



# NEHEMIAH

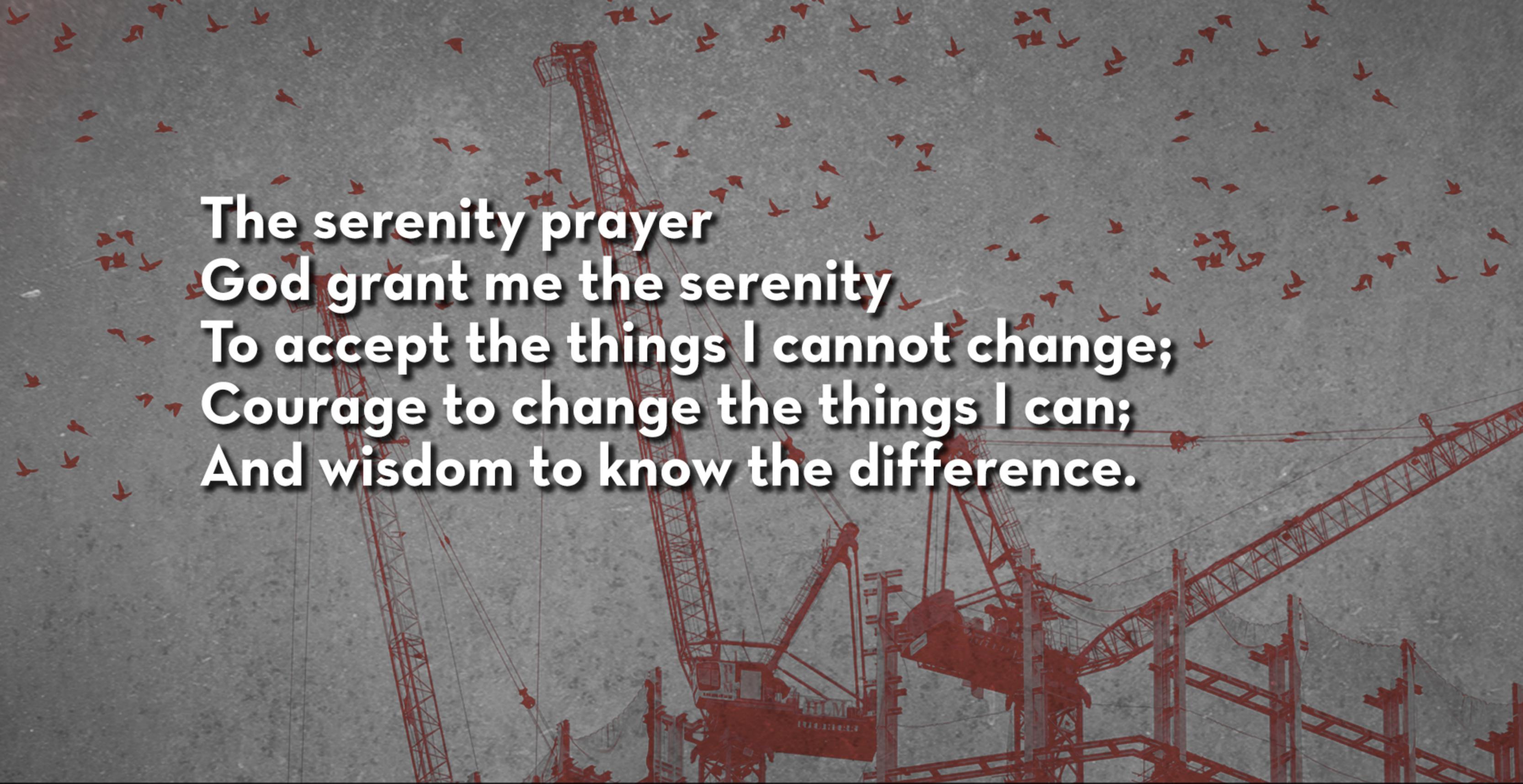
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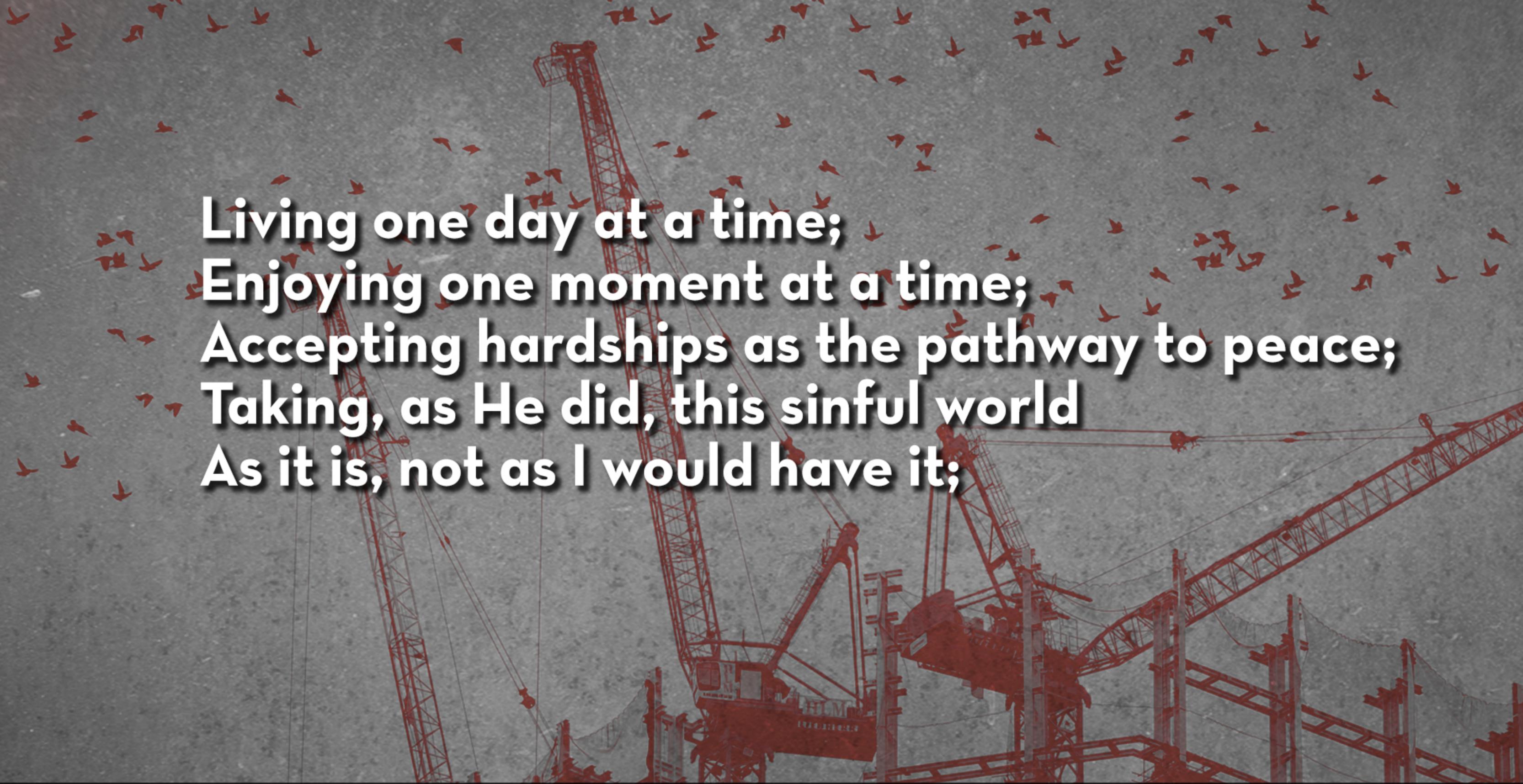
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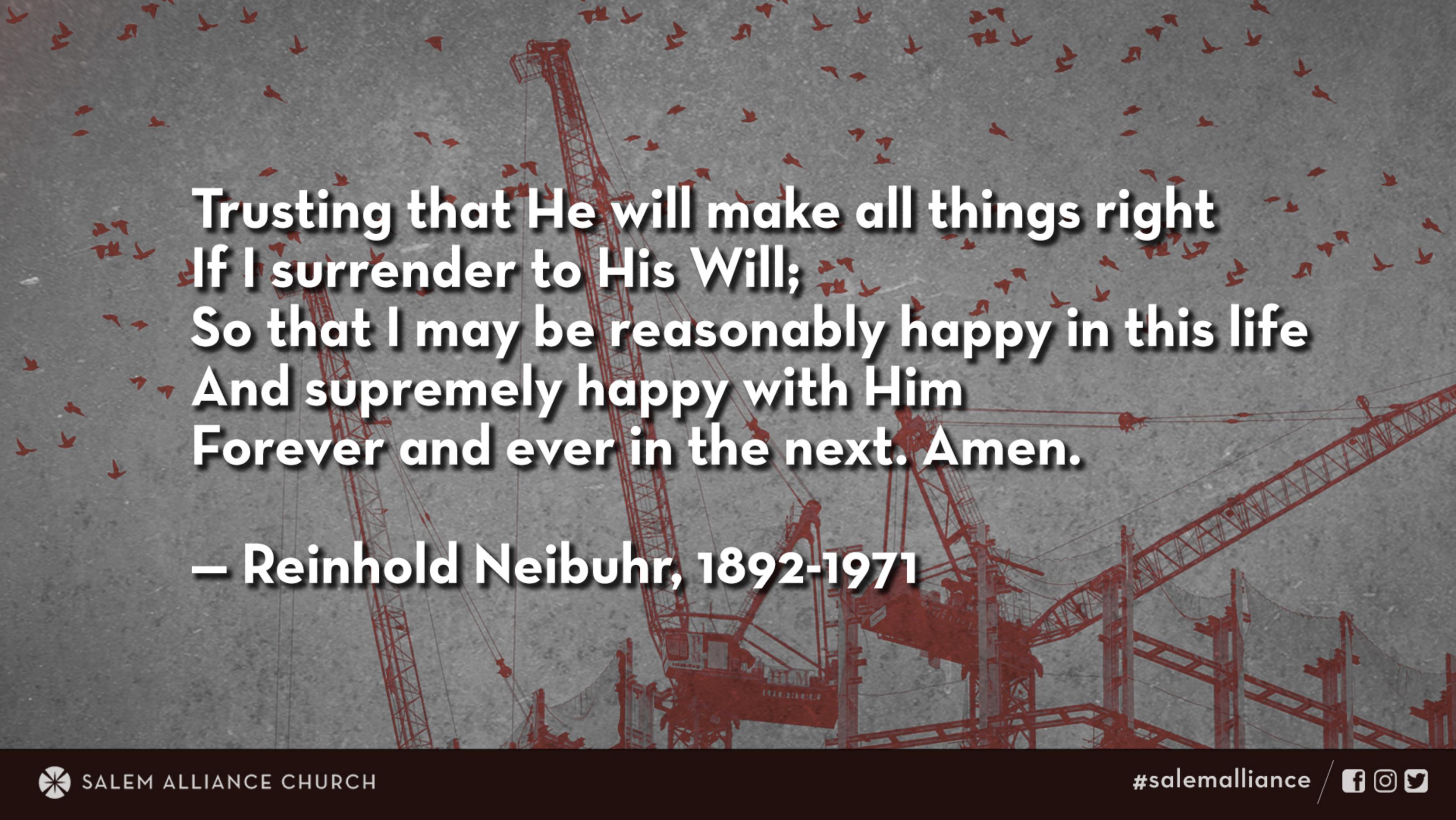




