A church service scene. In the foreground, a man in a plaid shirt is singing into a microphone. In the background, a band is performing on a stage with a decorative backdrop of circular lights. A large white box with a black border contains the main title text.

ANSWERING LIFE'S TOUGHEST QUESTIONS

SERMON TOPIC:

why do I have a broken heart

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- (Neh 1:1) The words of Nehemiah the son of Hacaliah. Now it happened in the month of Chislev, in the twentieth year, as I was in Susa the citadel,
- (Neh 1:2) that Hanani, one of my brothers, came with certain men from Judah. And I asked them concerning the Jews who escaped, who had survived the exile, and concerning Jerusalem.

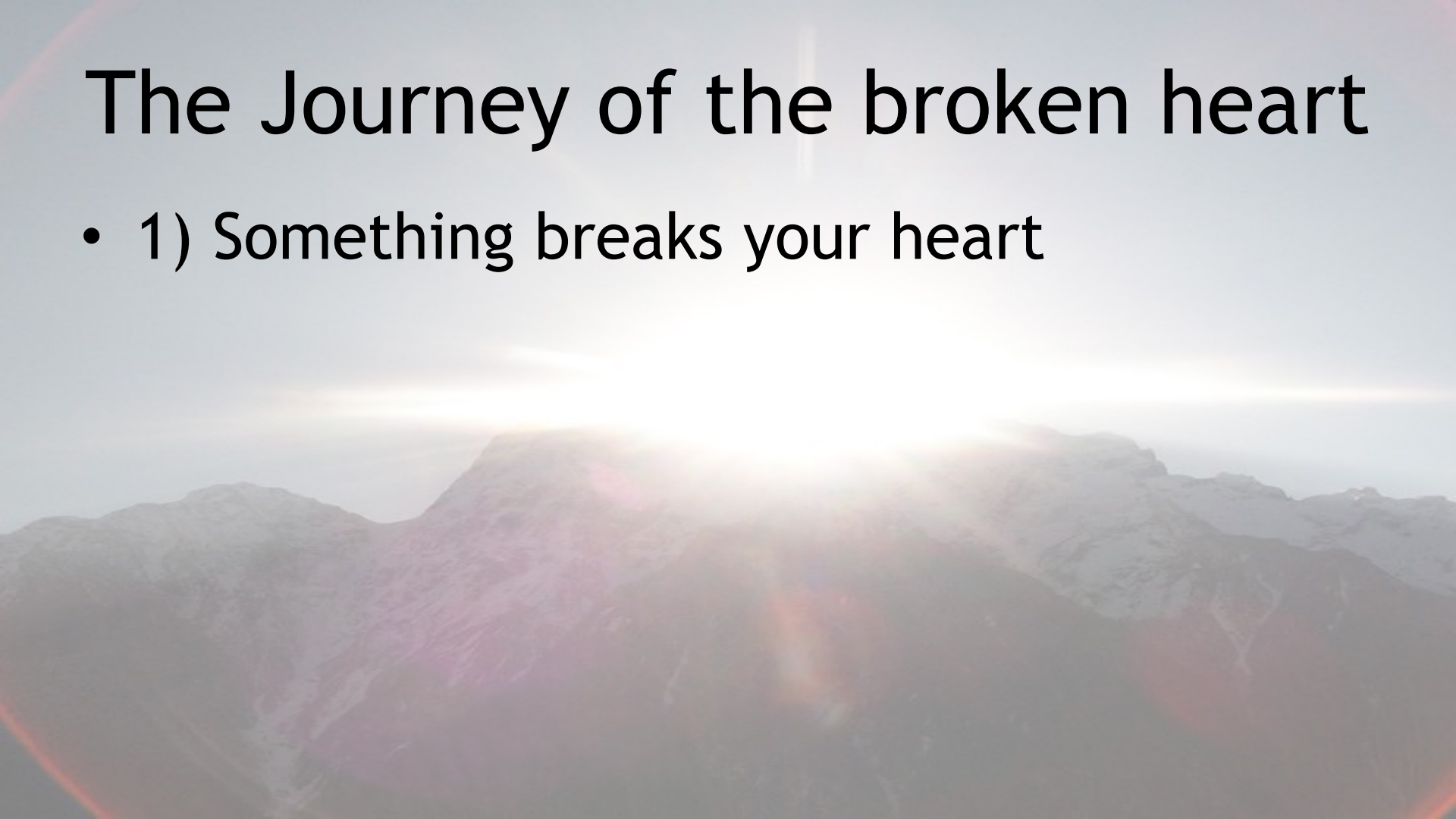
- (Neh 1:3) And they said to me, "The remnant there in the province who had survived the exile is in great trouble and shame. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates are destroyed by fire."
- (Neh 1:4) As soon as I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days, and I continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven.

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- (Neh 1:6) ...hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you day and night for the people of Israel your servants, confessing the sins of the people of Israel, which we have sinned against you. Even I and my father's house have sinned.

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- 2) Clean your heart before Him (Repent)

If you get past this one, you will do well

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- (Neh 1:8) Remember the word that you commanded your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples,
- (Neh 1:9) but if you return to me and keep my commandments and do them, though your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there I will gather them and bring them to the place that I have chosen, to make my name dwell there.'

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- (Neh 2:5) And I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' graves, that I may rebuild it."

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- (Neh 4:2) And he said in the presence of his brothers and of the army of Samaria, "What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they restore it for themselves? Will they sacrifice? Will they finish up in a day? Will they revive the stones out of the heaps of rubbish, and burned ones at that?"

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- (Neh 4:3) Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him, and he said, "Yes, what they are building – if a fox goes up on it he will break down their stone wall!"
- (Neh 4:4) Hear, O our God, for we are despised.

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- (Neh 3:1) Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brothers the priests, and they built the Sheep Gate. They consecrated it and set its doors. They consecrated it as far as the Tower of the Hundred, as far as the Tower of Hananel.
- (Neh 3:2) And next to him the men of Jericho built. And next to them Zaccur the son of Imri built.

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- (Neh 3:3) The sons of Hassenaah built the Fish Gate. They laid its beams and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars.
- (Neh 3:4) And next to them Meremoth the son of Uriah, son of Hakkoz repaired. And next to them Meshullam the son of Berechiah, son of Meshezabel repaired. And next to them Zadok the son of Baana repaired.

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