

BETHANY BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION



NEHEMIAH CHAPTER 7 PART-7

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REBUILDING OF GODLY COMMUNITY BEGINS

FIRST STEPS (1-3): What was Nehemiah's focus after completion of walls & gates? Who did he appoint to govern? Why were the chosen? Who else were appointed? What instruction were given? Why is continued security important?

NEHEMIAH'S BURDEN (4-5): What was the condition of the city? What was missing? How did Nehemiah go about resolving the problem?

THE GROUP & THEIR CONTRIBUTION (6-73): Who is in the list of the people who moved to city? Why weren't some grouped as priests? What was donated to the treasury? What inspired them to contribute generously?

REFLECTION

THE DIVINE CALL OF NEHEMIAH:

REPAIR & REBUILD & RESTORE

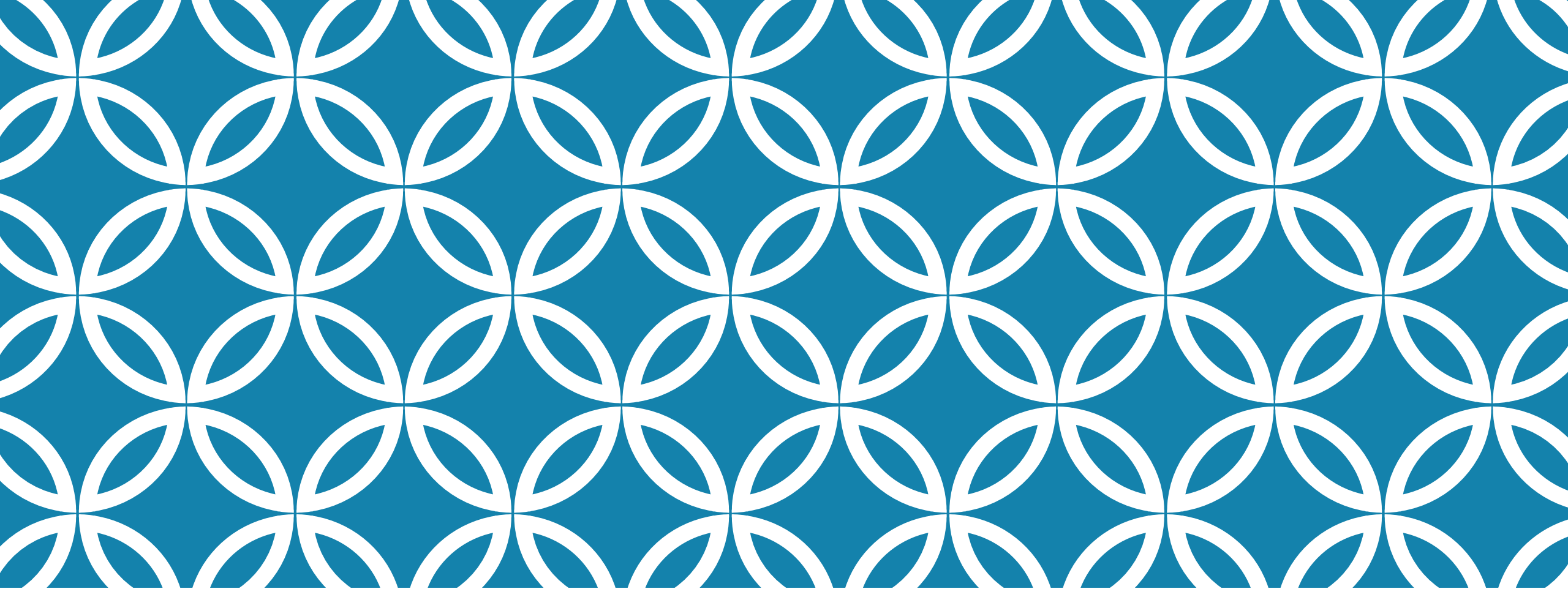


52 DAYS
1 MAN
1 VISION

Godly vision and godly leadership by Nehemiah leads to repair and rebuilding of the walls

Nehemiah effectively defeated all challenges of the enemy with the power of prayer

- External Opposition (mockery, conspiracy to kill, collusion) (ch.4)
- Physical exhaustion of Jews (ch.4)
- Internal challenges (ch.5)
- Personal attacks (ch.6) (deceptive invitation, slander & lies, temptation to sin)



NEHEMIAH

Chapter 7, Part-7

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AFTER WALL . . . FIRST STEPS

⁷ Now it came to pass, when the wall was built, and I had set up the doors, and the porters and the singers and the Levites were appointed,

² That I gave my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the ruler of the palace, charge over Jerusalem: for he was a faithful man, and feared God above many.

³ And I said unto them, Let not the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun be hot; and while they stand by, let them shut the doors, and bar them: and appoint watches of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, every one in his watch, and everyone to be over against his house.

FIRST STEPS: SECURITY & GOVERNANCE

Wall is built but Nehemiah's work is not finished ... what comes next?

