

⁴ The king said to me, "What is it you want?"
Then I prayed to the God of heaven, ⁵ 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." ...

NEHEMIAH 2:4-20

...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.
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 2:4-20

...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 2:4-20

...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.

¹¹ I went to Jerusalem, and after staying there three days ¹² 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 2:4-20

... ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ 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 2:4-20

...¹⁵ so I went up the valley by night, examining the wall. Finally, I turned back and reentered through the Valley Gate.¹⁶ 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. ...

NEHEMIAH 2:4-20

...¹⁷ 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."¹⁸ 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. ...

NEHEMIAH 2:4-20

...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?"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."

NEHEMIAH 2:4-20



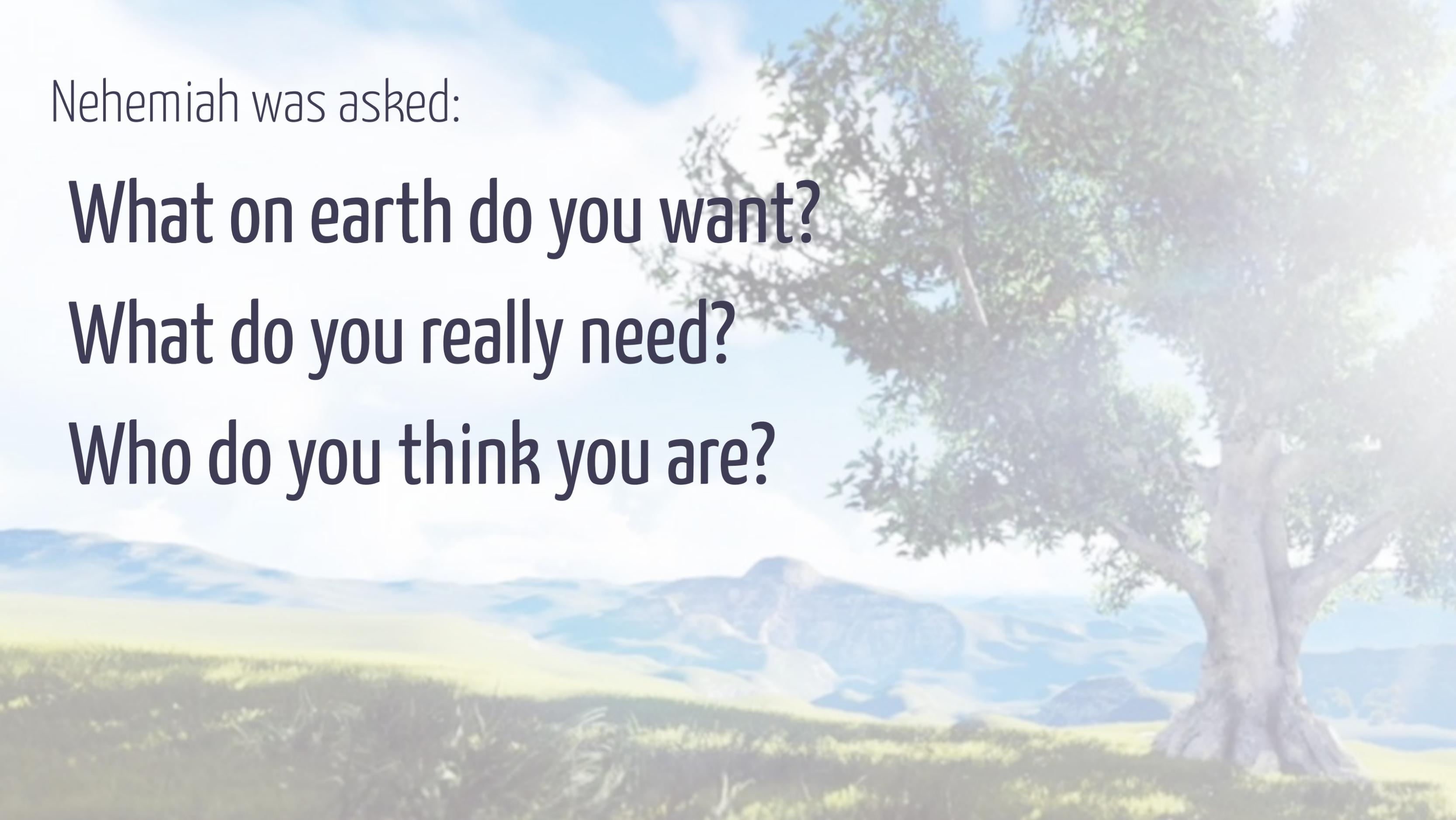
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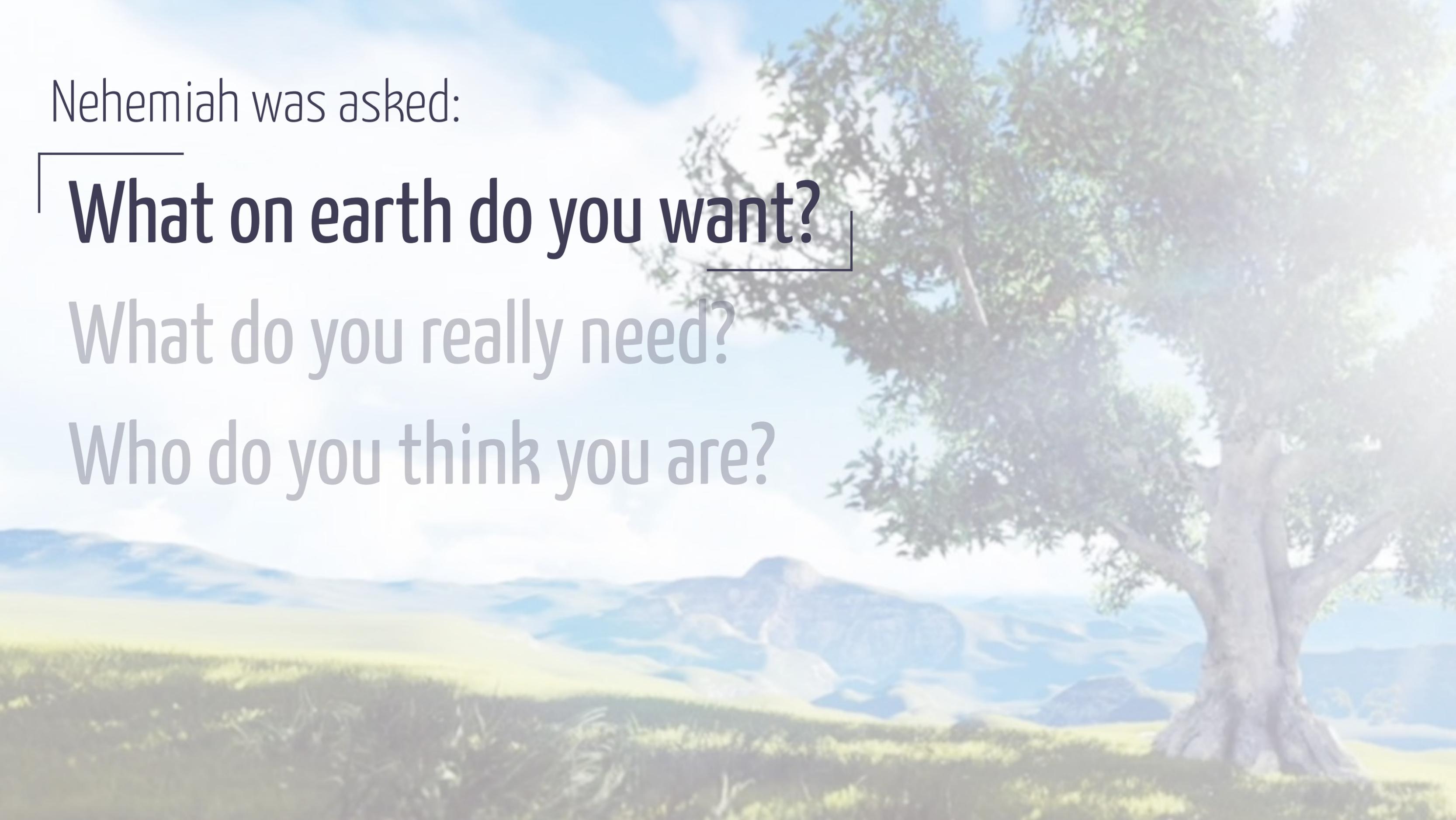


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³ "Why should my face not look sad when the city where my ancestors are buried lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?"

⁴ The king said to me, "What is it you want?"

NEHEMIAH 2:3-4

⁴ Then I prayed to the God of heaven, ⁵ 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."

