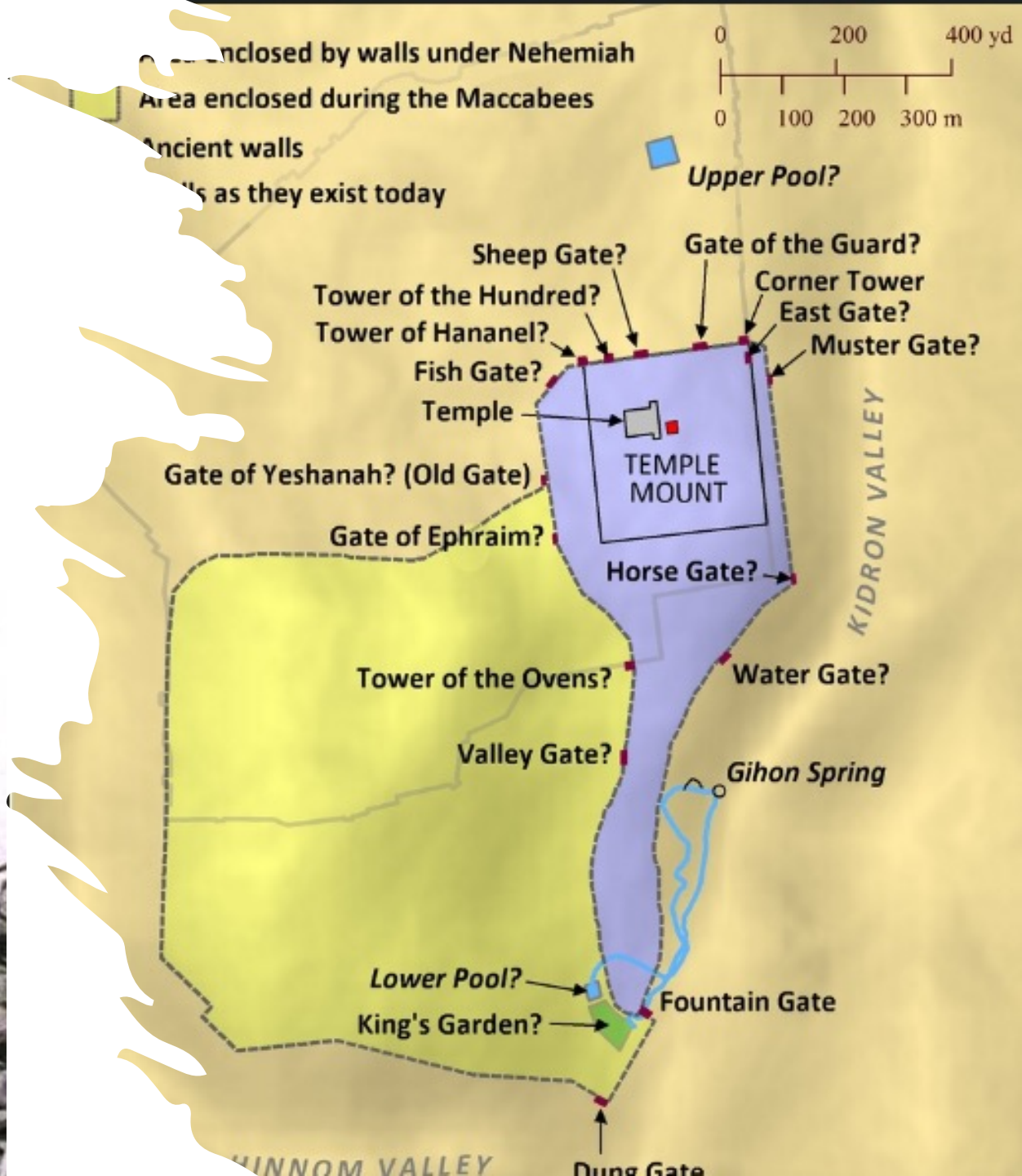
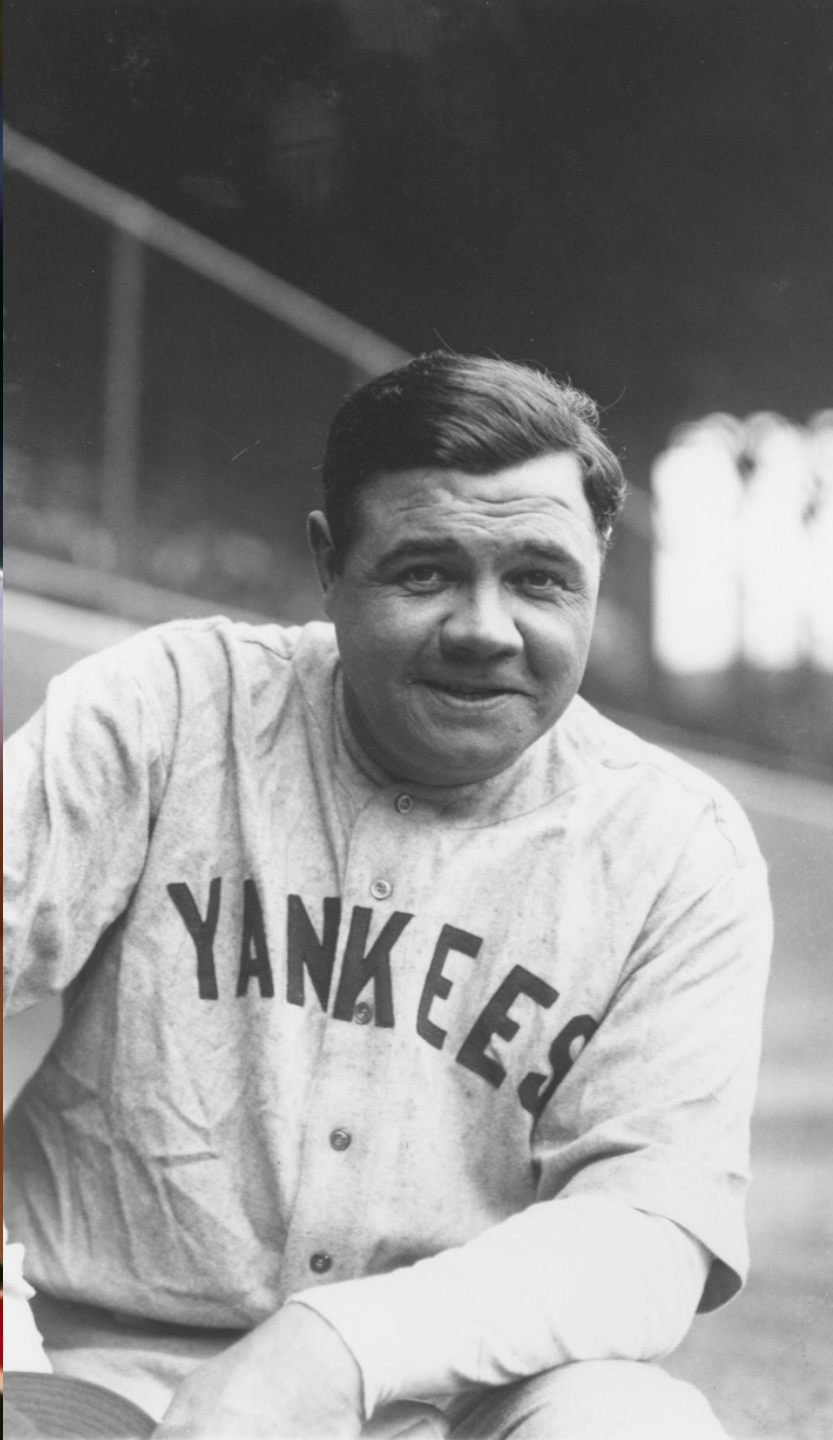


