



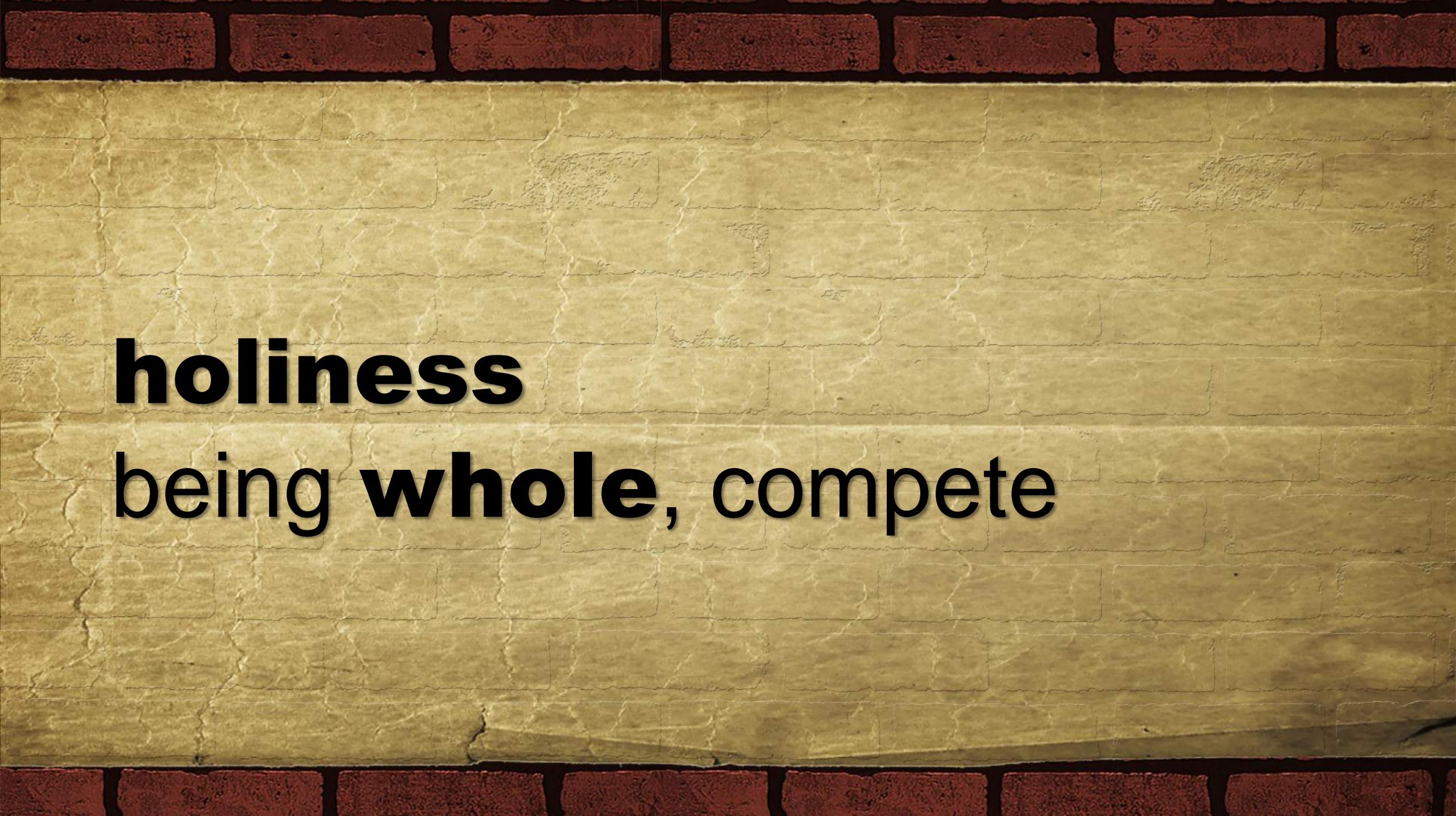
Nehemiah 2



**REBUILD
RESTORE**

NEHEMIAH

The Holy Spirit
is bringing the **whole** life of Jesus Christ
into the **whole** of our personalities
so the **whole** love of God
can be relayed to the **whole** world.



holiness

being **whole**, compete



Nehemiah 1:11

I was cupbearer to the king.