1. SECURITY: Appointed gatekeepers with additional support provided by singers, and Levites (assistant to the priests)

- Gates open in the morning and closed at night (open when people are awake)
- Neighborhood watch (people will be more loyal to guard their home & family members)
- Watch must be continuous ... otherwise exposed to enemies and potential invasion by surrounding nations

2. GOVERNANCE: Two leaders appointed (delegation of authority)

FIRST STEPS: SECURITY & GOVERNANCE

GOVERNANCE: Two leaders appointed (Nehemiah does not hold on to power)

Hanani: Nehemiah's brother who brought Jerusalem news (1:2)

Hananiah: Commander of the palace (3:8)

TWO GREAT QUALITIES: Faithful man and Feared God

(work of God should not be casually delegated; we must look for Godly qualities as per the scriptures)

BE ON
CONTINUOUS
GUARD
(SPIRITUAL LIFE)

I PETER 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

NEHEMIAH'S BURDEN FOR THE CITY

⁴ Now the city was large and great: but the people were few therein, and the houses were not builded.

⁵ And my God put into mine heart to gather together the nobles, and the rulers, and the people, that they might be reckoned by genealogy. And I found a register of the genealogy of them which came up at the first, and found written therein,

PRESENT CONDITION OF JERUSALEM

Wall built but not many
inhabitants inside

Many abandoned homes

Next task: To increase
population and repair homes

GOD SPOKE TO NEHEMIAH

“my God Put into mine heart”

If we are close to God, God will speak to us continually and guide us.

ISAIAH 30:21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

CENSUS COUNT

Nehemiah reviewed the registry to see who had come

(Census in Ezra 2 taken nearly 100 years back so the list not expected to be a perfect match – due to additions/deletions to the community)

He wanted people of pure Jewish heritage (chapter 11)

List represents the faithful ones who chose to return (less than 5%). They believed in God and His promises.



THE LIST

6-65

ISRAEL, THE CHOSEN ONE

The cycle of love

Love of God ... chose Israel

Justice of God ... scattered Israel (chastisement)

Love of God ... gathered Israel back (Ezra)

Repeated disobedience (idolatry) by Israelites leads to bondage and scattering

But God in His mercy extends love and invites them back (again, and again)

THE LIST

⁶ These are the children of the province, that went up out of the captivity, of those that had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away, and came again to Jerusalem and to Judah, every one unto his city; ⁷ Who came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, Baanah. The number, I say, of the men of the people of Israel was this;

⁸ The children of Parosh, two thousand an hundred seventy and two. ⁹ The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy and two. ¹⁰ The children of Arah, six hundred fifty and two. ¹¹ The children of Pahathmoab, of the children of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand and eight hundred and eighteen. ¹² The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four. ¹³ The children of Zattu, eight hundred forty and five.

¹⁴ The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and threescore. ¹⁵ The children of Binnui, six hundred forty and eight. ¹⁶ The children of Bebai, six hundred twenty and eight. ¹⁷ The children of Azgad, two thousand three hundred twenty and two. ¹⁸ The children of Adonikam, six hundred threescore and seven.

¹⁹ The children of Bigvai, two thousand threescore and seven. ²⁰ The children of Adin, six hundred fifty and five. ²¹ The children of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety and eight. ²² The children of Hashum, three hundred twenty and eight. ²³ The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty and four. ²⁴ The children of Hariph, an hundred and twelve.

THE LIST

²⁵ The children of Gibeon, ninety and five. ²⁶ The men of Bethlehem and Netophah, an hundred fourscore and eight. ²⁷ The men of Anathoth, an hundred twenty and eight. ²⁸ The men of Bethazmaveth, forty and two. ²⁹ The men of Kirjathjearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred forty and three. ³⁰ The men of Ramah and Gaba, six hundred twenty and one.

³¹ The men of Michmas, an hundred and twenty and two. ³² The men of Bethel and Ai, an hundred twenty and three. ³³ The men of the other Nebo, fifty and two. ³⁴ The children of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four. ³⁵ The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty. ³⁶ The children of Jericho, three hundred forty and five.

³⁷ The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty and one. ³⁸ The children of Senaah, three thousand nine hundred and thirty. ³⁹ The priests: the children of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy and three. ⁴⁰ The children of Immer, a thousand fifty and two. ⁴¹ The children of Pashur, a thousand two hundred forty and seven. ⁴² The children of Harim, a thousand and seventeen.

⁴³ The Levites: the children of Jeshua, of Kadmiel, and of the children of Hodevah, seventy and four. ⁴⁴ The singers: the children of Asaph, an hundred forty and eight. ⁴⁵ The porters: the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, an hundred thirty and eight.

THE LIST

⁴⁶ The Nethinims: the children of Ziha, the children of Hashupha, the children of Tabbaoth, ⁴⁷ The children of Keros, the children of Sia, the children of Padon, ⁴⁸ The children of Lebana, the children of Hagaba, the children of Shalmal, ⁴⁹ The children of Hanan, the children of Giddel, the children of Gahar, ⁵⁰ The children of Reaiah, the children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda, ⁵¹ The children of Gazzam, the children of Uzza, the children of Phaseah, ⁵² The children of Besai, the children of Meunim, the children of Nephishesim, ⁵³ The children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur,

⁵⁴ The children of Bazlith, the children of Mehida, the children of Harsha, ⁵⁵ The children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children of Tamah, ⁵⁶ The children of Neziah, the children of Hatipha. ⁵⁷ The children of Solomon's servants: the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of Perida,

⁵⁸ The children of Jaala, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel, ⁵⁹ The children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth of Zebaim, the children of Amon.