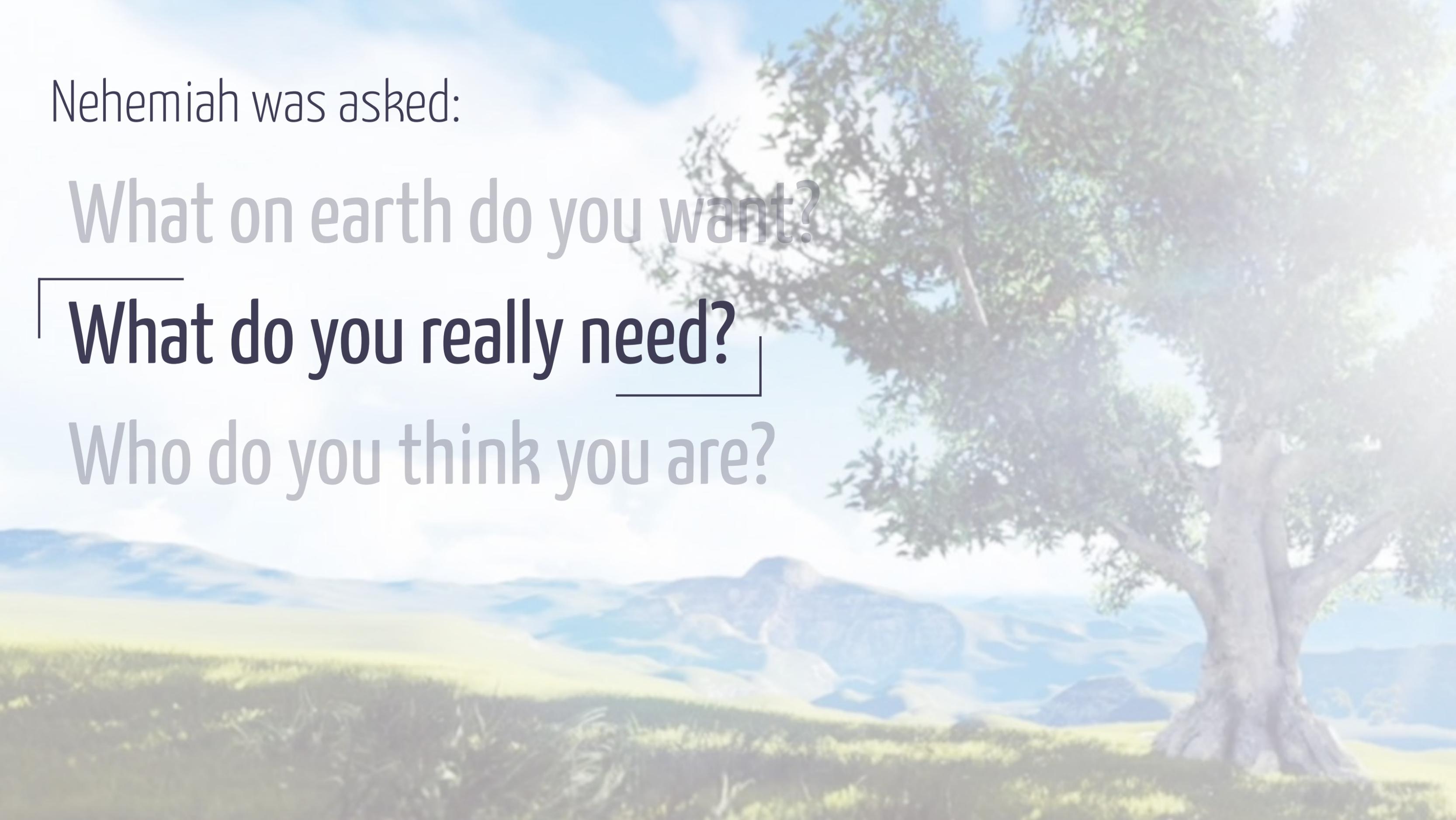
NEHEMIAH 2:4-5

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Then the king, with the queen sitting beside him, asked me, "How long will your journey take, and when will you get back?"

NEHEMIAH 2:6

"I told them how the hand of my God had been favorable to me and also about the king's words which he had spoken to me."

NEHEMIAH 2:18

Then they said, "Let us arise and build."