**The serenity prayer  
God grant me the serenity  
To accept the things I cannot change;  
Courage to change the things I can;  
And wisdom to know the difference.**

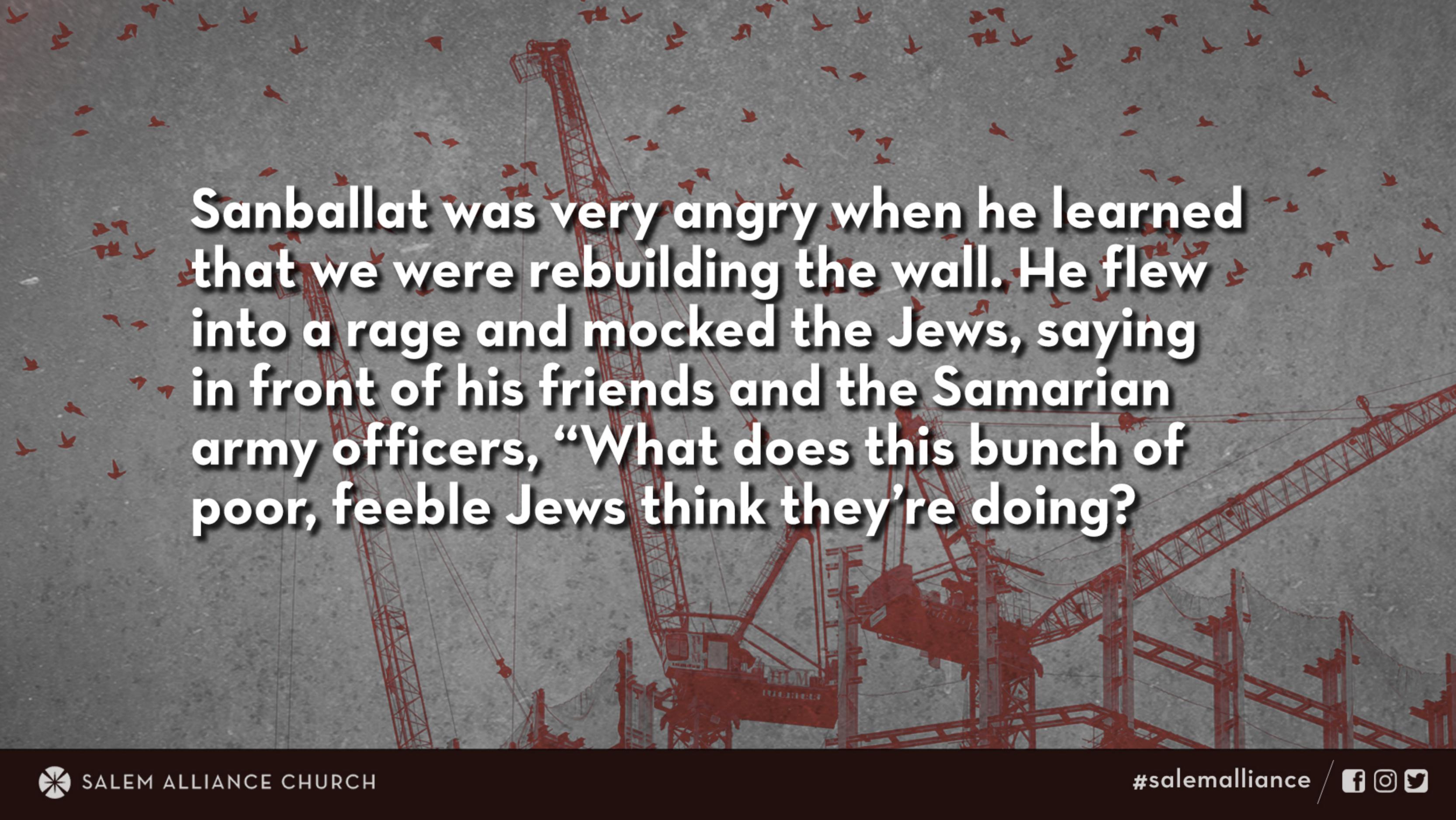


**Living one day at a time;  
Enjoying one moment at a time;  
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;  
Taking, as He did, this sinful world  
As it is, not as I would have it;**

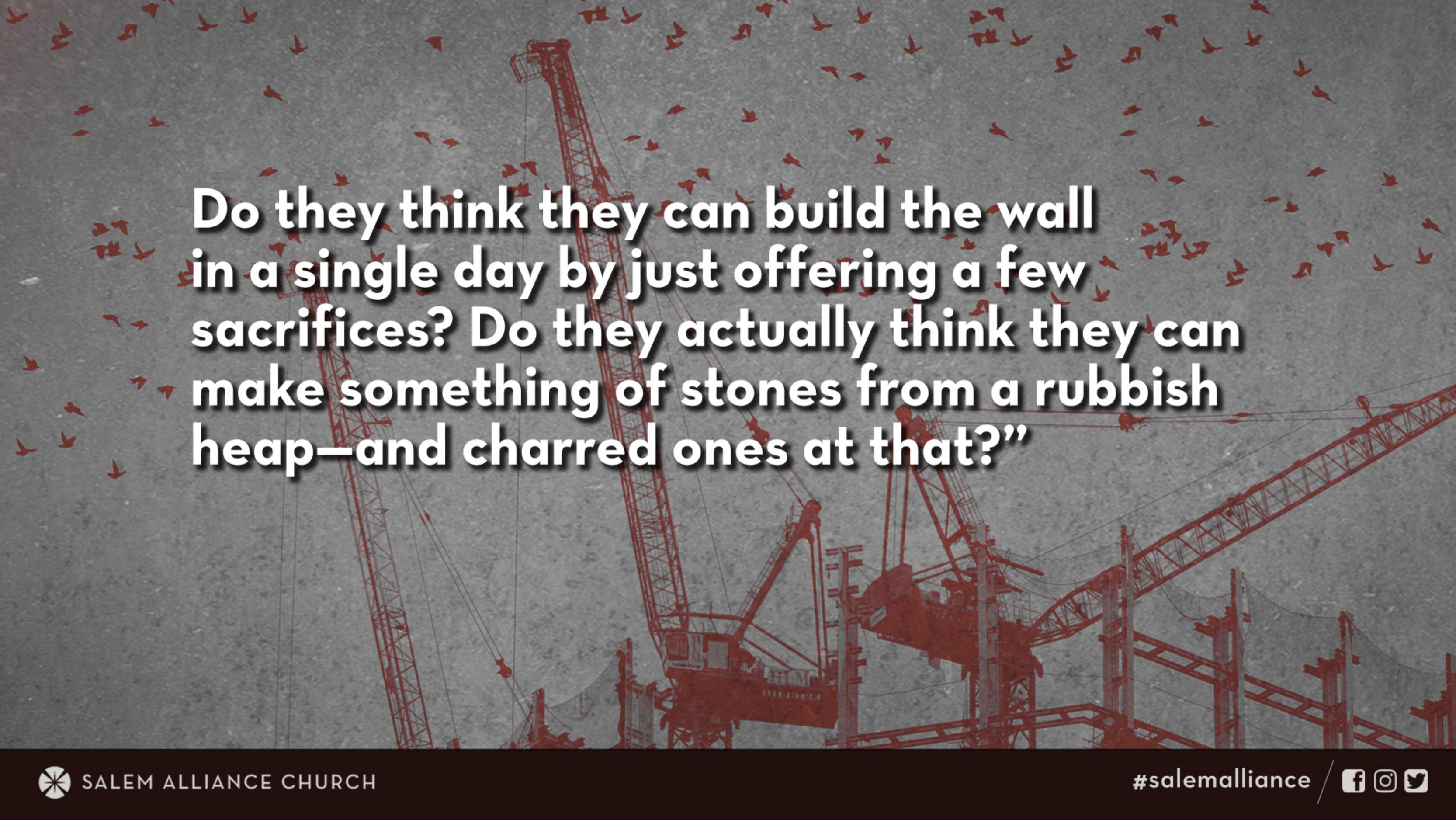


**Trusting that He will make all things right  
If I surrender to His Will;  
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life  
And supremely happy with Him  
Forever and ever in the next. Amen.**

