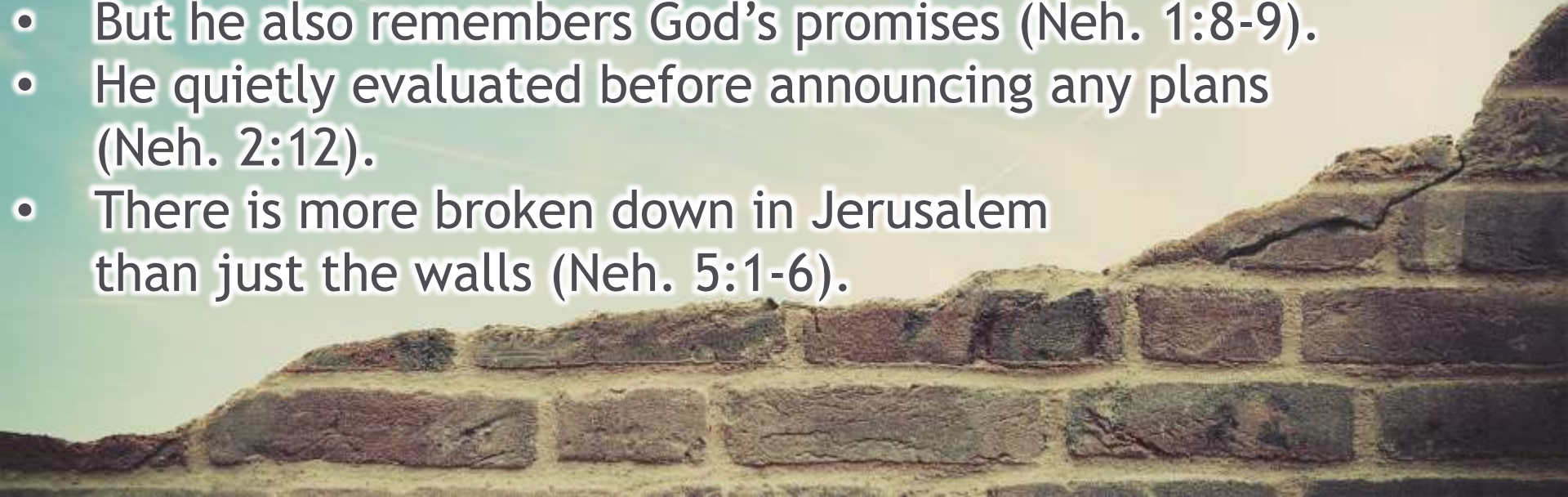
The image features a central stone wall with a rough, weathered texture, set against a bright blue sky with wispy clouds. The wall is composed of several layers of rectangular stones. Overlaid on the wall is the text 'Revive the Stones' in a large, bold, white sans-serif font. The word 'Revive' is on the top line, 'the' is smaller and centered on the second line, and 'Stones' is on the third line. Below the wall, there is a dark blue, downward-pointing arrow shape containing the text 'Nehemiah 4:2' in a white sans-serif font.

Revive the Stones

Nehemiah 4:2

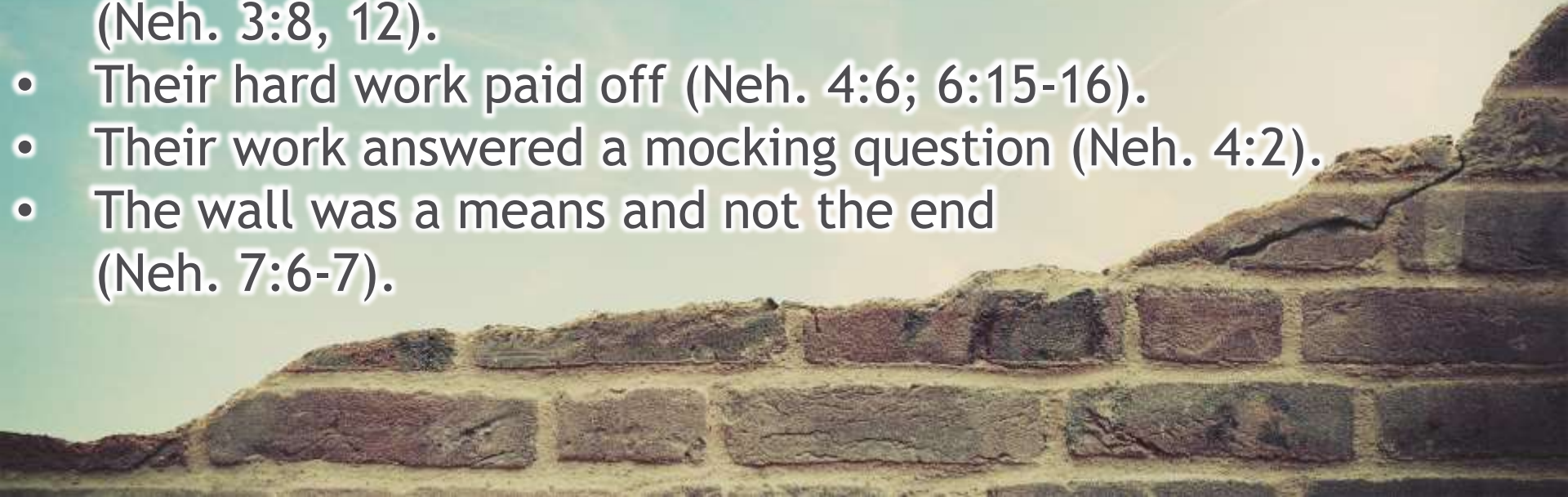
Sober Evaluation

- Nehemiah hears of the state of Jerusalem and weeps for his people (Neh. 1:4).
- He admits that Israel deserved her punishment (Neh. 1:7).
- But he also remembers God's promises (Neh. 1:8-9).
- He quietly evaluated before announcing any plans (Neh. 2:12).
- There is more broken down in Jerusalem than just the walls (Neh. 5:1-6).



Building With Purpose

- Doing the Lord's work makes enemies from all sides (Neh. 4:1-4; 6:6-7).
- People were willing to work outside of their comfort zone (Neh. 3:8, 12).
- Their hard work paid off (Neh. 4:6; 6:15-16).
- Their work answered a mocking question (Neh. 4:2).
- The wall was a means and not the end (Neh. 7:6-7).



Building With Purpose

- The first order of business upon moving in was to give attention to the word (Neh. 8:1).
- The holiness of the law was meant to bring joy to a people full of sorrow (Neh. 8:9-12).
- They began to put that law into practice immediately (Neh. 8:13-15).
- The difficult work of cleansing of all sin had to be done (Neh. 13:1-3, 23-30).

