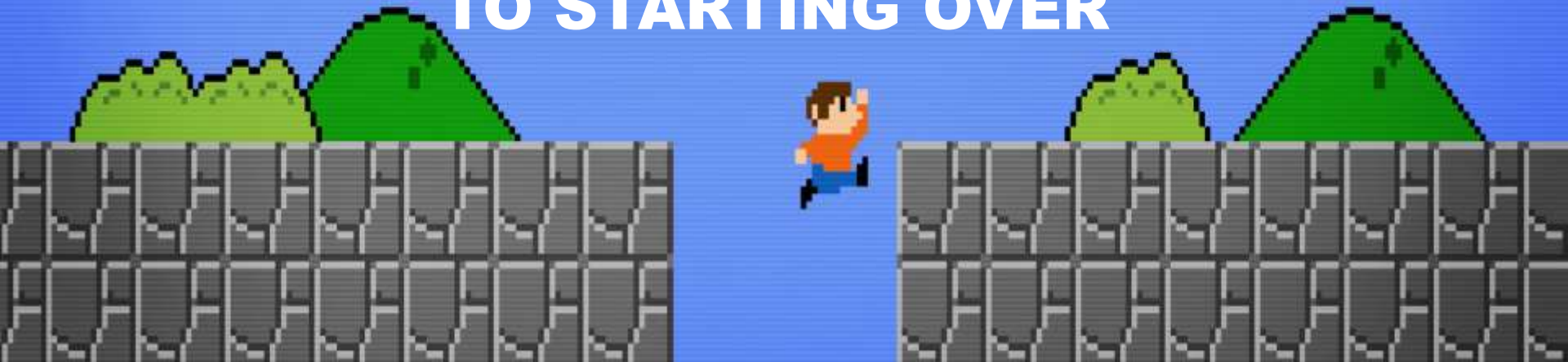






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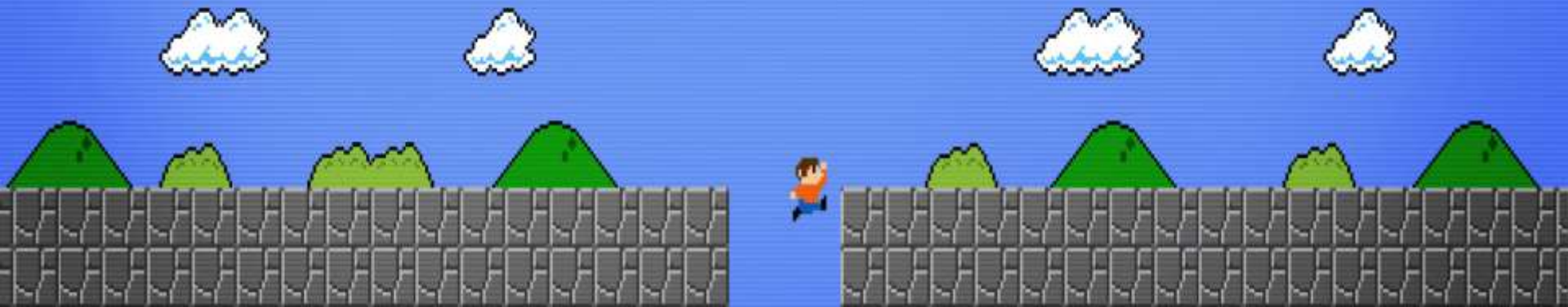




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DESTRUCTION: **What Was Broken**

Nehemiah 1:1 The words of **Nehemiah** the son of Hachaliah. Now it happened in the month Chislev, *in* the twentieth year, while I was in Susa the capitol, ² that **Hanani**, one of my brothers, and some men from Judah came; and **I asked them concerning the Jews** who had escaped *and* had survived the captivity, and about Jerusalem. ³ They said to me, “The remnant there in the province who survived the captivity **are in great distress and reproach, and the wall of Jerusalem is broken down and its gates are burned with fire.”**



DESTRUCTION: Why Was it Broken?

- **Nehemiah 4:7** “We have acted very corruptly against You and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the ordinances which You commanded Your servant Moses.”
- **Nehemiah 4:1** Now it came about that when **Sanballat** heard that we were rebuilding the wall, he became furious and very angry and mocked the Jews.



DESTRUCTION: What About Us?

- **We all have broken walls**
- **Sometimes it is our fault:** Drugs, alcohol, lying, cheating, adultery, selfishness, unkindness, laziness...
- **Sometimes it is not:** Natural disaster, cancer, illness, accident, death, parents divorce, down economy...





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DECISION: Broken Hearted

- When I heard these words, I sat down and wept and mourned for days; and I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven.

Nehemiah 1:4

- **IT HURTS WHEN PEOPLE & PLACES WE LOVE ARE HURTING**
- **IT HELPS TO ASK FOR HELP FROM HEAVEN**



DECISION: But Not Broken

- I said to the king, “If it please the king, and if your servant has found favor before you, **send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers’ tombs, that I may rebuild it.**”

Nehemiah 2:5

- **HE PRAYED AND THEN MADE A PLAN**
- **HE WEPT AND THEN WENT TO WORK**



PAUL'S DECISION

- SAW HIS SIN AND LOST HIS SIGHT (Acts 9)
- WEPT AND PRAYED (Acts 9:9, 11)
 - WASHED AND PREACHED (Acts 9:18-20; 22:16)





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- **LIFE DOESN'T PROMISE A ROSE GARDEN**
 - **LORD PROMISES...**
 - To be with his followers (Matt. 28:20)
 - To Provide for those who put him first (Matt. 6:33)
 - To provide rest when this life is over (Col. 1:5)
- **WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?**



When life DESTROYS your walls

DECIDE to

REBOOT

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