⁶⁰ All the Nethinims, and the children of Solomon's servants, were three hundred ninety and two.

THE LIST

⁶¹ And these were they which went up also from Telmelah, Telharesha, Cherub, Addon, and Immer: but they could not shew their father's house, nor their seed, whether they were of Israel.

⁶² The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred forty and two.

⁶³ And of the priests: the children of Habaiah, the children of Koz, the children of Barzillai, which took one of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite to wife, and was called after their name.

⁶⁴ These sought their register among those that were reckoned by genealogy, but it was not found: therefore were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood.

⁶⁵ And the Tirshatha said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood up a priest with Urim and Thummim

(Urim and Thummim — stones used to find God's will and exercise judgement, Exodus 28:30)

THE TOTAL

⁶⁶ The **whole congregation together** was forty and two thousand three hundred and threescore,

⁶⁷ Beside their manservants and their maidservants, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven: and they had two hundred forty and five singing men and singing women.

⁶⁸ Their horses, seven hundred thirty and six: their mules, two hundred forty and five:

⁶⁹ Their camels, four hundred thirty and five: six thousand seven hundred and twenty asses.

THE LIST

6-7: The original leaders: Zerubbabel (the governor), Jeshua (the high priest), ten others

8-25, 34-38: various families ... children of ...

26-33: various cities and towns (like Bethlehem, Gaba)

39-42: priests

43: The Levites

44: singers

ZERUBBABEL

(AS SEEN IN
EZRA)

ZERUBBABEL

Appointed by king Cyrus

from the line of king David

Assisted by prophets (Haggai and Zechariah)

Co-worker, Jeshua (Chief priest)

Completed the altar & temple

Chosen by God

Strengthened by God

THE LIST

45: gatekeepers

46-60: Temple servants and servants of Solomon and their descendants

61-65: people with questionable records, denied priesthood until priest resolved it by casting lots

66: totals of captives

67: servants and singers

THE TOTAL (66-67)

42,360

+ 7,367 servants and 245 singing men and women.

Not a big group. Jewish nation diminished because of their sin of idolatry

Sin can be forgiven. However, sin may still have consequences or losses. Sin should not be taken lightly.

THE LIST REPRESENTS REMNANT WHO BELIEVED IN THE PROMISE OF GOD

What's admirable about the remnant jews?

They were stirred in their spirit by God

They took the step of faith, trusting in the promises of God

Willing to give up the comfort & sins of Babylon

Willing to endure hardships of a long journey back

Willing to take the challenge of rebuilding a ruined city and temple

Willing to deal with hostility of pagans

RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL IS NOT EASY!

BUT THOSE WHO OBEY & PERSEVERE, ENJOY GREAT BLESSING!

And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him
(Luke 5:11, first disciples-James, John, Peter)



THE CONTRIBUTION TO GOD'S WORK

70-73

THE CONTRIBUTION

⁷⁰ And some of the chief of the fathers gave unto the work. The Tirshatha gave to the treasure a thousand drams of gold, fifty basons, five hundred and thirty priests' garments.

⁷¹ And some of the chief of the fathers gave to the treasure of the work twenty thousand drams of gold, and two thousand and two hundred pound of silver.

⁷² And that which the rest of the people gave was twenty thousand drams of gold, and two thousand pound of silver, and threescore and seven priests' garments.

⁷³ So the priests, and the Levites, and the porters, and the singers, and some of the people, and the Nethinims, and all Israel, **dwelt in their cities**; and when the seventh month came, **the children of Israel were in their cities**.

DONATION TO TREASURY FOR REBUILDING

70 – Governor (1,000 gold coins, 50 gold basins, 530 robes for priests)

71- Other leaders (20,000 gold coins, 2200 lbs of silver)

72 – Other people (20,000 gold coins, 2000 lbs of silver, 67 robes for priests)

GENEROUS DONATION

Donated treasures, time, and energy to help with rebuilding

What have we sacrificed for the work of the Lord?

Have we sacrificed joyfully and generously?

To whom much is given, much is expected (Luke 12:48). God loves a cheerful giver (II Corinthians 9:7)

WHAT INSPIRES US TO GIVE?

Our love for God (II Corinthians 5:14, For the love of Christ constraineth us)

We must **FIRST** offer our heart & obedience
before offering our time, talents, and treasures

Proverbs 23:26 My son, **give me your heart**, and let your eyes observe my ways

I Samuel 15:22 And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, **to obey is better than sacrifice**

7TH MONTH - CHILDREN WERE IN CITIES

⁷³ SO THE PRIESTS, AND THE LEVITES,
AND THE PORTERS, AND THE
SINGERS, AND SOME OF THE PEOPLE,
AND THE NETHINIMS, AND ALL
ISRAEL, DWELT IN THEIR CITIES; AND
WHEN THE SEVENTH MONTH CAME,
THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL WERE IN
THEIR CITIES.