# Rebuilding as One

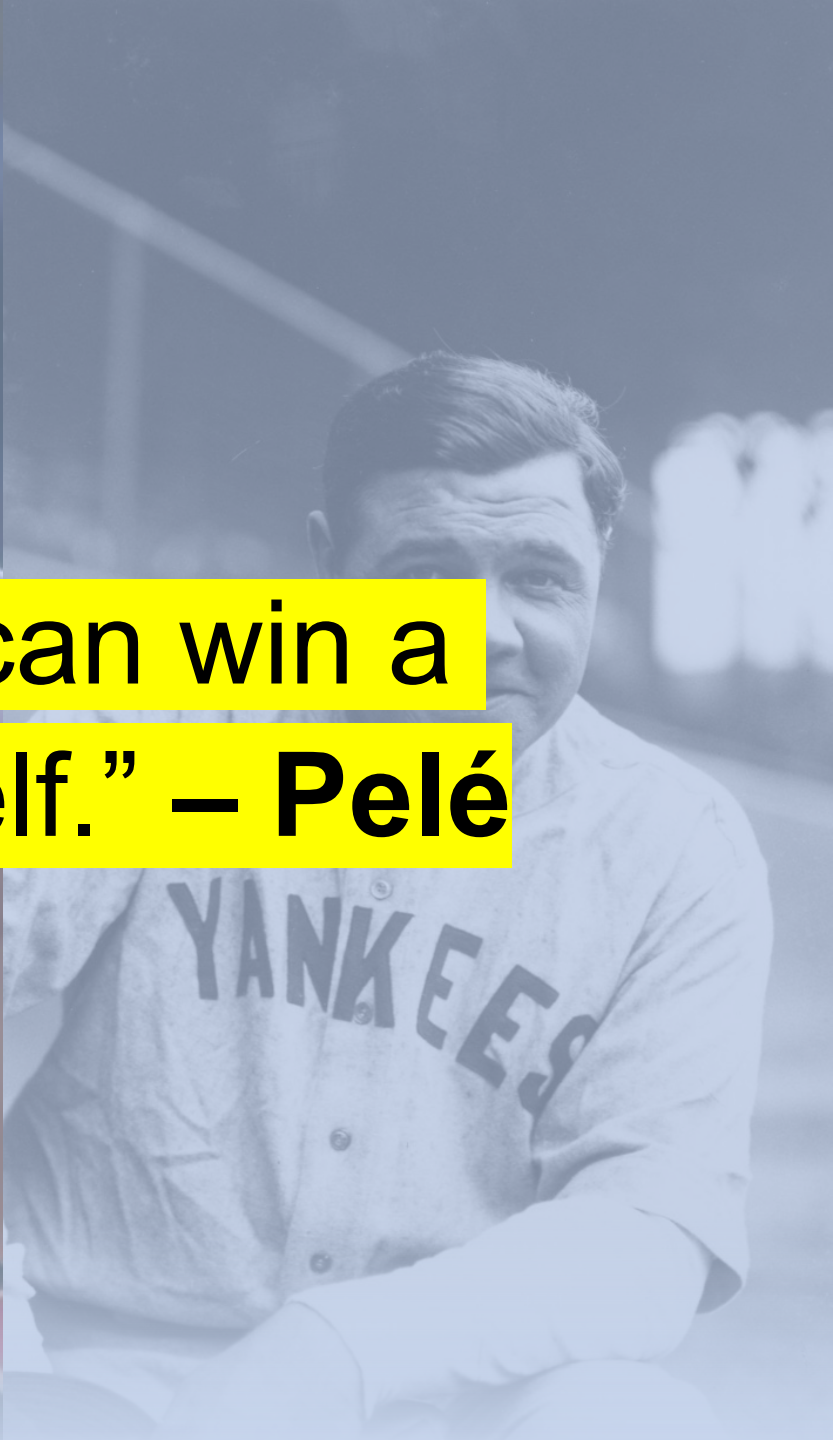