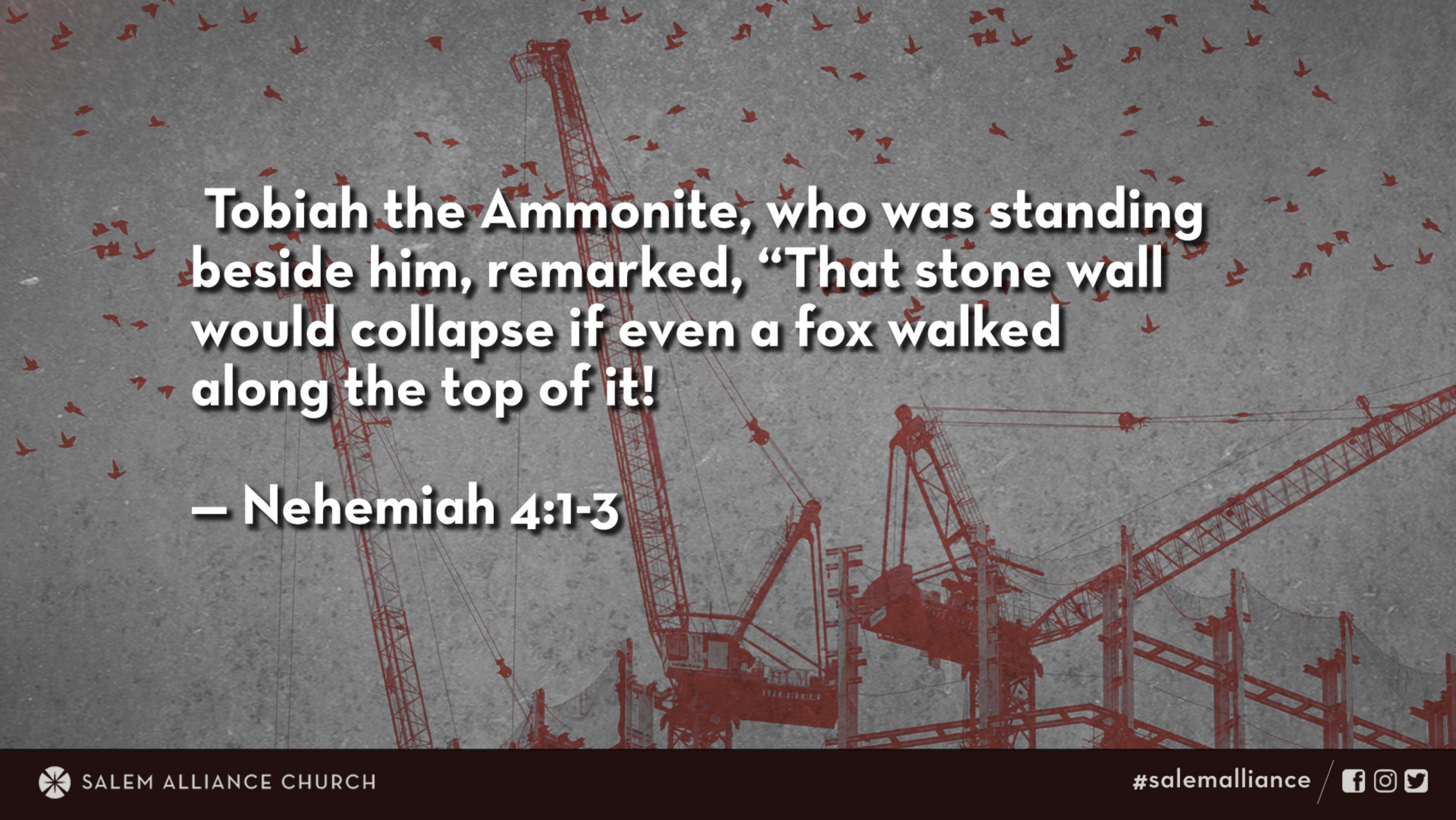
**– Reinhold Neibuhr, 1892-1971**



**Sanballat was very angry when he learned that we were rebuilding the wall. He flew into a rage and mocked the Jews, saying in front of his friends and the Samaritan army officers, “What does this bunch of poor, feeble Jews think they’re doing?”**



**Do they think they can build the wall in a single day by just offering a few sacrifices? Do they actually think they can make something of stones from a rubbish heap—and charred ones at that?”**

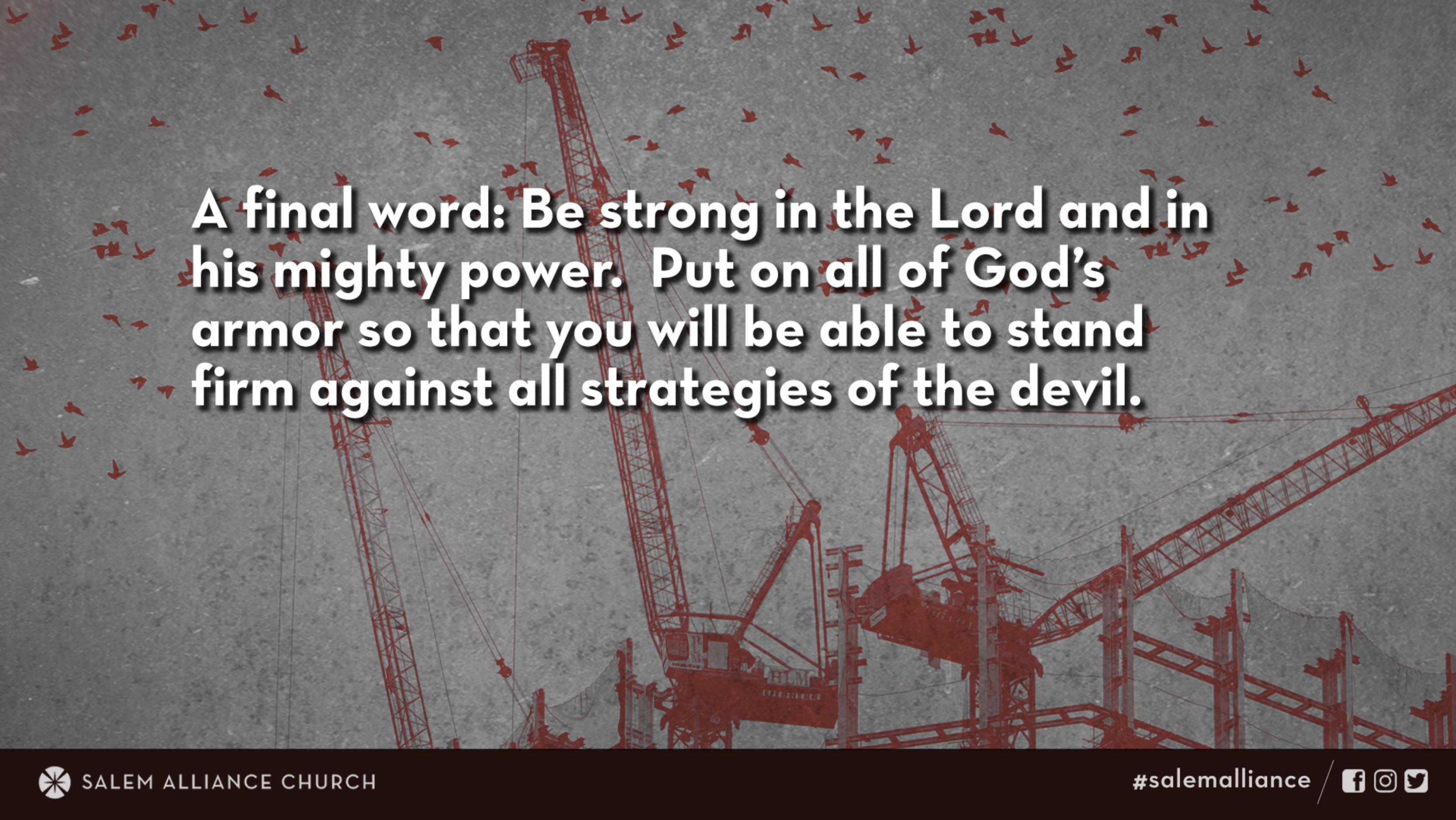


**Tobiah the Ammonite, who was standing beside him, remarked, “That stone wall would collapse if even a fox walked along the top of it!**