NEHEMIAH 2:18



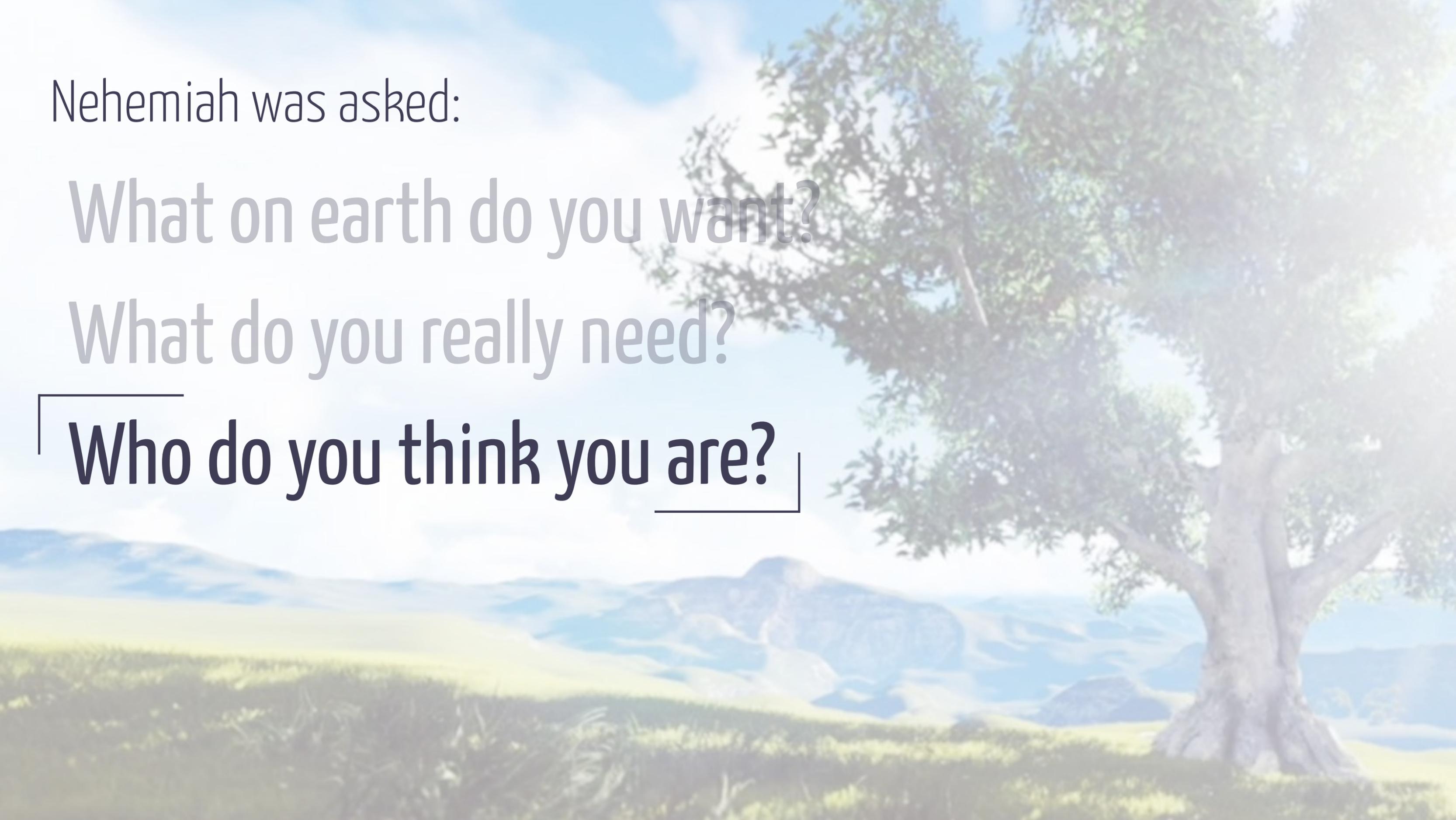
Nehemiah carried around
inside of him what you and I
must carry around inside us:
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¹⁸ So they began this good work.