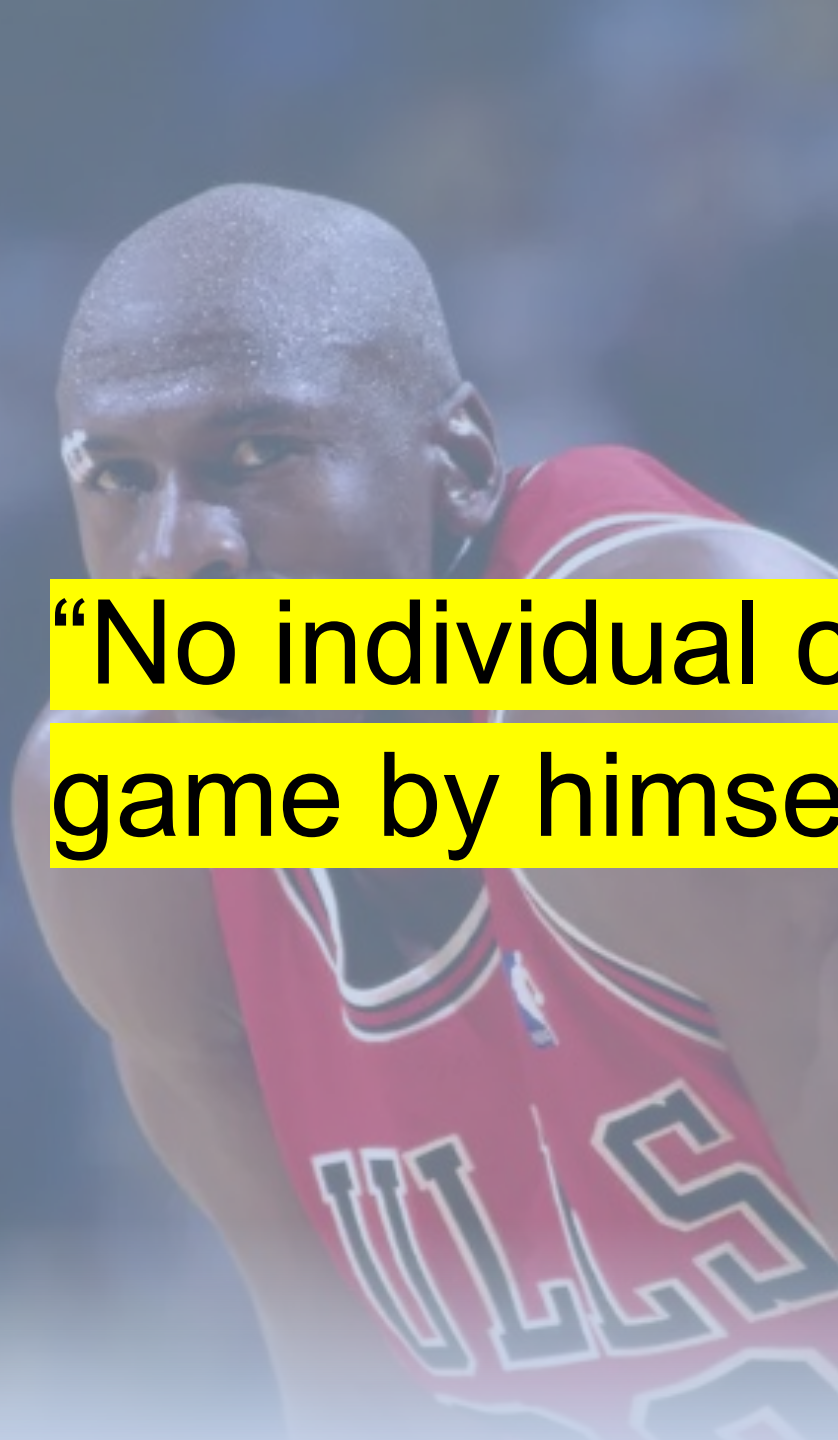
## Lessons from Nehemiah 3





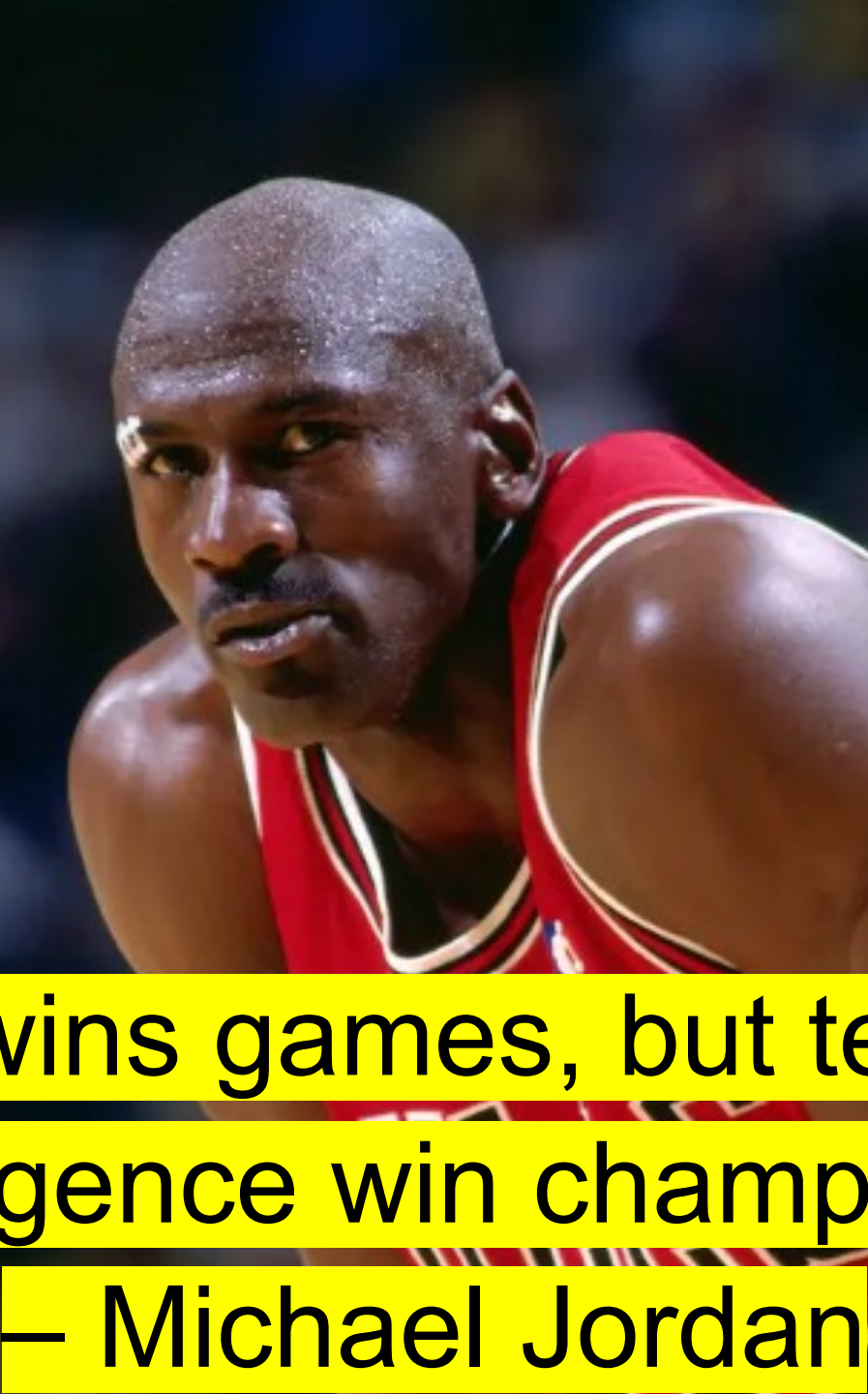