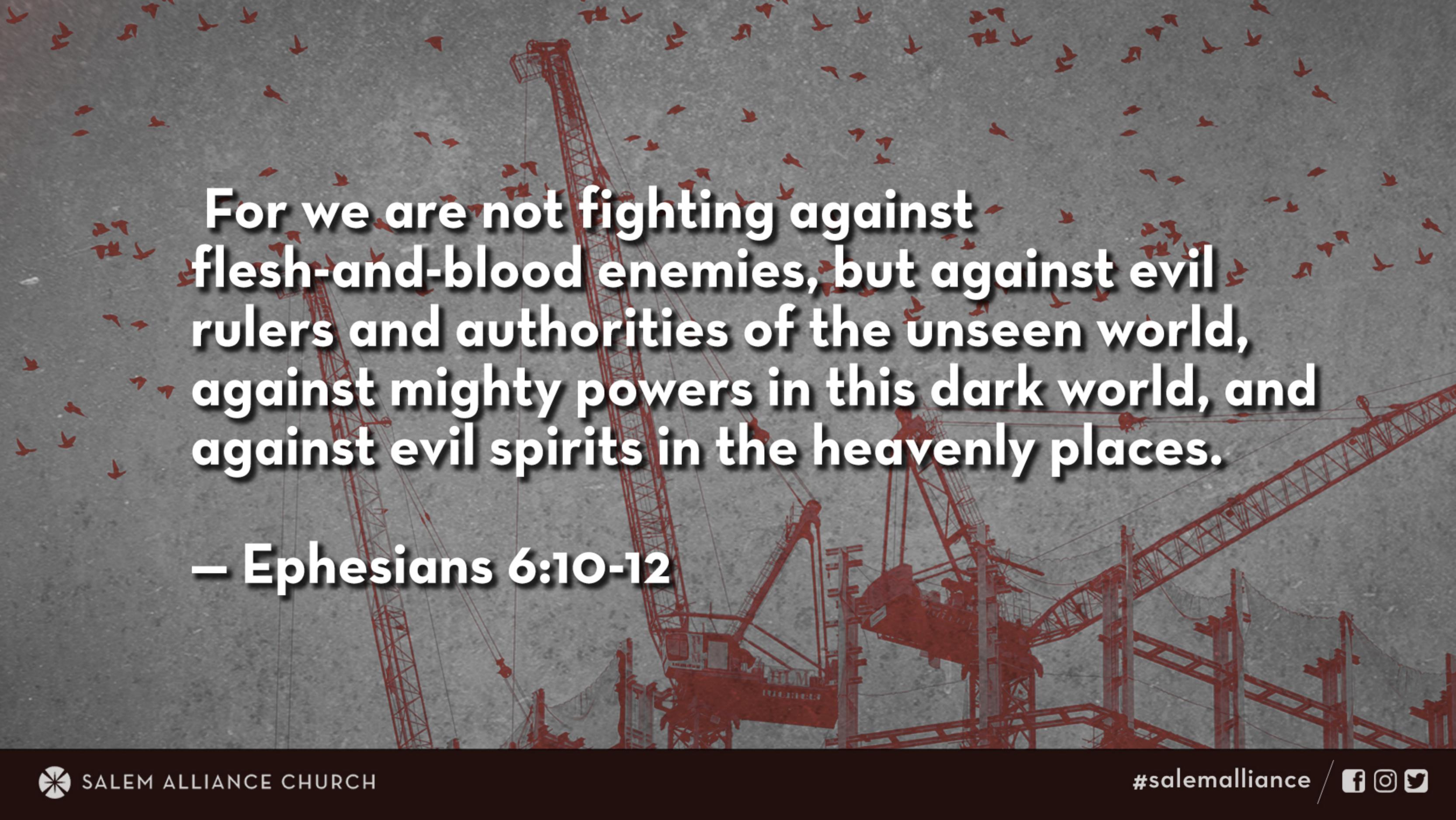
**– Nehemiah 4:1-3**



**Opposition comes to us all**

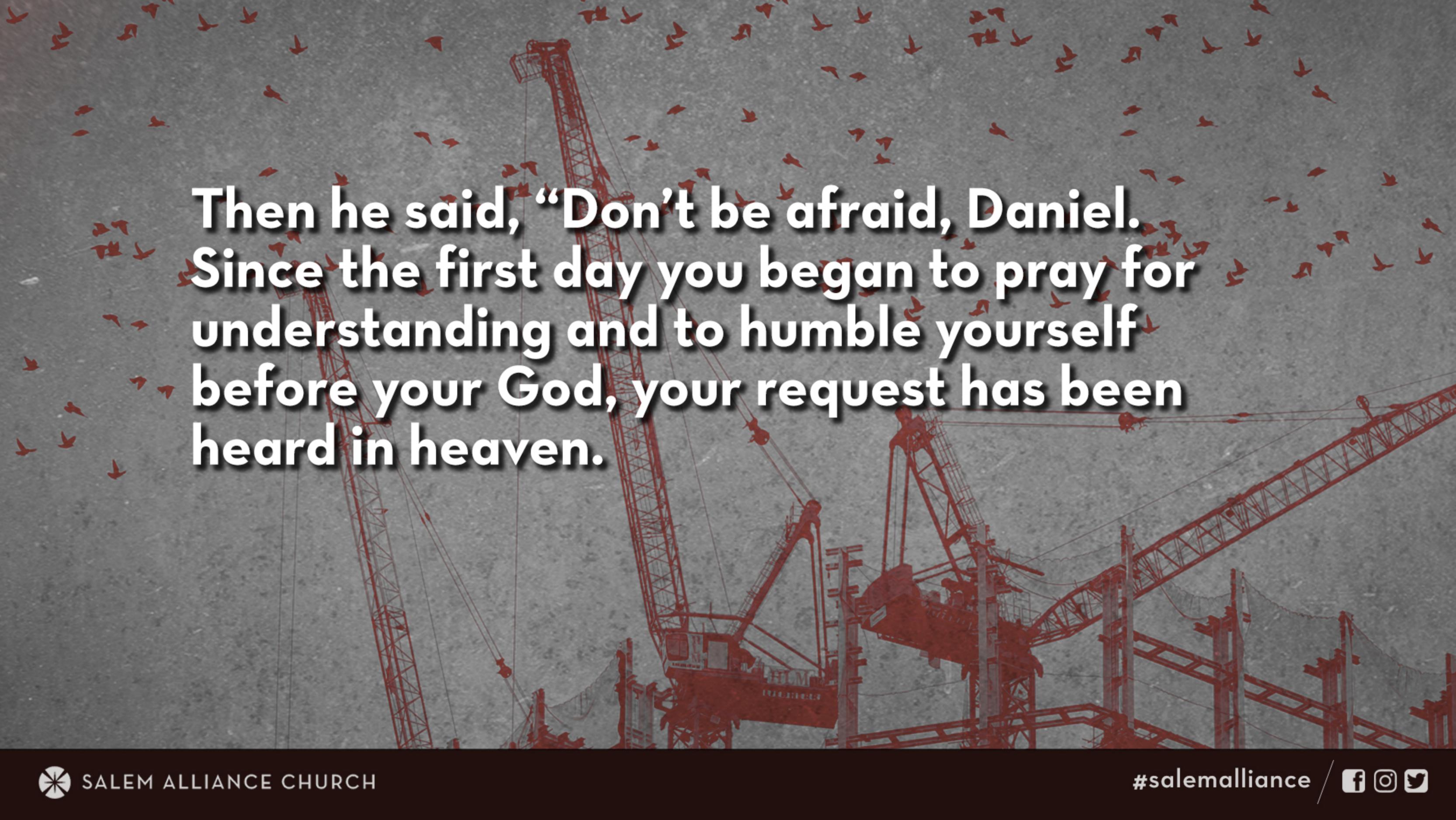


**A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil.**

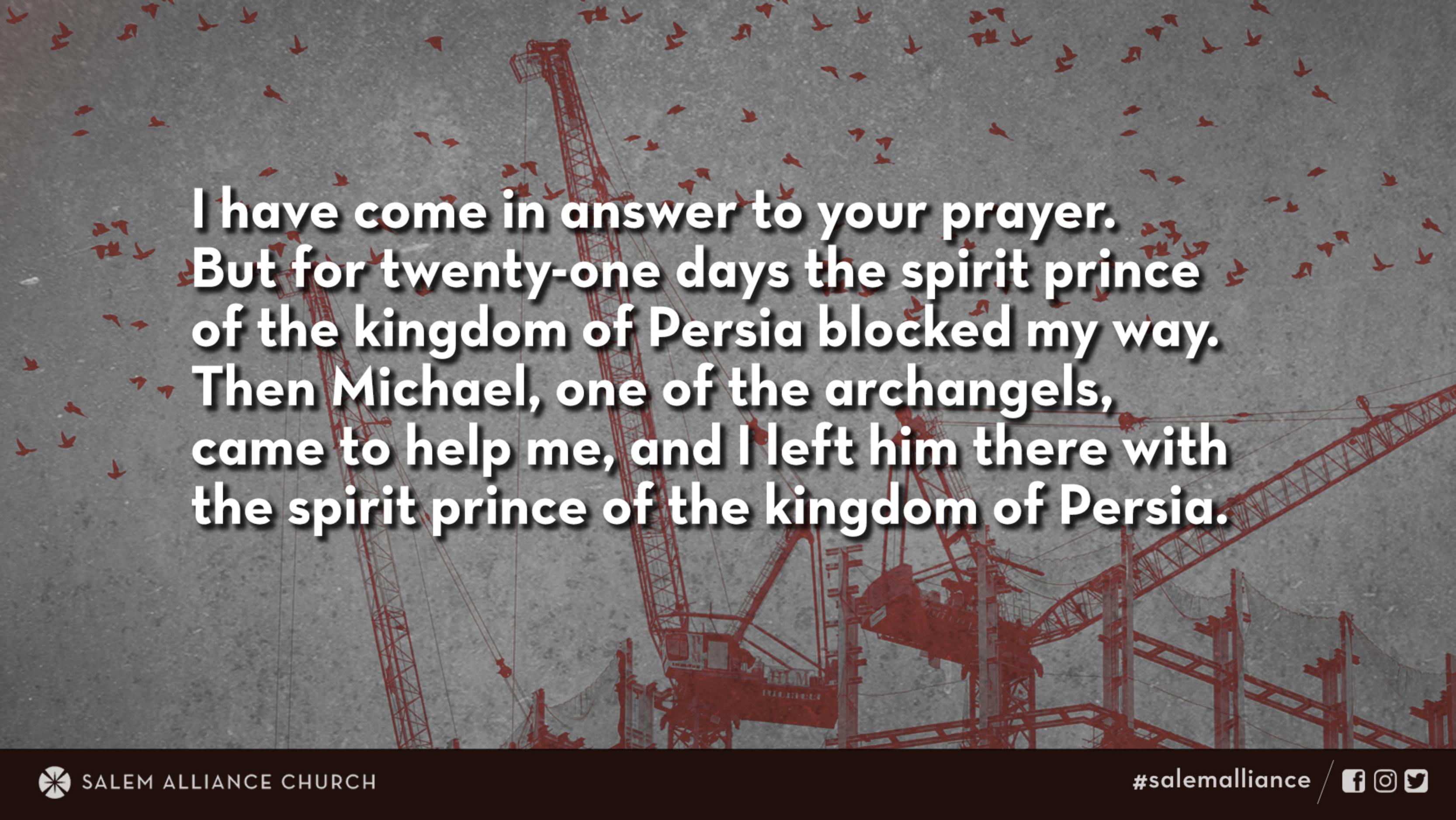


**For we are not fighting against  
flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil  
rulers and authorities of the unseen world,  
against mighty powers in this dark world, and  
against evil spirits in the heavenly places.**

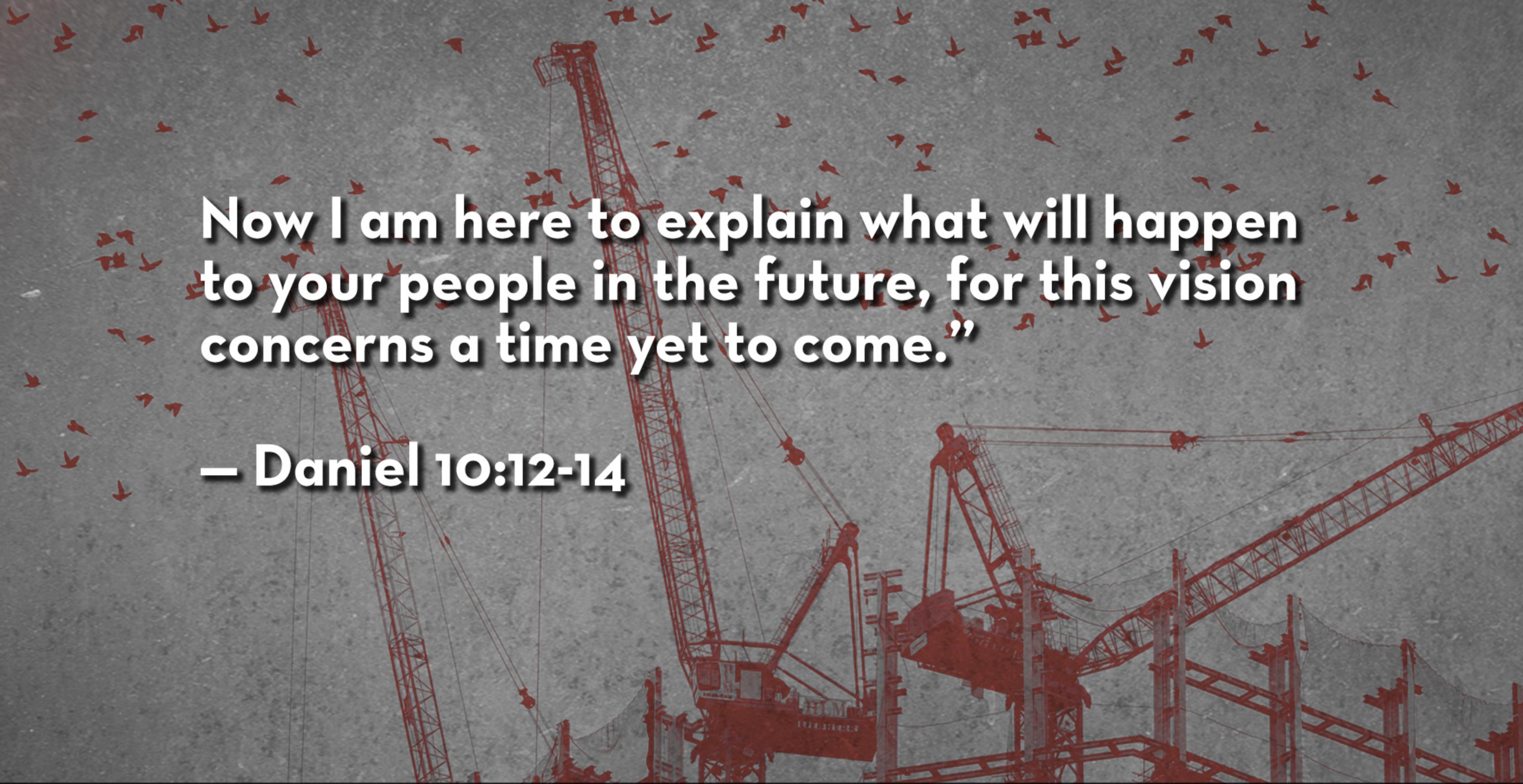
**– Ephesians 6:10-12**



**Then he said, “Don’t be afraid, Daniel.  
Since the first day you began to pray for  
understanding and to humble yourself  
before your God, your request has been  
heard in heaven.”**

