

THE PLANS OF THE
DILIGENT
Prosper

GO TO THE
ROCK
BADGER



NEHEMIAH

DILIGENT PLANNING AND EXECUTION

NEHEMIAH 2:11-18; 4:6; 6:15-16



INSPECTED
THE WALLS



DEVELOPED
A PLAN



ORGANIZED
THE WORKERS



HANDLED
OPPOSITION



COMPLETED
THE WALL

Nehemiah inspected the walls, developed a plan, organized the workers, handled opposition, and completed Jerusalem's wall **in just 52 days.**

GO TO THE ANT!!!



**ANTS ARE
INTRINSICALLY
MOTIVATED**

They work hard without
needing to be told.



**ANTS
PREPARE FOR
THE FUTURE**

They store up food
in the summer.



**ANTS ARE
PERSISTENT**

They always find a way
and always rebuild.



**ANTS DON'T TAKE
THE LITTLE THINGS
FOR GRANTED**

They value the small
things and make them count.



GO TO THE
ROCK
BADGER



THE ANT
TEACHES US
HOW TO
WORK.



THE ROCK BADGER
TEACHES US
WHERE TO
LIVE.



PROVERBS 30:24-26

(NIV)

Four things on earth are small,
yet they are extremely wise:

Ants are creatures of little strength,
yet they **store up their food**
in the summer;

Hyraxes are creatures of little power,
yet they **make their home**
in the crags.



PSALM 104:18 (NIV)

The high mountains
belong to the wild goats;
the crags are a refuge
for the hyrax.



CRAGS

DEFINITION

Crags (noun):
Steep, rugged, **rocky cliffs**
or rock formations with
natural **crevices, caves,**
and **ledges.**