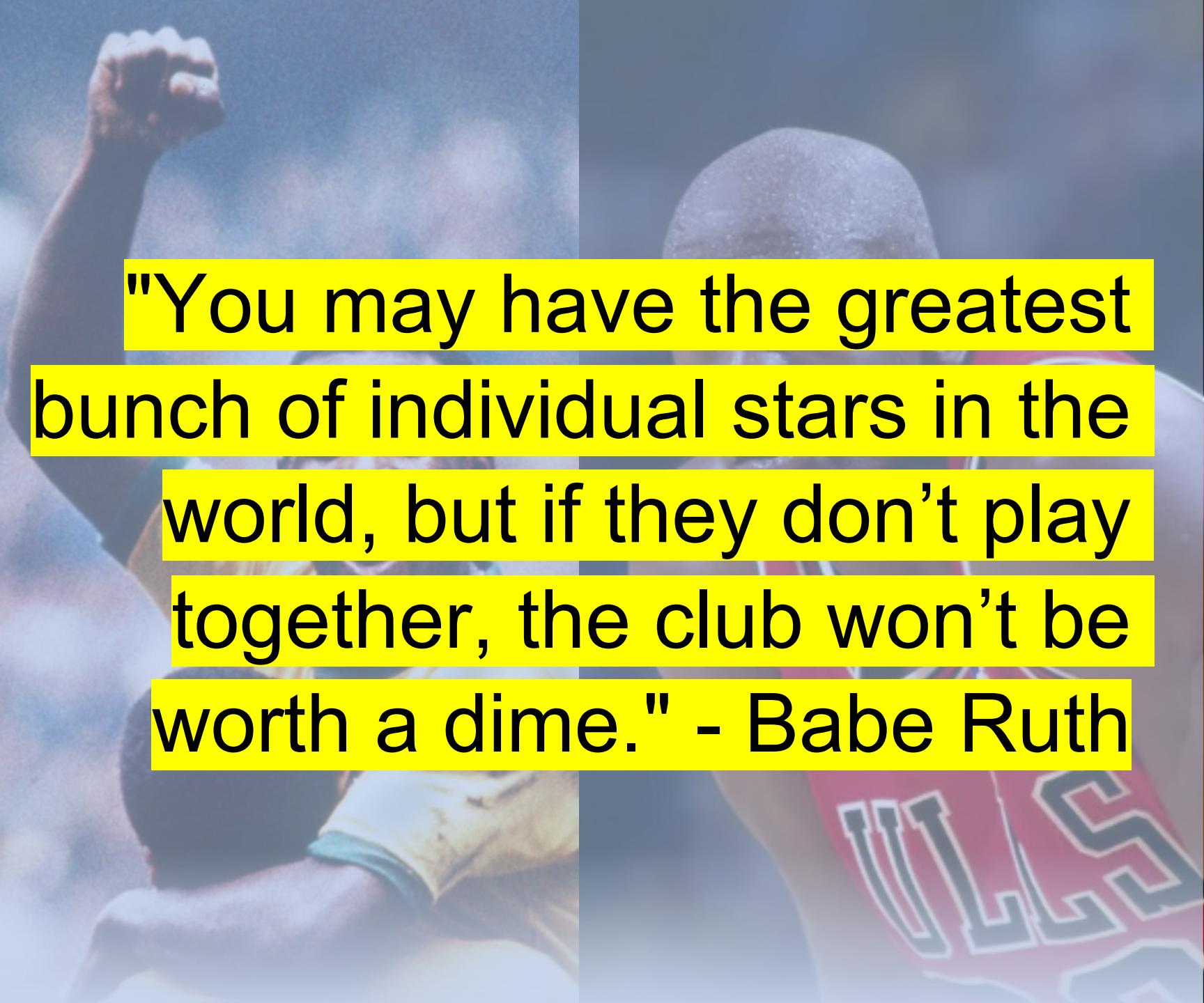
“No individual can