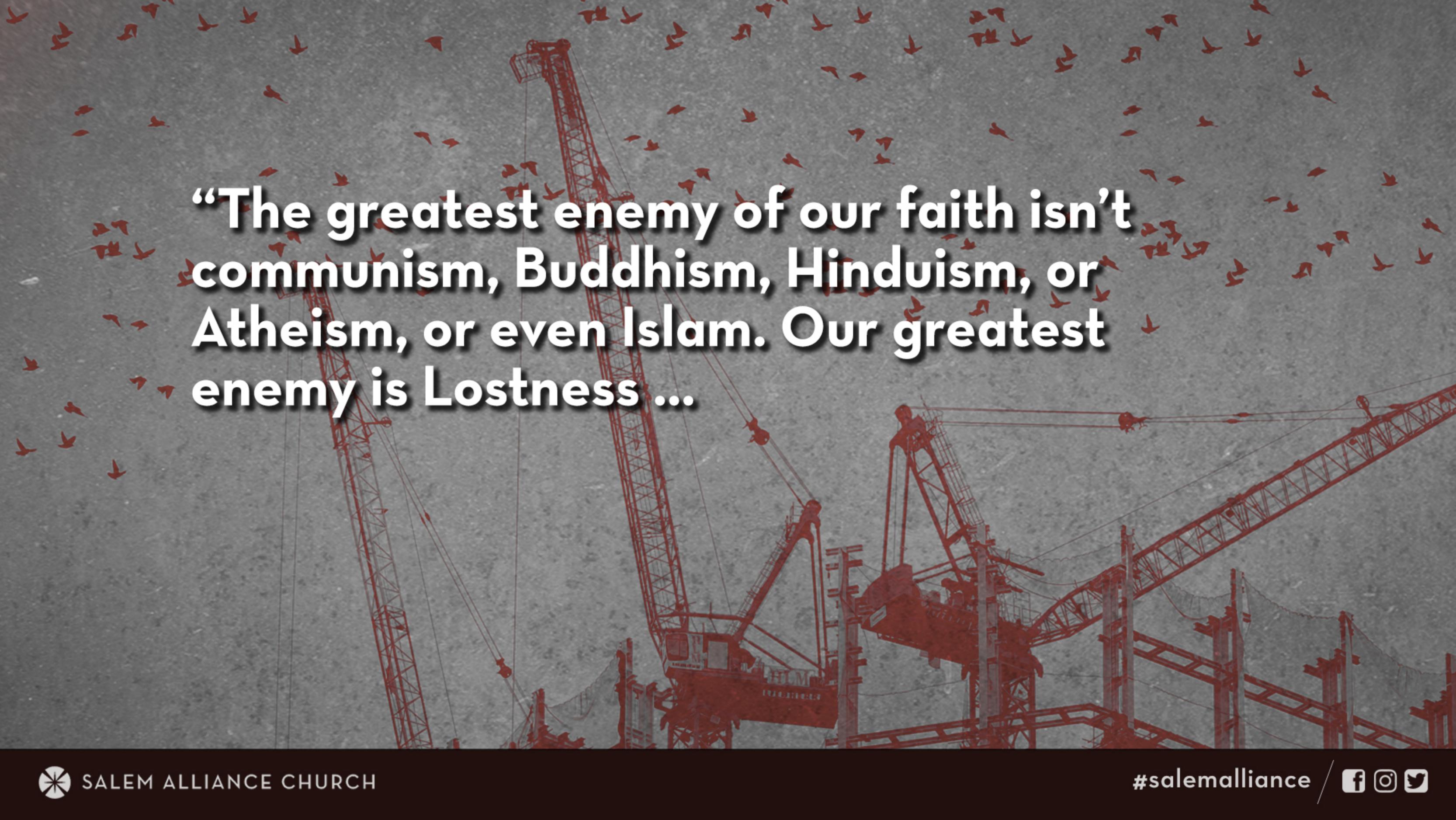


**I have come in answer to your prayer.  
But for twenty-one days the spirit prince  
of the kingdom of Persia blocked my way.  
Then Michael, one of the archangels,  
came to help me, and I left him there with  
the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia.**

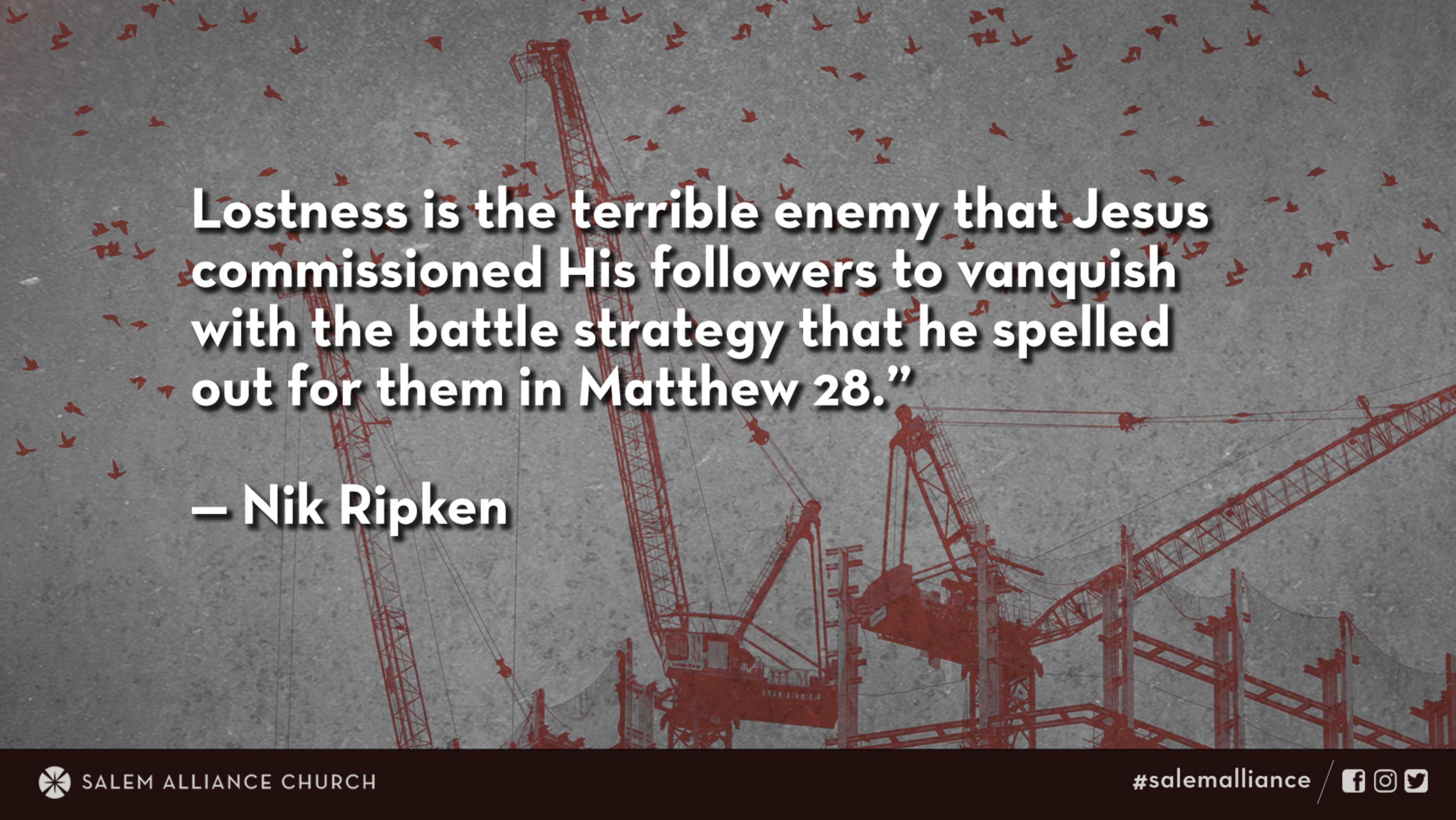


**Now I am here to explain what will happen  
to your people in the future, for this vision  
concerns a time yet to come.”**

**– Daniel 10:12-14**



**“The greatest enemy of our faith isn’t communism, Buddhism, Hinduism, or Atheism, or even Islam. Our greatest enemy is Lostness ...**



**Lostness is the terrible enemy that Jesus commissioned His followers to vanquish with the battle strategy that he spelled out for them in Matthew 28.”**