Without people, City has no value



While we may enjoy current
dwelling, we must look forward to
the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21)

WE MUST LOOK FORWARD TO NEW JERUSALEM

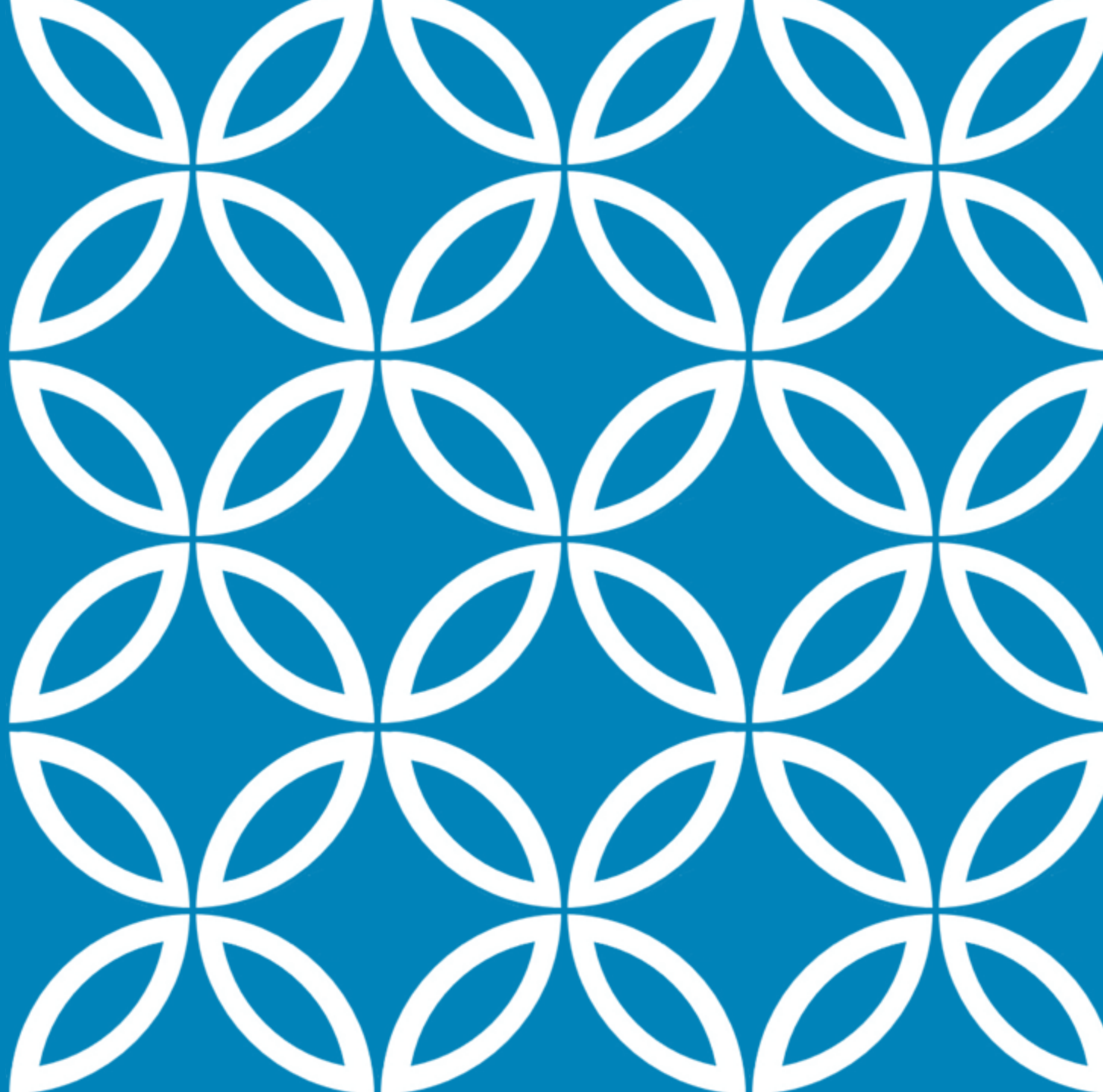
Revelation 21 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. ² And I John saw **the holy city, new Jerusalem**, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

³ And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

⁴ And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

ABRAHAM'S DESIRE Hebrews 11:9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: ¹⁰ For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