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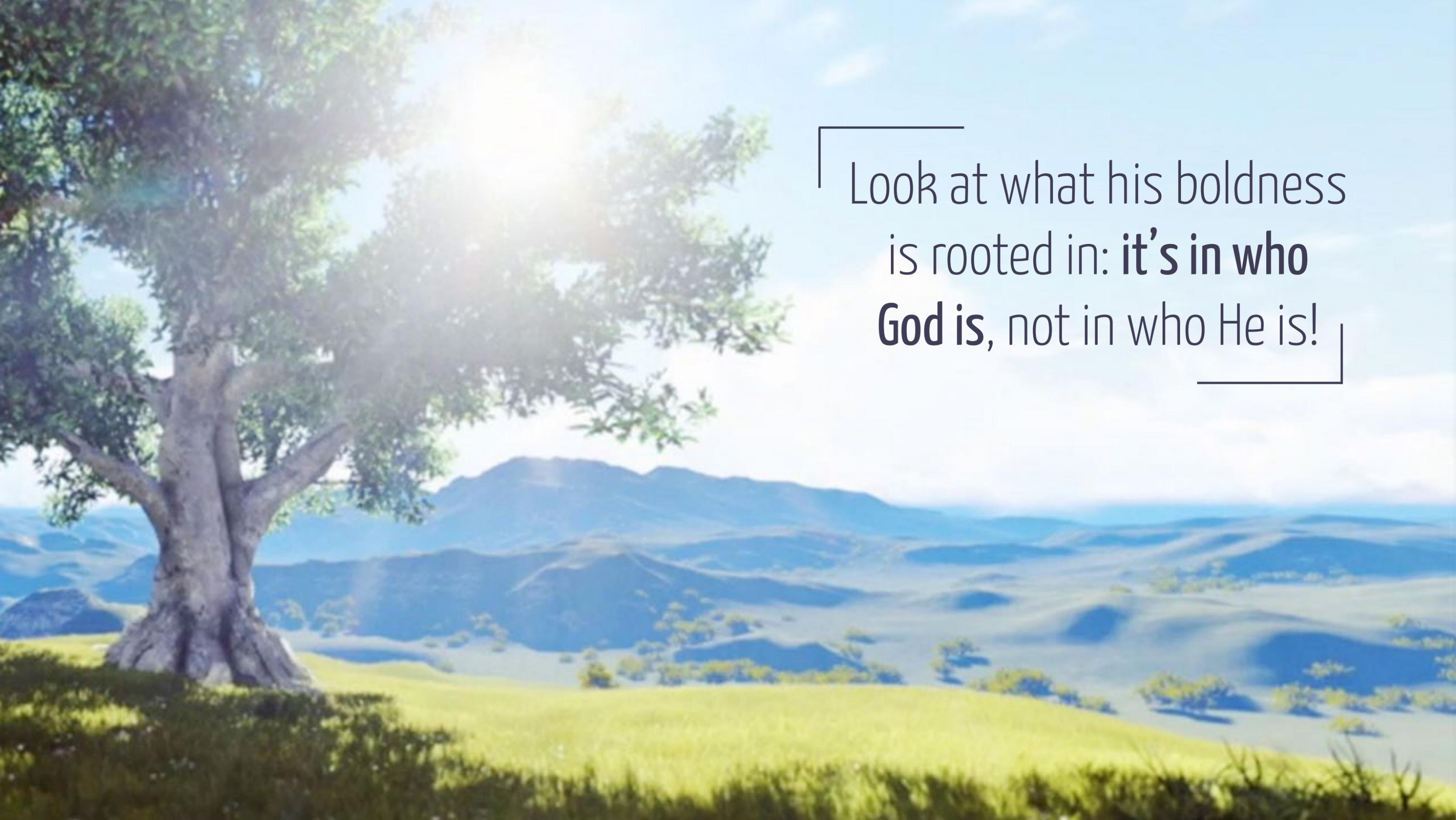
NEHEMIAH 2:18-19

I answered them by saying,
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We his servants will start rebuilding..."

NEHEMIAH 2:20



Nehemiah's response here
is a stunning blend of
confidence and **humility**.

A large, ancient tree with a thick, gnarled trunk stands on a grassy hill. The tree's branches spread out, casting a shadow on the ground. In the background, a vast landscape of rolling hills and mountains stretches out under a bright, hazy sky. The hills are covered in green grass, and the mountains in the distance are shrouded in a light mist. The overall scene is peaceful and majestic.

Look at what his boldness
is rooted in: **it's in who
God is**, not in who He is!

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We his servants will start rebuilding..."

NEHEMIAH 2:20

⁶ "... although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. ⁸ Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."

PHILIPPIANS 2:6-8

"Have this attitude in yourselves
which was also in Christ Jesus ..."

PHILIPPIANS 2:5



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