**– Nik Ripken**



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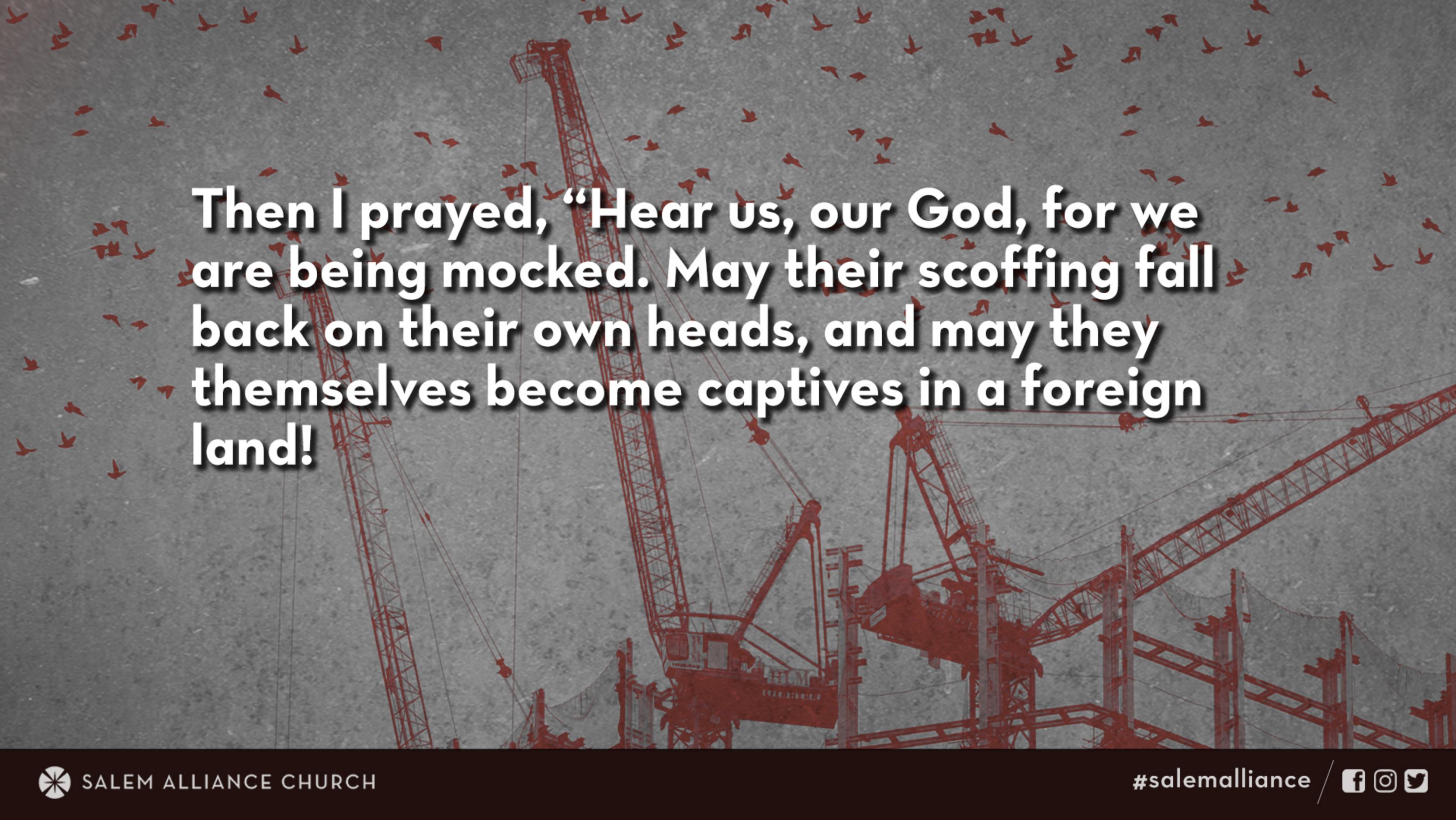
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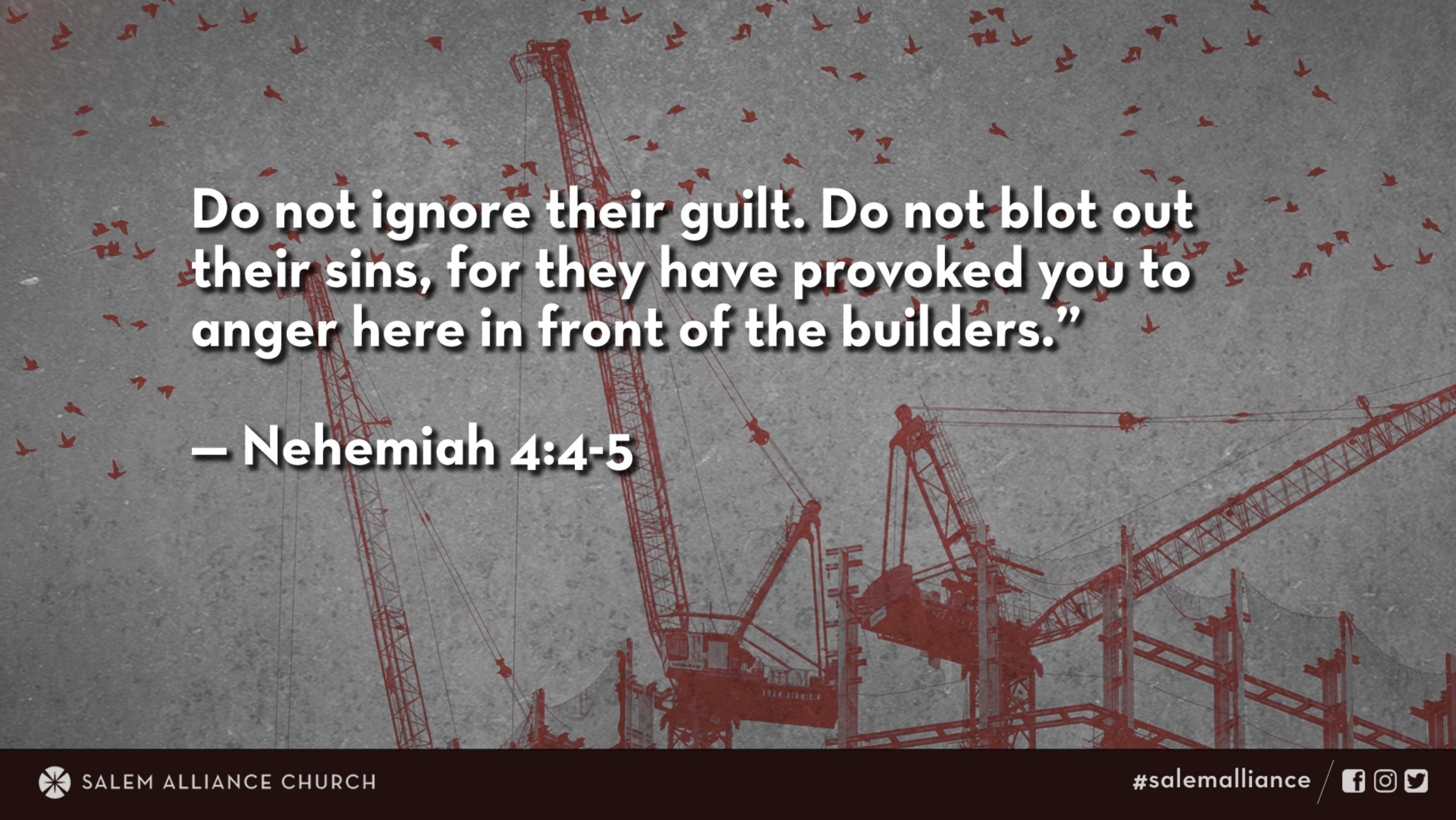
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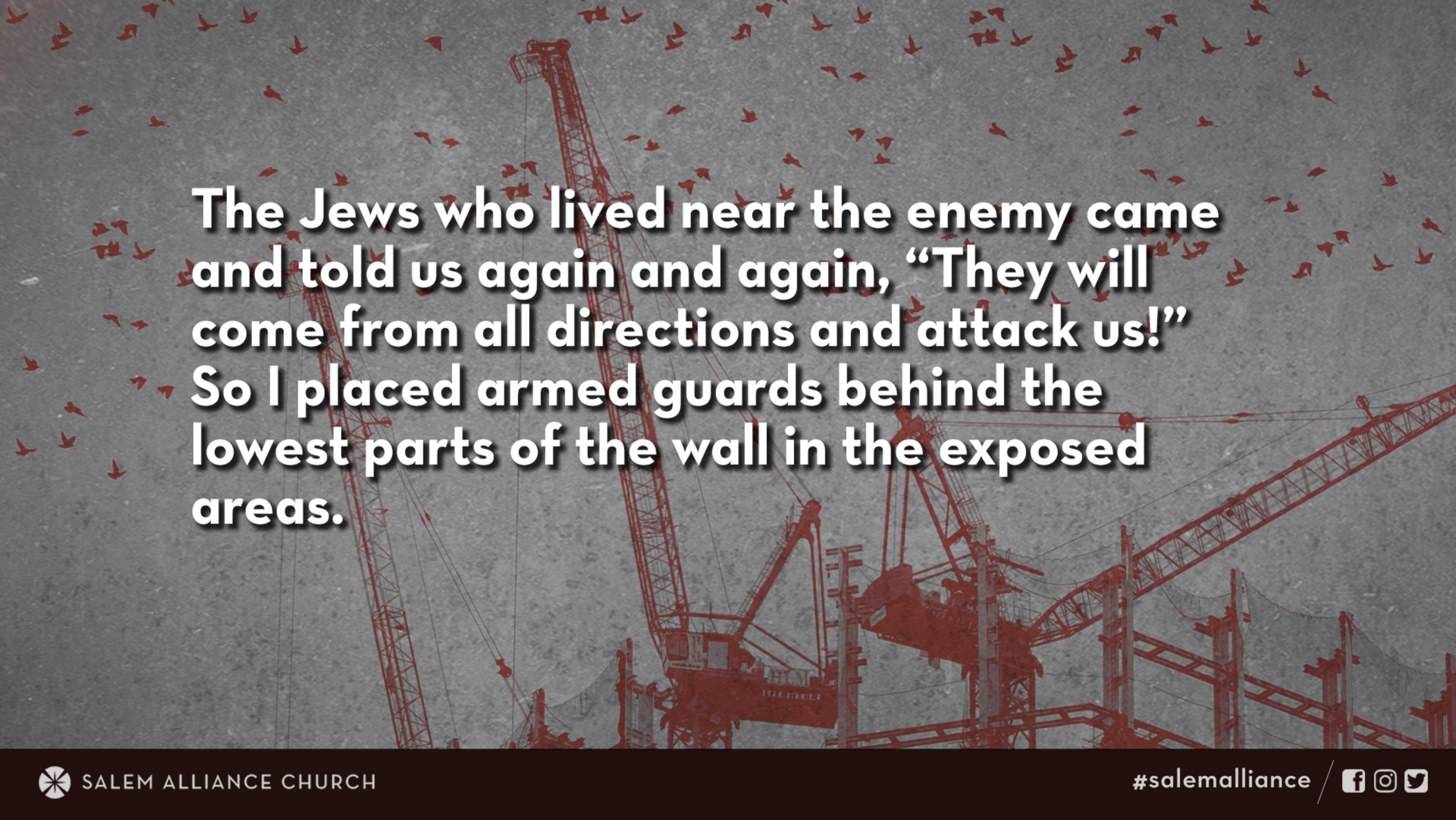