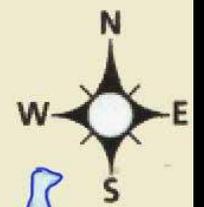
Nehemiah 2:1

*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.*



0 250 500 Miles
 0 250 500 Kilometers

★ Capital city
 — Royal Road



Nehemiah 2:2

*I had not been sad in his presence before,
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*

Nehemiah 2:3

*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?”*

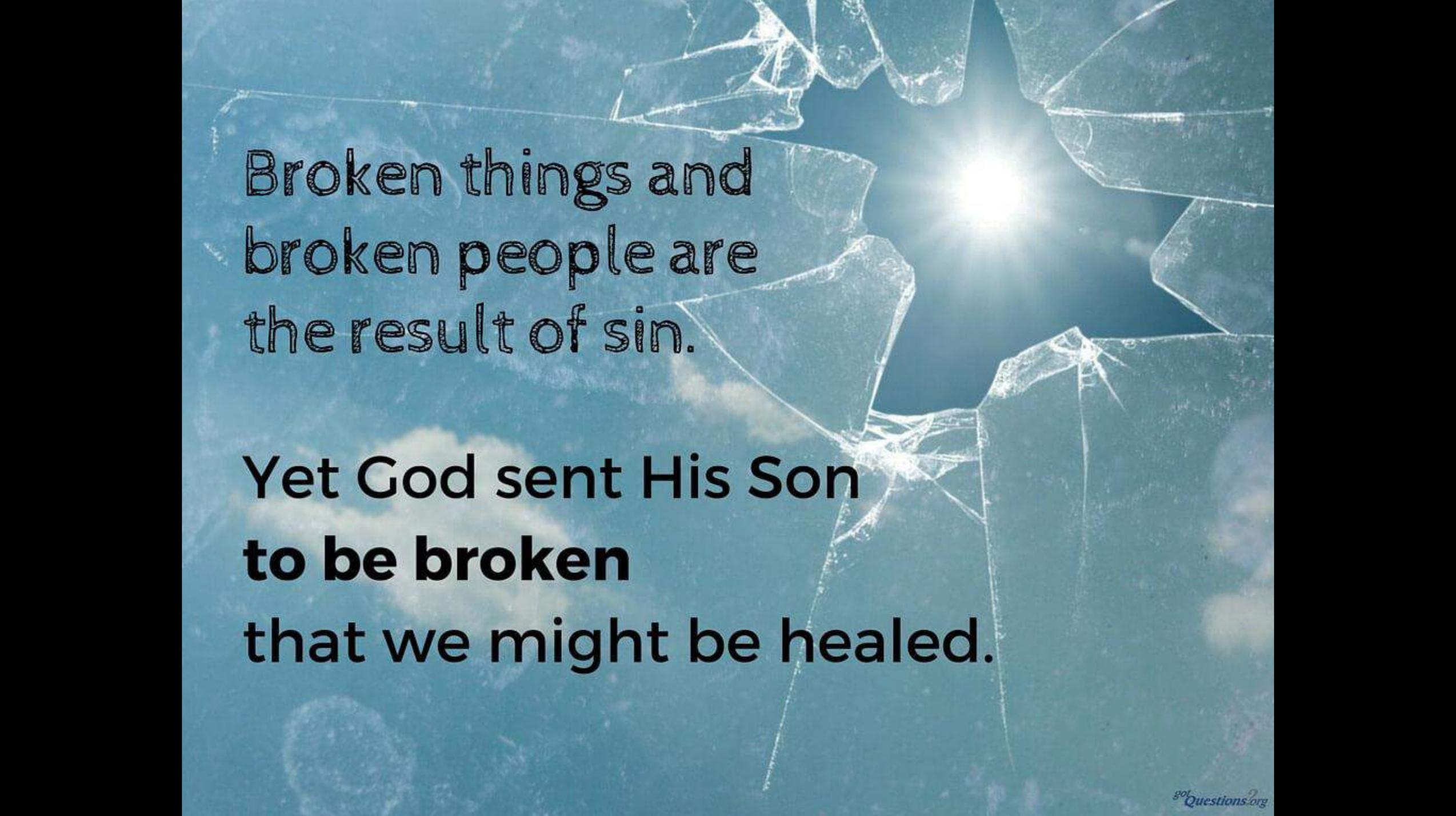
he's talking about

you

Nehemiah 2:4-5

***The king said to me, “What is it you want?”
Then I prayed to the God of heaven,
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.”***

Passion



Broken things and
broken people are
the result of sin.