Provide protection
and safety



Offer a place to live
and hide



High, hard-to-reach
places

CRAGS



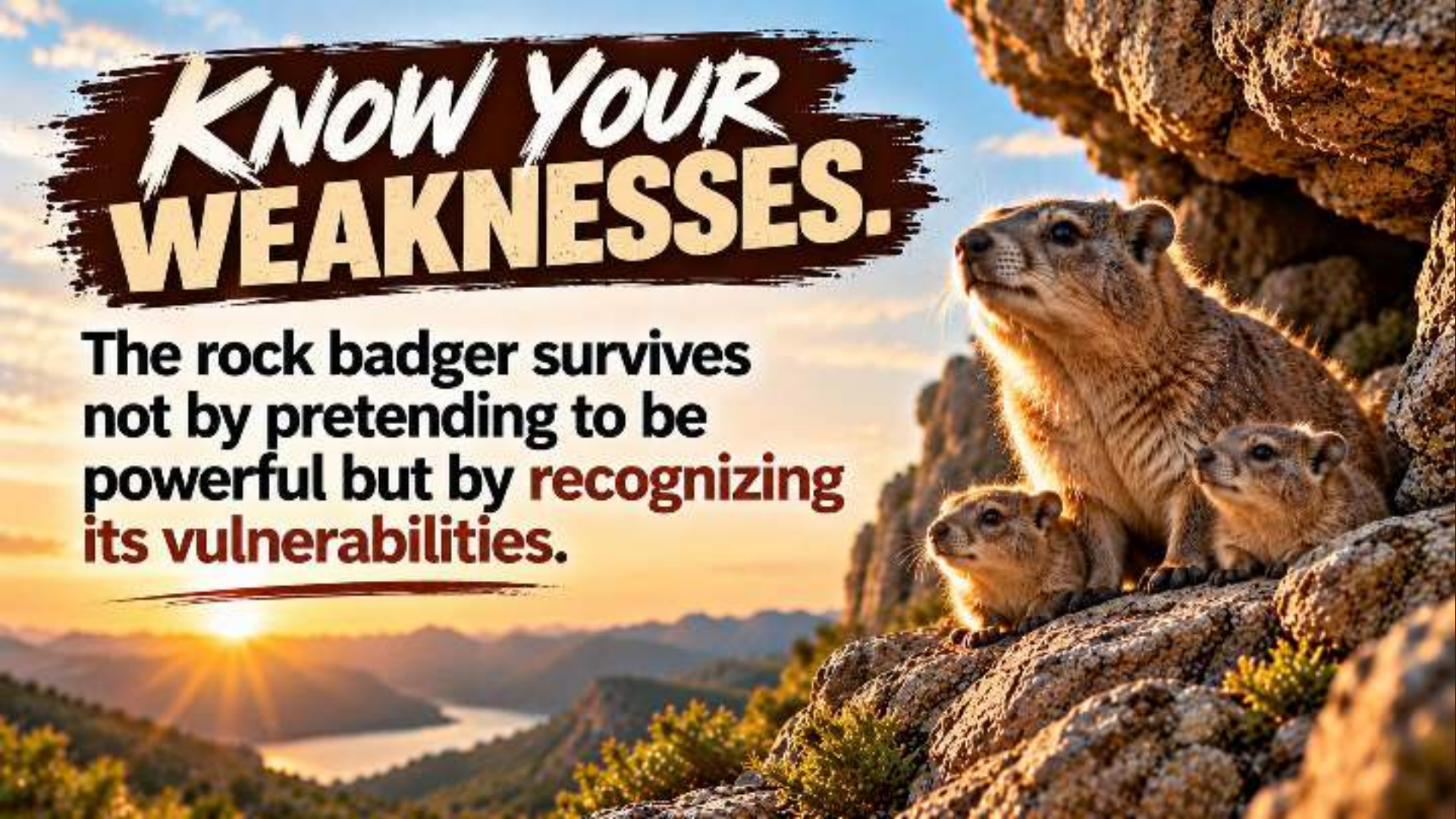
ROCK BADGERS KNOW THEIR WEAKNESSES

So they position their life
in a **place of strength.**



KNOW YOUR WEAKNESSES.

The rock badger survives
not by pretending to be
powerful but by **recognizing**
its vulnerabilities.



MATTHEW 26:41 (NIV)

“Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

1 CORINTHIANS 15:33 (NIV)

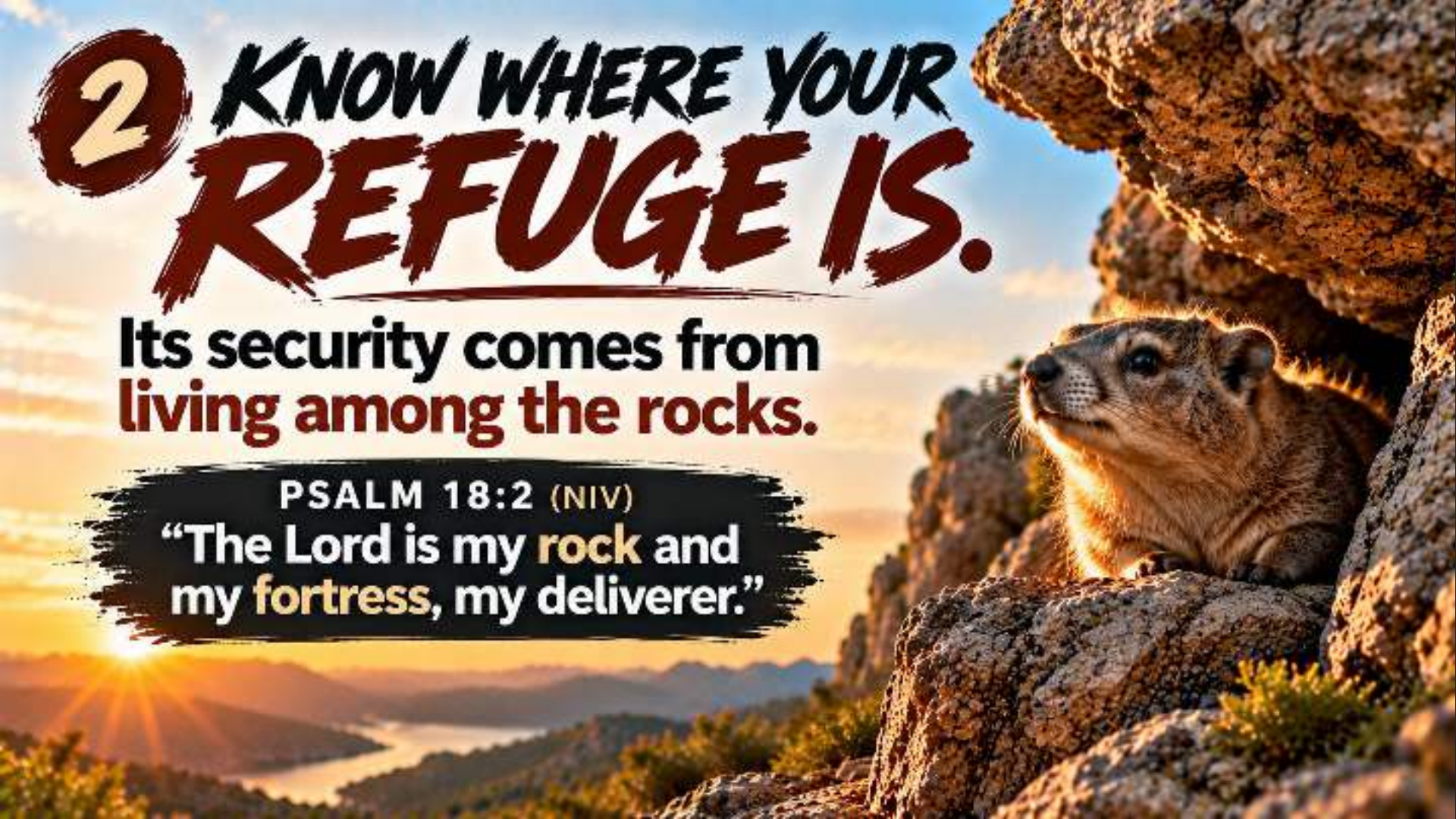
**Do not be misled:
“Bad company
corrupts
good character.”**

2 **KNOW WHERE YOUR REFUGE IS.**

**Its security comes from
living among the rocks.**

PSALM 18:2 (NIV)

**"The Lord is my rock and
my fortress, my deliverer."**



THE ROCK

**represents
protection and refuge.**

PSALM 18:2 (NIV)

**“The LORD is my rock, my fortress
and my deliverer; my God is my rock,
in whom I take refuge.”**

1 CORINTHIANS 10:4 (NIV)

“...for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.”

SERMON APPLICATION:

**The Rock isn't simply a place
to escape danger.
It's where we find the life we need.**

**“Don't just run to the Rock
when you're in trouble. Learn to live there.”**

JESUS IS THE CORNERSTONE

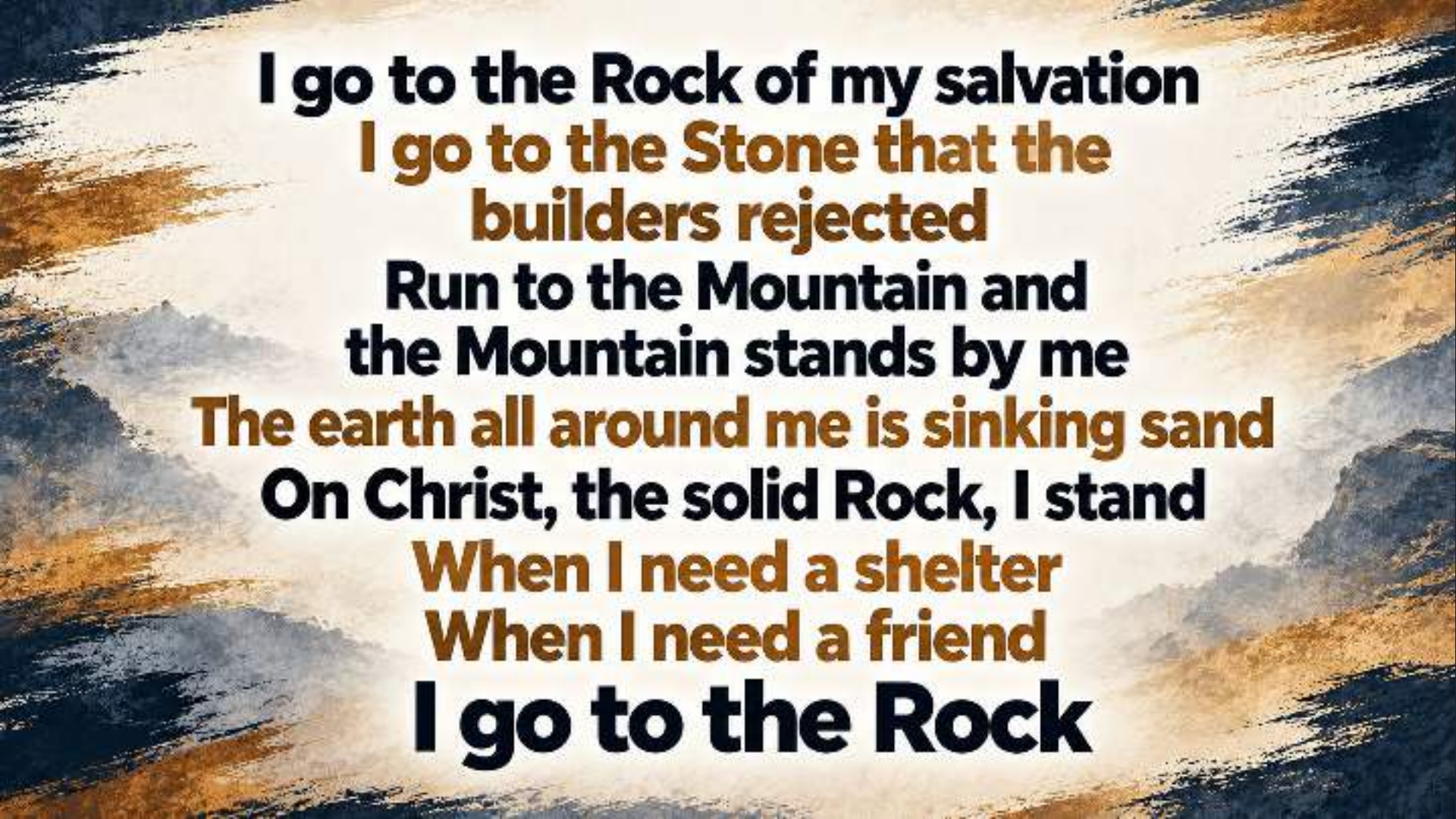
1 PETER 2:6-7; EPHESIANS 2:20

Jesus is described as the cornerstone,
the essential stone upon which God's spiritual house is built.

A cornerstone establishes the alignment of a building.
Jesus isn't supposed to be one stone among many in your life.

**He is the cornerstone that determines
how everything else is built.**

**“Don't just make room for Jesus in your life.
Build your entire life around Him.”**



I go to the Rock of my salvation
I go to the Stone that the
builders rejected
Run to the Mountain and
the Mountain stands by me
The earth all around me is sinking sand
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand
When I need a shelter
When I need a friend
I go to the Rock



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STAY CLOSE TO THE ROCK.

The farther a rock badger wanders
from its refuge, **the more vulnerable**
it becomes.

**Spiritually, we must
remain close to Christ.**

A photograph of three chipmunks on a rocky cliff. One chipmunk is in the foreground, sitting on a rock and looking to the right. Two other chipmunks are behind it, one partially visible on the left and another slightly behind and to the right. They are on a rugged, light-colored rock face with some green vegetation at the bottom. The background shows a hazy landscape with mountains and a body of water under a clear sky.

JOHN 15:4-5 (NIV)

4 “**Remain in me**, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless **you remain in me.**”

5 I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, **you will bear much fruit;** apart from me you can do nothing.



KEY TAKEAWAYS

1



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