**Then I prayed, “Hear us, our God, for we are being mocked. May their scoffing fall back on their own heads, and may they themselves become captives in a foreign land!”**

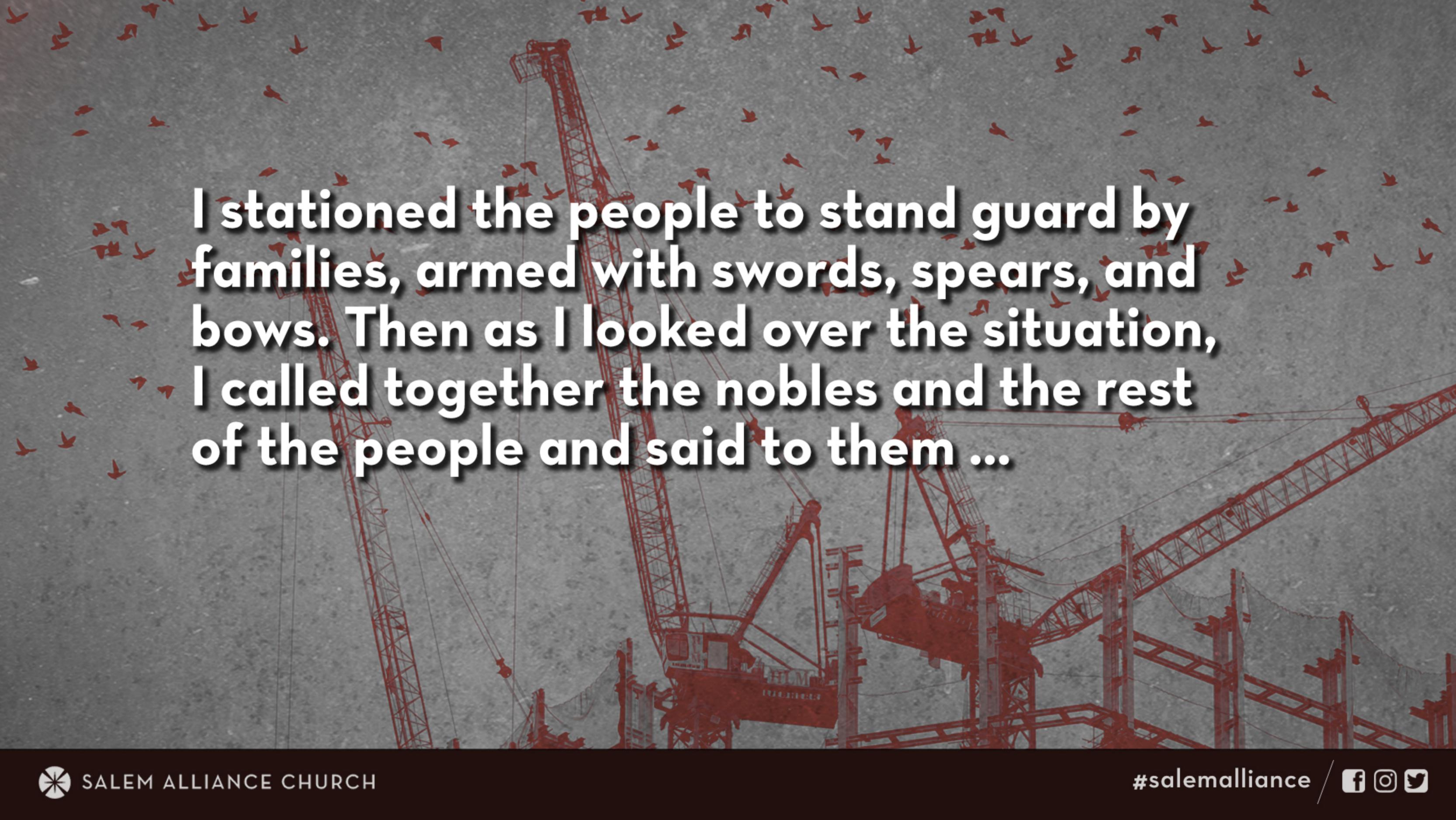


**Do not ignore their guilt. Do not blot out their sins, for they have provoked you to anger here in front of the builders.”**

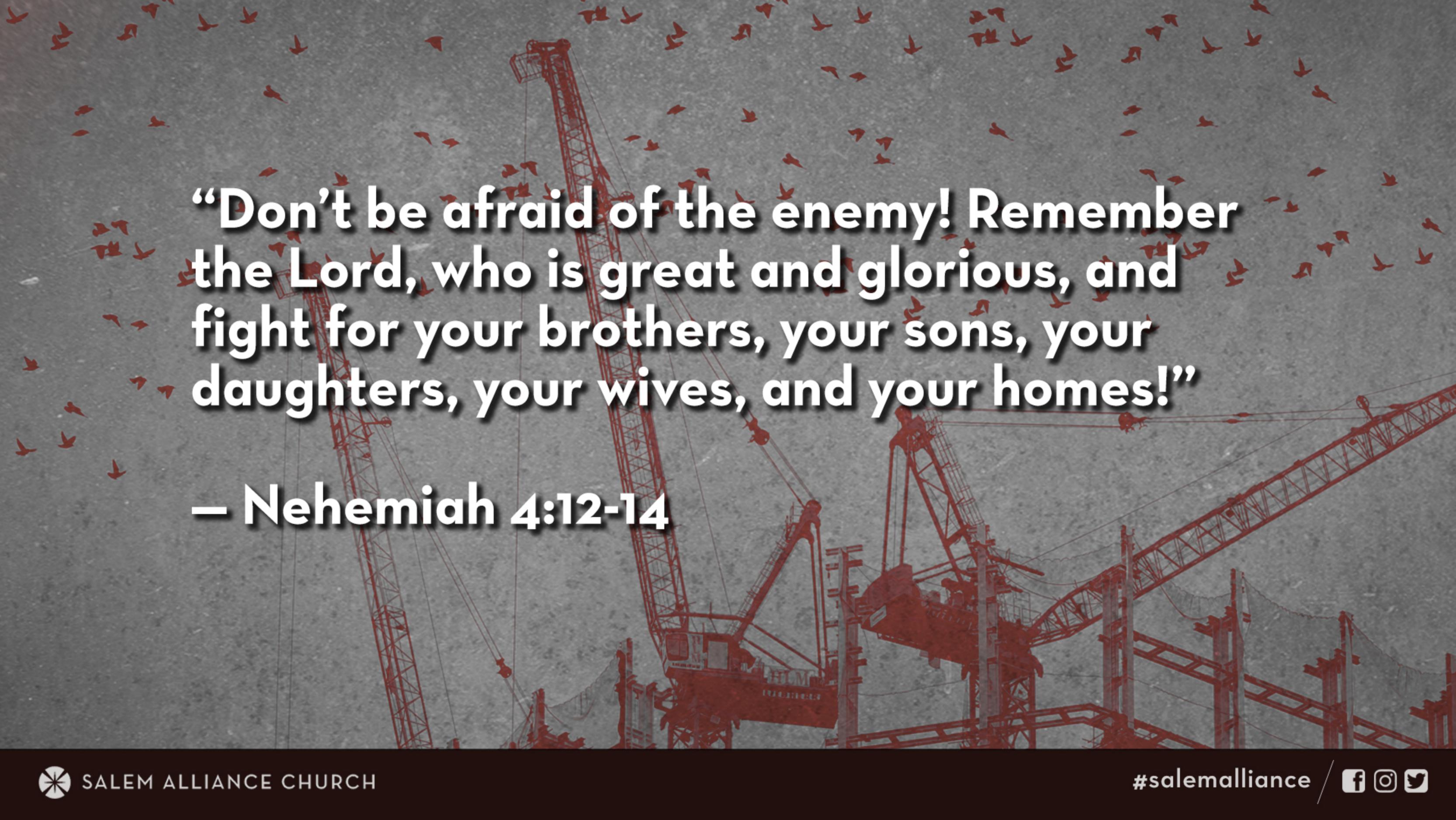
**– Nehemiah 4:4-5**



**The Jews who lived near the enemy came and told us again and again, “They will come from all directions and attack us!” So I placed armed guards behind the lowest parts of the wall in the exposed areas.**