Yet God sent His Son
to be broken
that we might be healed.

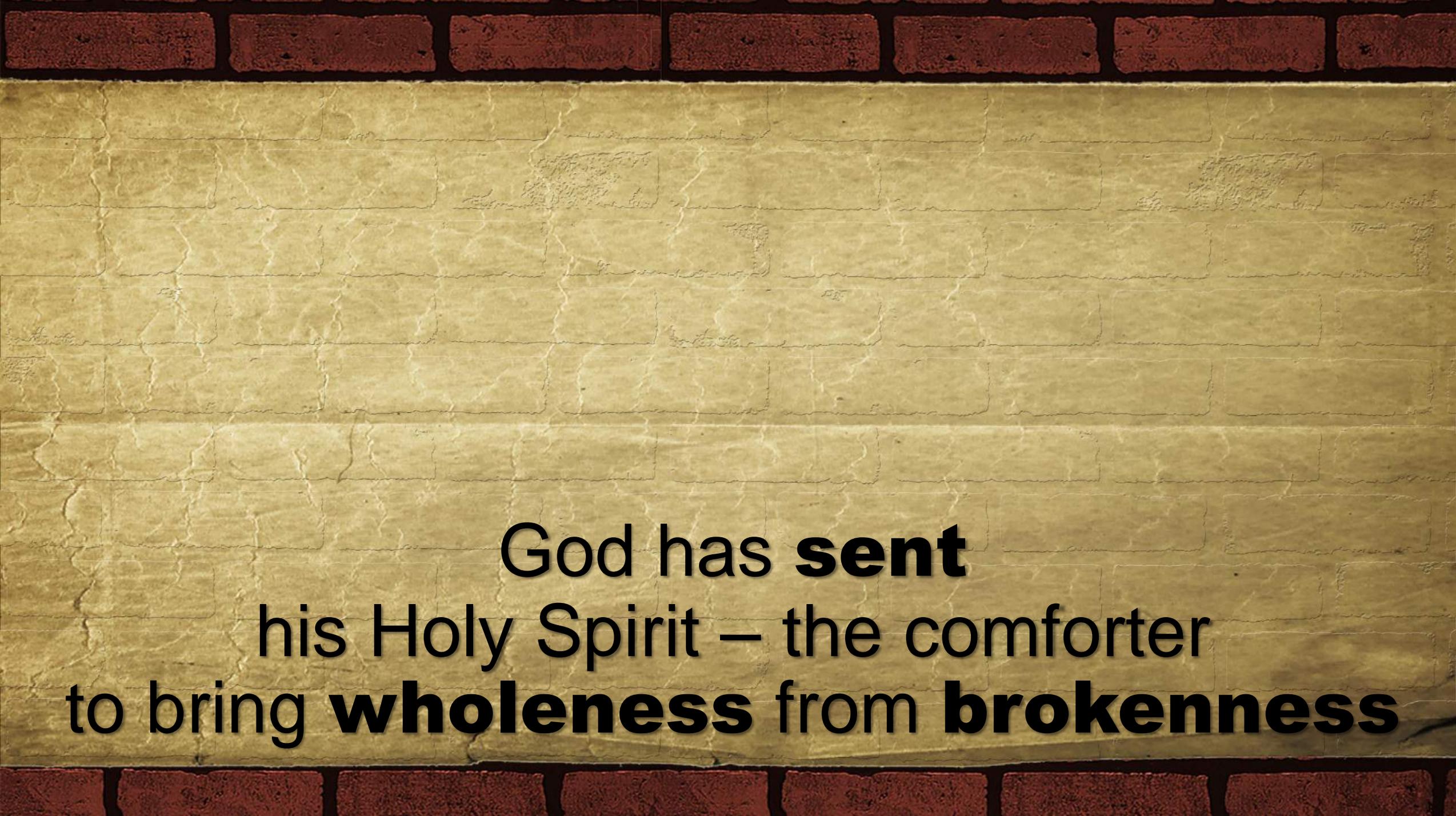
1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