REFLECTIONS



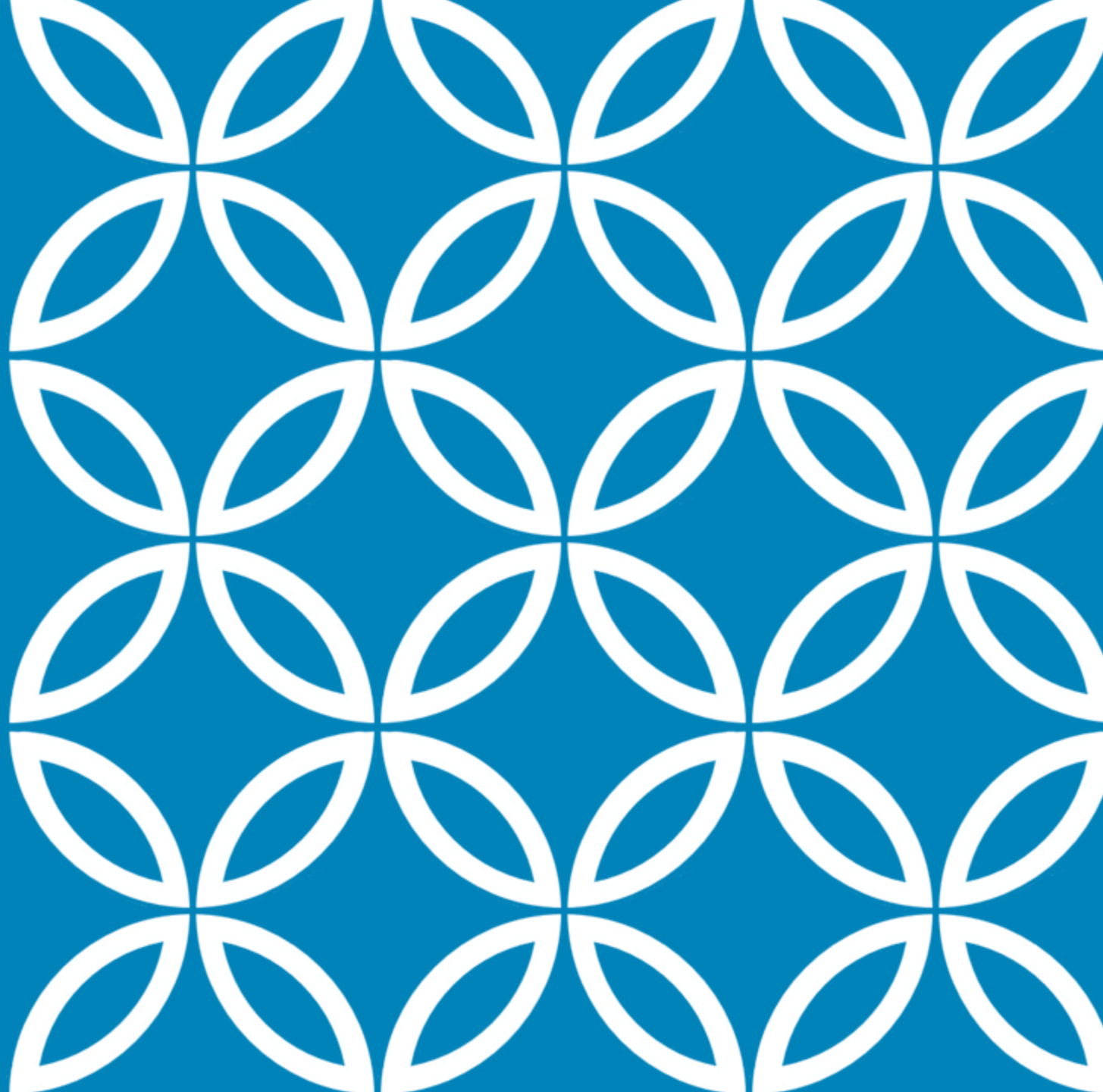
#1 THERE IS A TIME TO LEAD, AND A TIME TO DELEGATE

Once the wall is built, Nehemiah
delegates the governing

We should know when our mission ends!