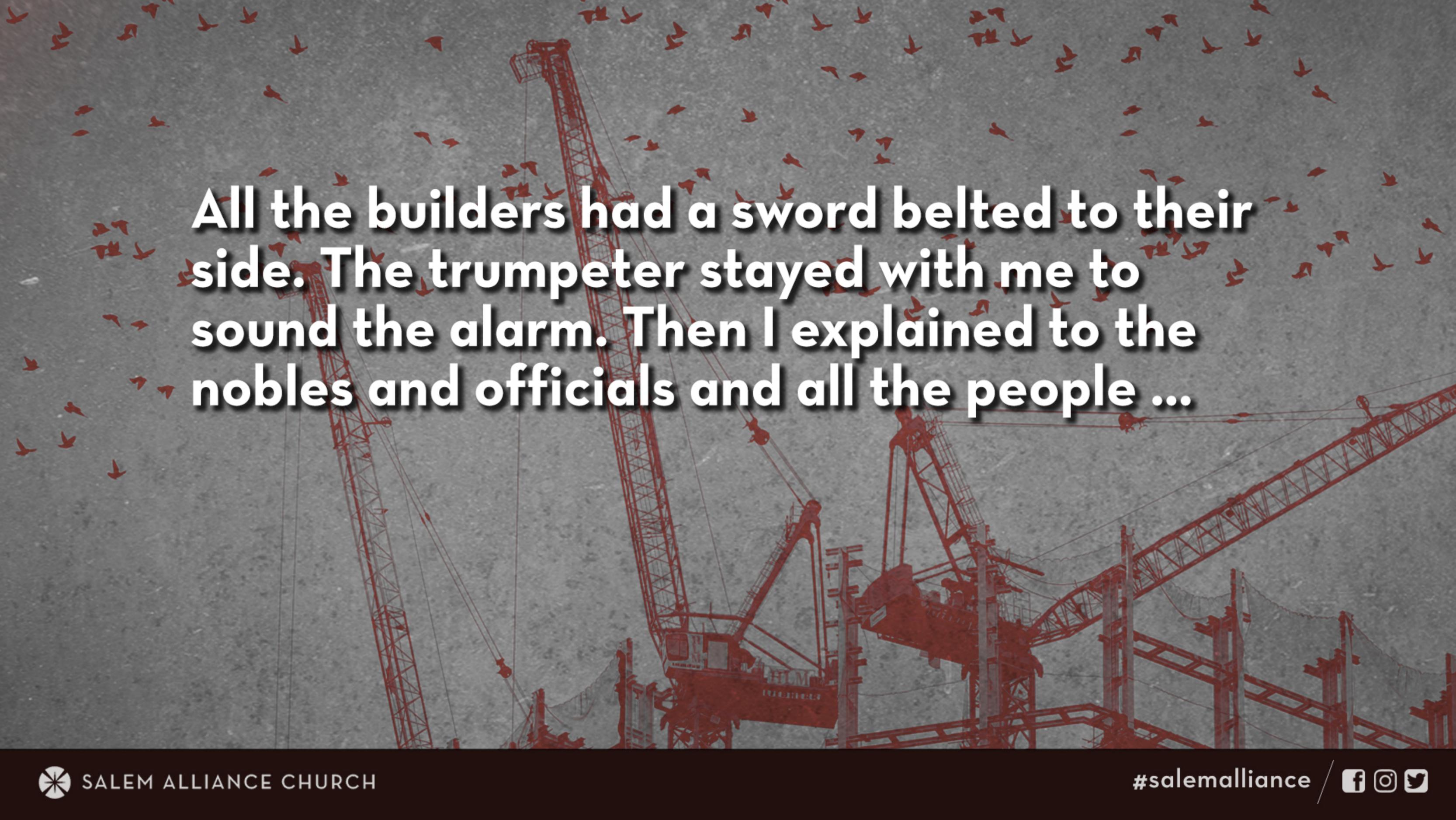


**I stationed the people to stand guard by families, armed with swords, spears, and bows. Then as I looked over the situation, I called together the nobles and the rest of the people and said to them ...**

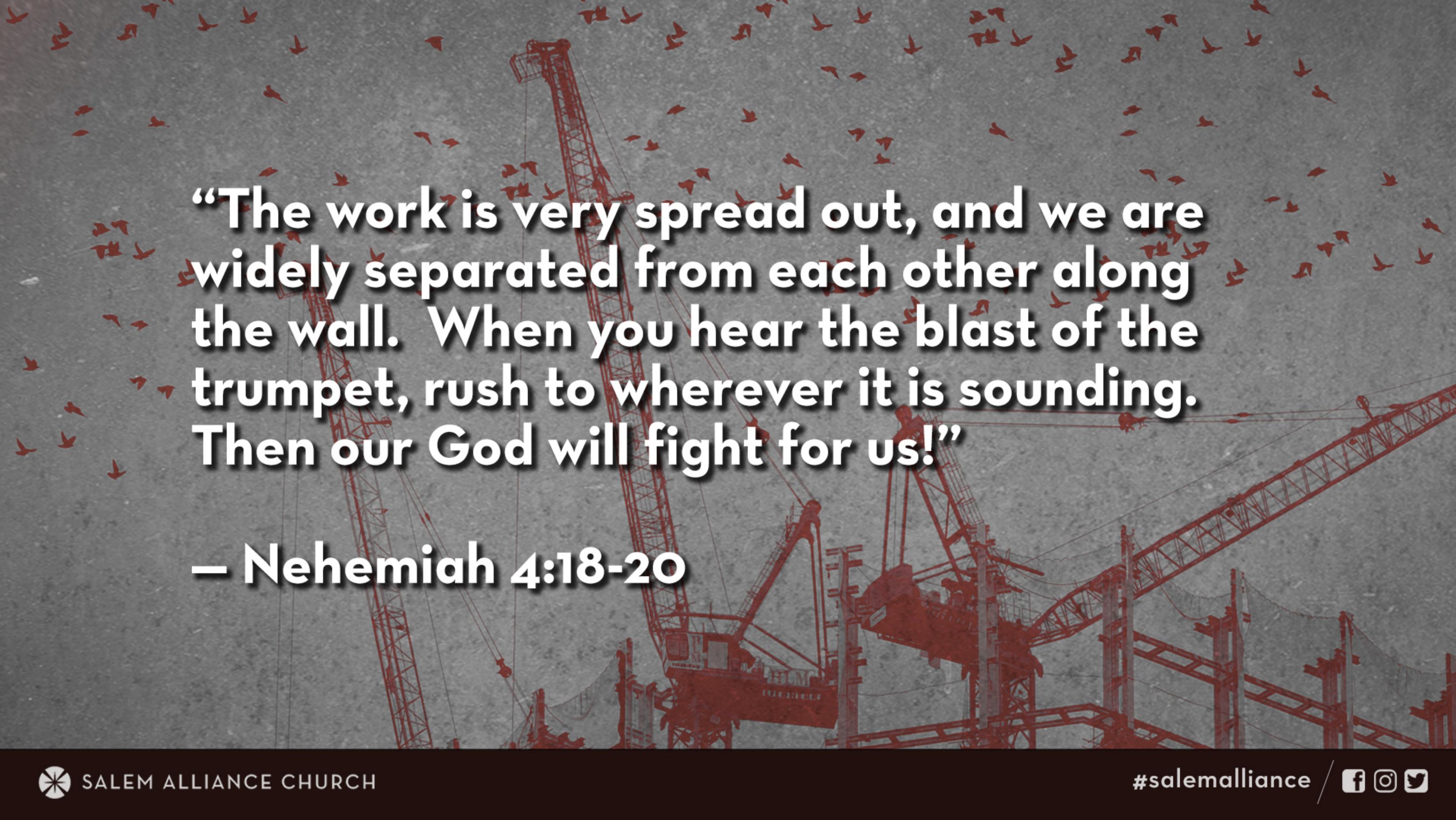


**“Don’t be afraid of the enemy! Remember the Lord, who is great and glorious, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes!”**

**– Nehemiah 4:12-14**

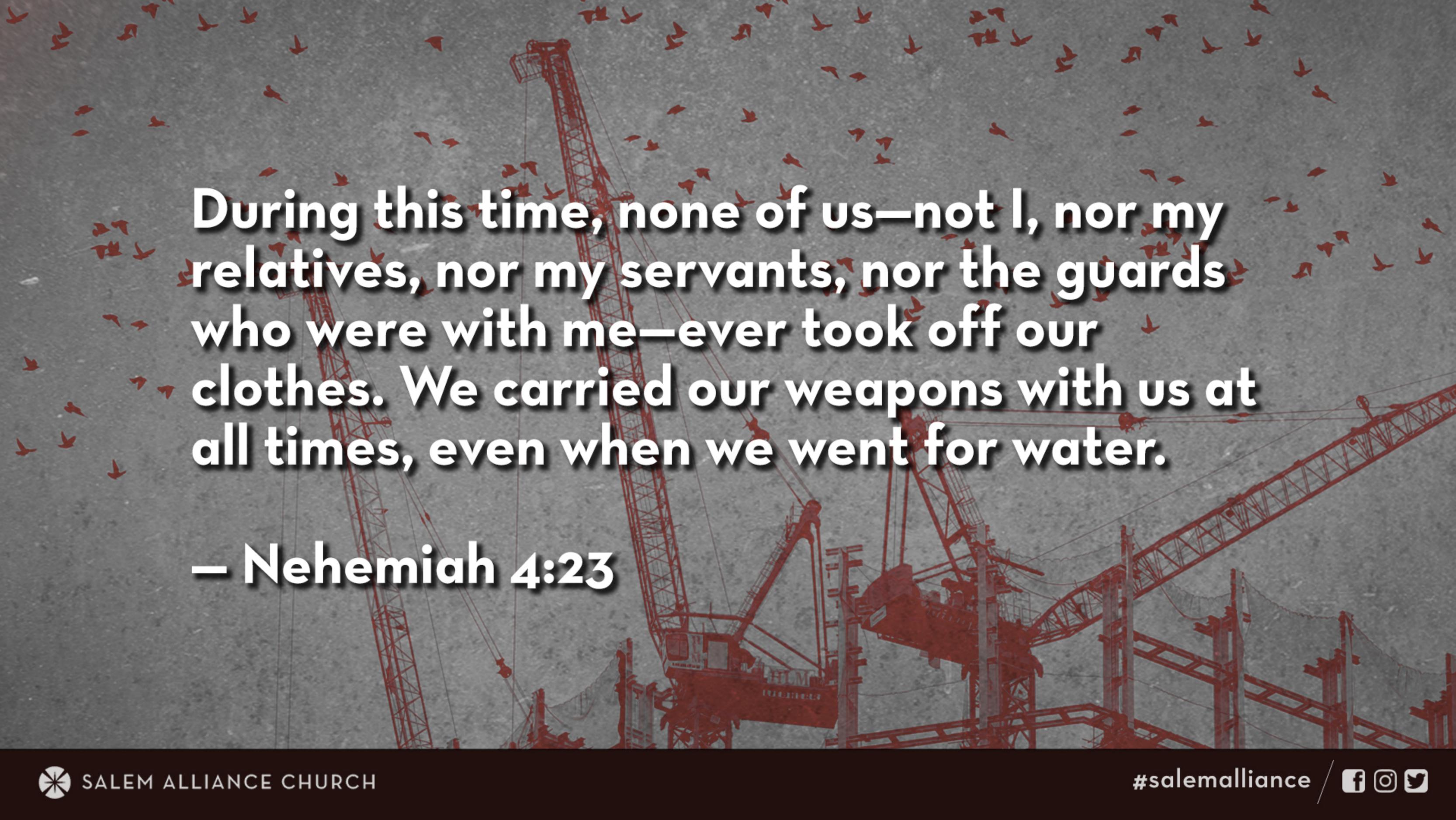


**All the builders had a sword belted to their side. The trumpeter stayed with me to sound the alarm. Then I explained to the nobles and officials and all the people ...**



**“The work is very spread out, and we are widely separated from each other along the wall. When you hear the blast of the trumpet, rush to wherever it is sounding. Then our God will fight for us!”**

**– Nehemiah 4:18-20**

The background of the slide is a grayscale photograph of a construction site. Several large tower cranes are visible, their lattice structures extending upwards. The scene is filled with a dense shower of small, reddish-brown leaves or petals falling from the top, creating a sense of movement and autumn. The overall tone is somber yet hopeful, with the construction site symbolizing rebuilding or progress.

**During this time, none of us—not I, nor my relatives, nor my servants, nor the guards who were with me—ever took off our clothes. We carried our weapons with us at all times, even when we went for water.**

**– Nehemiah 4:23**