***May God himself, the God of peace,
sanctify you through and through.
May your whole spirit, soul and body
be kept blameless at the coming
of our Lord Jesus Christ.
The one who calls you is faithful,
and he will do it.***

It is for **now**

It is something that **God will do**
himself **in us**

It involves **peace, completeness**
& **wholeness**



God has **sent**
his Holy Spirit – the comforter
to bring **wholeness** from **brokenness**

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Holiness – wholeness involves all of who we are
your **spirit** can be revived to life in God
(made **holy**)

your **soul** can be restored in mind and emotions
(made **whole**)

your **body**, habits and conditions can become
disciplined & recovered to well-being
(made or kept **healthy**)

Nehemiah 2:6

*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.*

Nehemiah 2:7

*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 2:8

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.

Nehemiah asks for

Time... an extended leave
from his duties at the palace

Authority... to enter the realm of activity

Resources... for the actual building project

Troops... to secure the mission
and protect him in the midst of opposition

LIFEGroups

in-person

- Thursday @ 1:30pm

on-line

- Wednesday @ 8pm
- Thursday @ 7pm

Nehemiah 2:9

***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.***

Nehemiah 2:10

When Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official heard about this, they were very much disturbed that someone had come to promote the welfare of the Israelites.

Nehemiah 2:11-12

*I went to Jerusalem,
and after staying there three days
I set out during the night with a few others.
I had not told anyone what my God had
put in my heart to do for Jerusalem.
There were no mounts with me
except the one I was riding on.*

Nehemiah 2:13-14

By night I went out through the Valley Gate toward the Jackal Well and the Dung Gate, examining the walls of Jerusalem, which had been broken down, and its gates, which had been destroyed by fire. Then I moved on toward the Fountain Gate and the King's Pool, but there was not enough room for my mount to get through;

Nehemiah 2:15-16

so I went up the valley by night, examining the wall. Finally, I turned back and reentered through the Valley Gate. The officials did not know where I had gone or what I was doing, because as yet I had said nothing to the Jews or the priests or nobles or officials or any others who would be doing the work.







**Rise up
and walk**

I'm going to **teach** you to walk
rather than **cause** you to walk
for **far greater things** are learned
when you **discover** a walk with me
and not just a **miracle** from me.

Nehemiah 2:17-18

Then I said to them, “You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace.” I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the king had said to me. They replied, “Let us start rebuilding.” So they began this good work.

A woman is shown from the chest up, diving underwater. She is looking upwards and to the right, with her mouth open as if exhaling. Bubbles are visible around her head and neck. The background is dark, suggesting deep water. The text 'DIVING INTO THE WRECK' is overlaid on the left side of the image in a white, hand-drawn font with a blue glow.

DIVING INTO THE WRECK

BY ADRIENNE RICH

Nehemiah 2:19

***But when Sanballat the Horonite,
Tobiah the Ammonite official
and Geshem the Arab heard about it,
they mocked and ridiculed us.
“What is this you are doing?” they asked.
“Are you rebelling against the king?”***

Nehemiah 2:20

*I answered them by saying,
“The God of heaven will give us success.
We his servants will start rebuilding,
but as for you, you have no share
in Jerusalem or any claim
or historic right to it.”*

A photograph of a weathered wall with peeling white plaster. A large hole in the center reveals several layers of red bricks. The wall shows signs of age and decay, with some dark staining at the bottom. The text 'REBUILD RESTORE' is overlaid in large, bold, black letters on the right side of the image.

**REBUILD
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NEHEMIAH

Nehemiah 2:18

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Pray

Sunday **6:30-7:30pm**

LIFEGroups

Wednesday

- **8:00pm** zoom

Thursday

- **1:30pm** at OCC

- **7:00pm** zoom