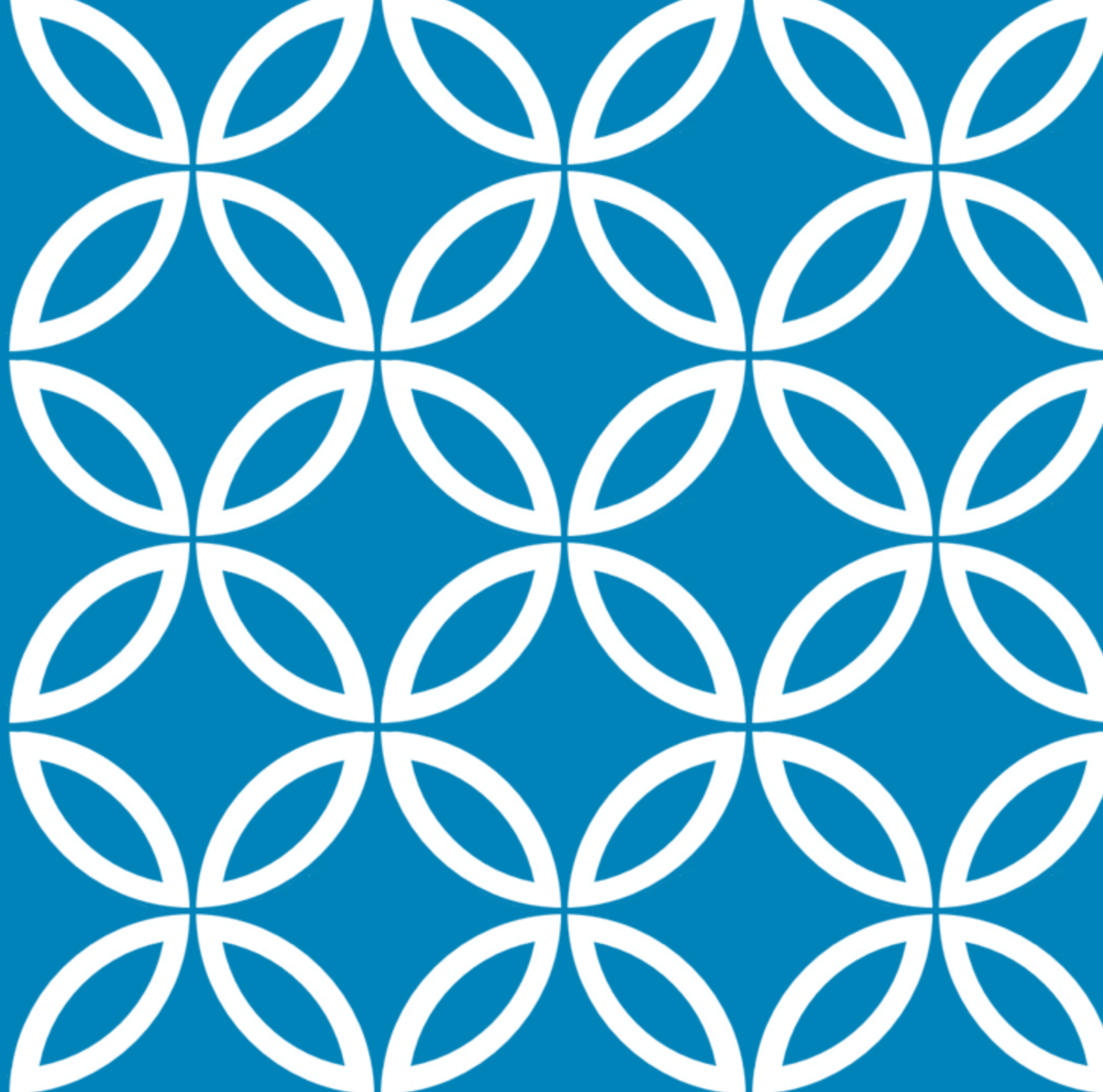
We should not be a stumbling block for
someone else's calling!

I have planted, Apollos watered; but God
gave the increase (I Corinthians 3:6)



#2 DELEGATE WISELY

Hannaiah was faithful man
and feared God

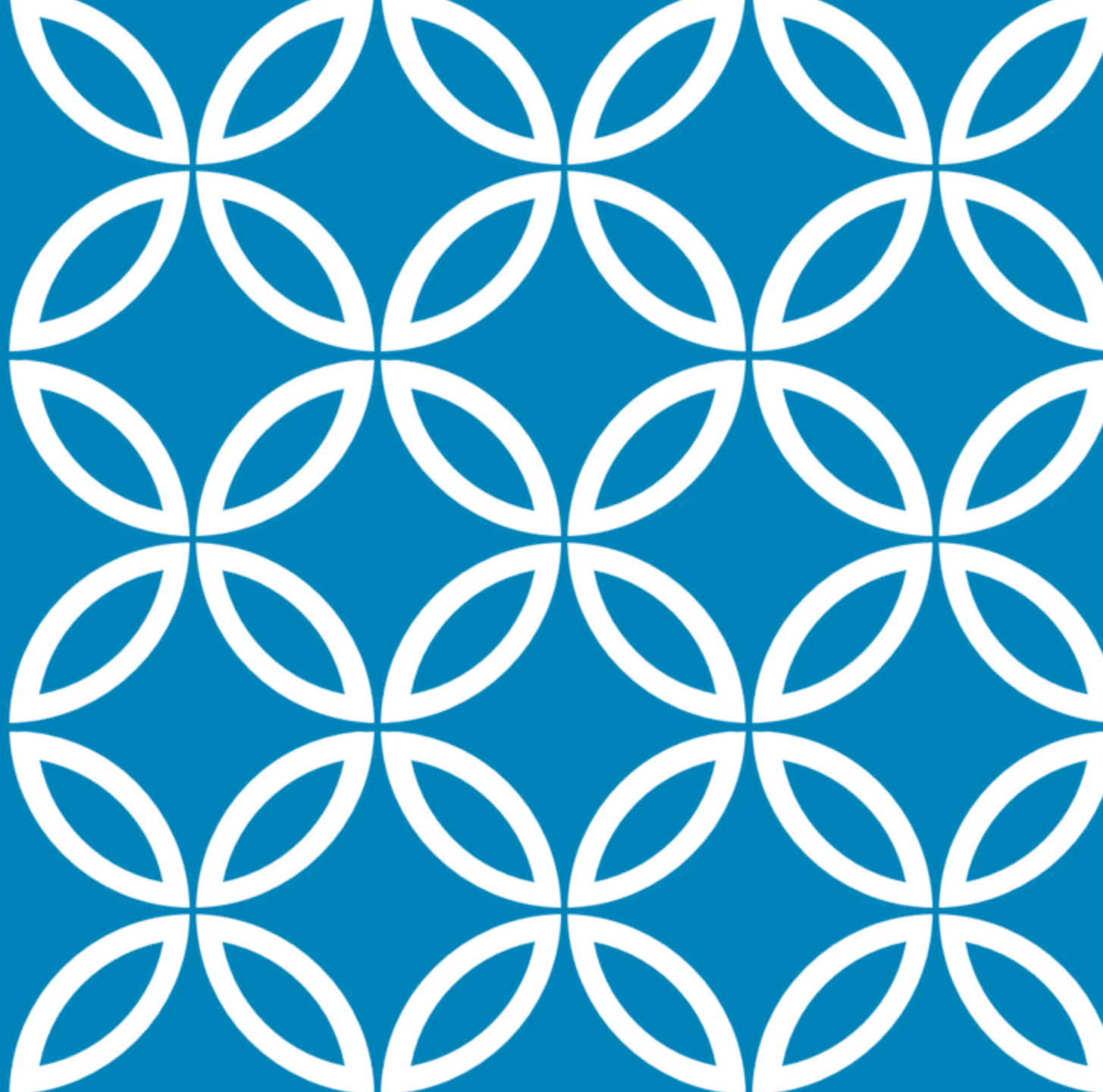


#3 GOD CARES ABOUT US (BY NAME)

Many list of names in the Bible

Isaiah 43:1 I have called thee by thy name; thou are mine

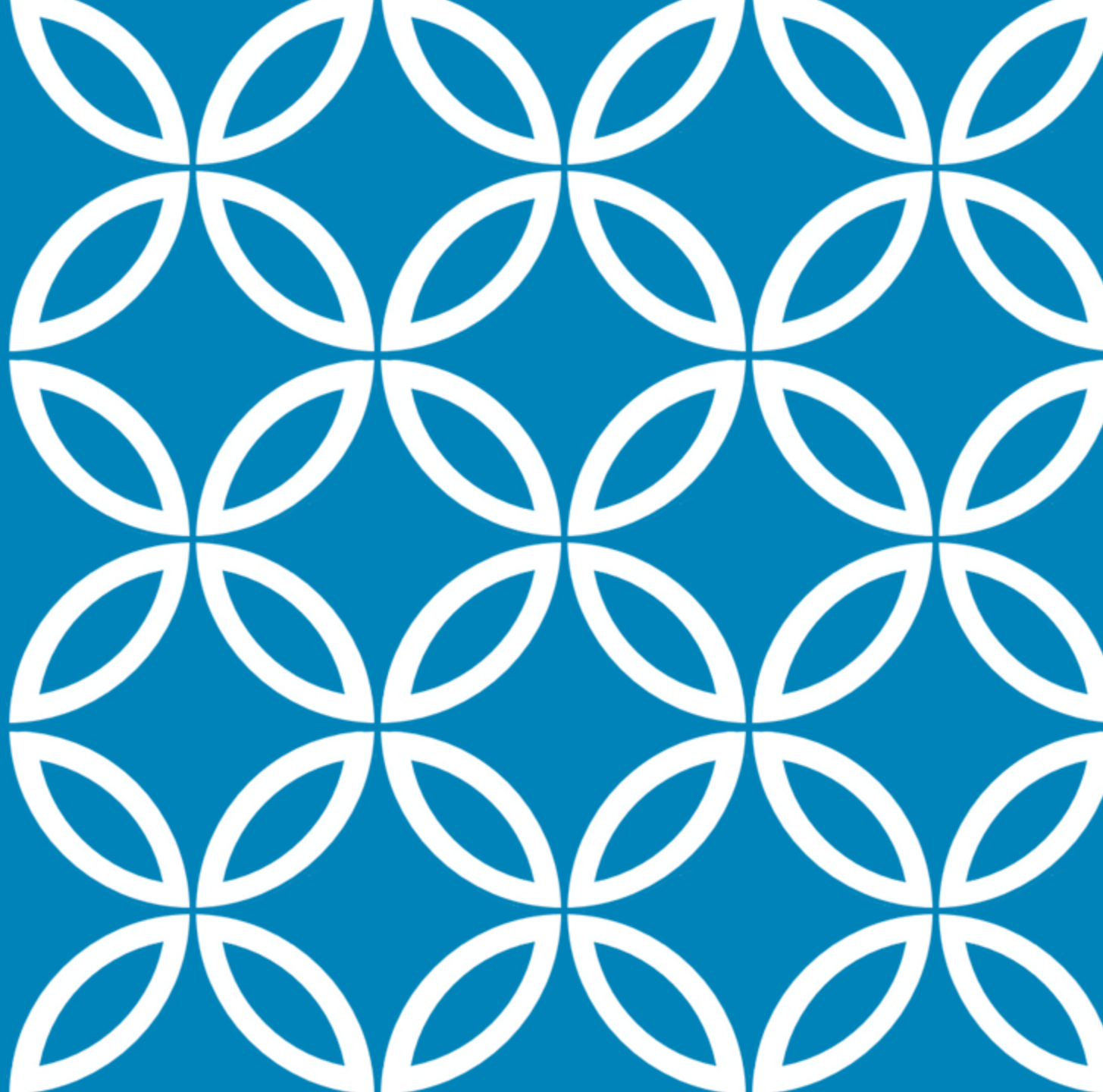
I Samuel 3:6 And the Lord called yet again, Samuel.



#4 GIVE YOUR HEART FIRST

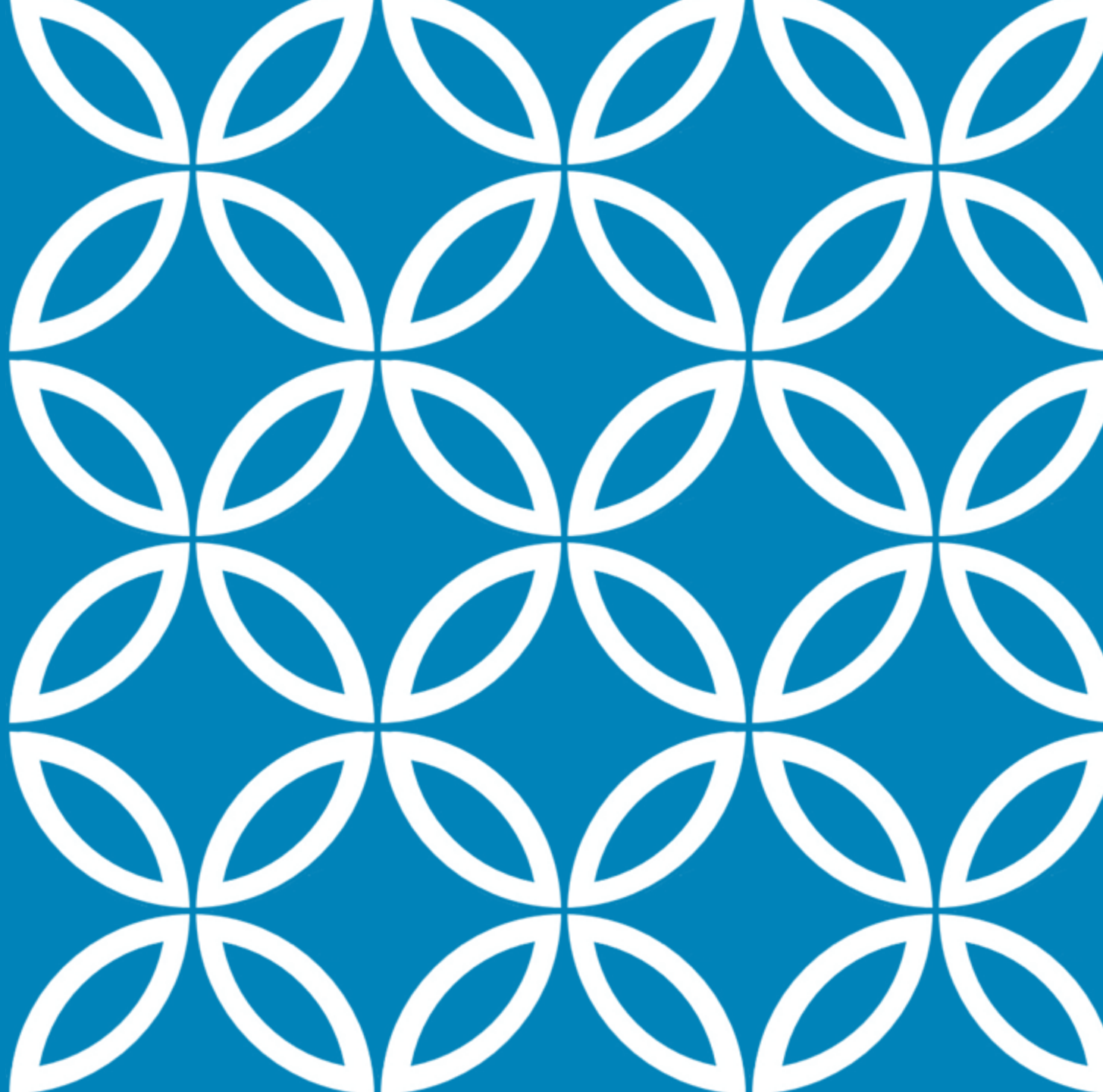
If you give your heart,

It will be easy to be
generous in giving of your
time, talents, and treasures



#5 TRUE BELIEVERS ARE A MINORITY

Only a remnant responded to the invitation to return and rebuild, and inhabit the city of Jerusalem



1-6: **Repair & Rebuilding** of the walls/gates of Jerusalem



7: **Populating** the city



8-13: **Spiritual Rebuilding & Restoration** of the people

- Spiritual Rebuilding Begins with the exposition of the Word of God in chapter 8

REPAIR + REBUILDING + RESTORATION