win a game by himself.” – Pelé



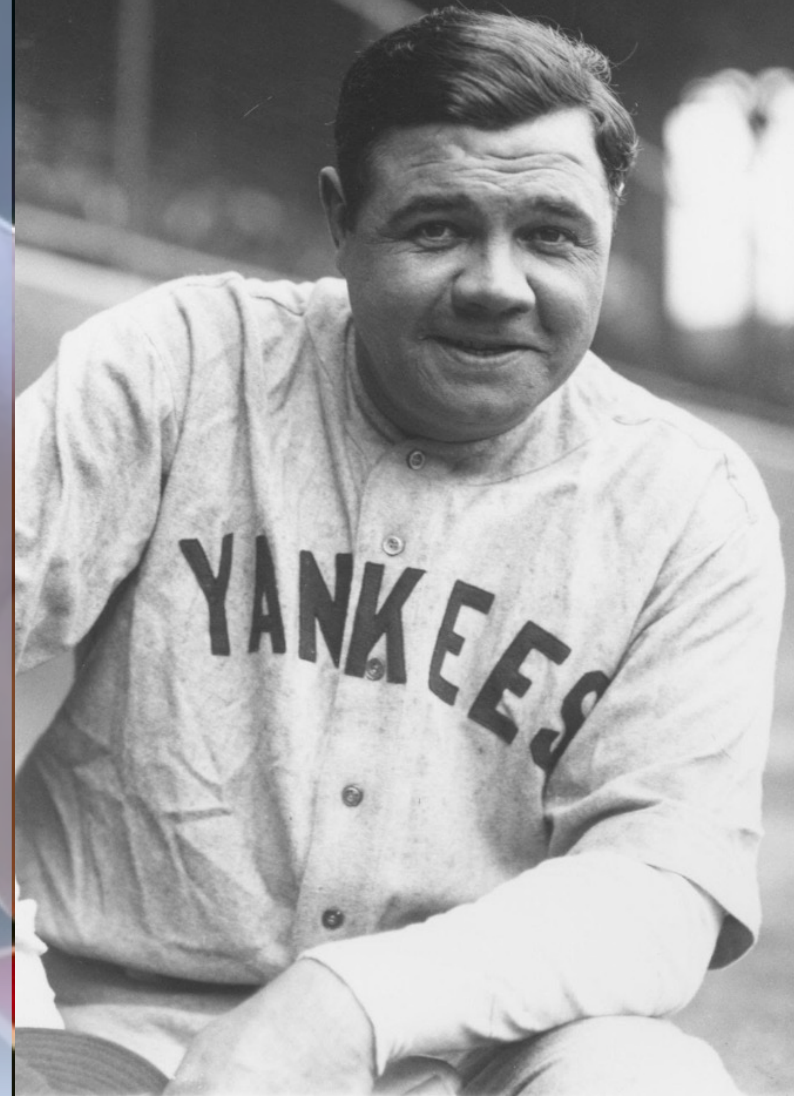


**“Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships.”**

**– Michael Jordan**

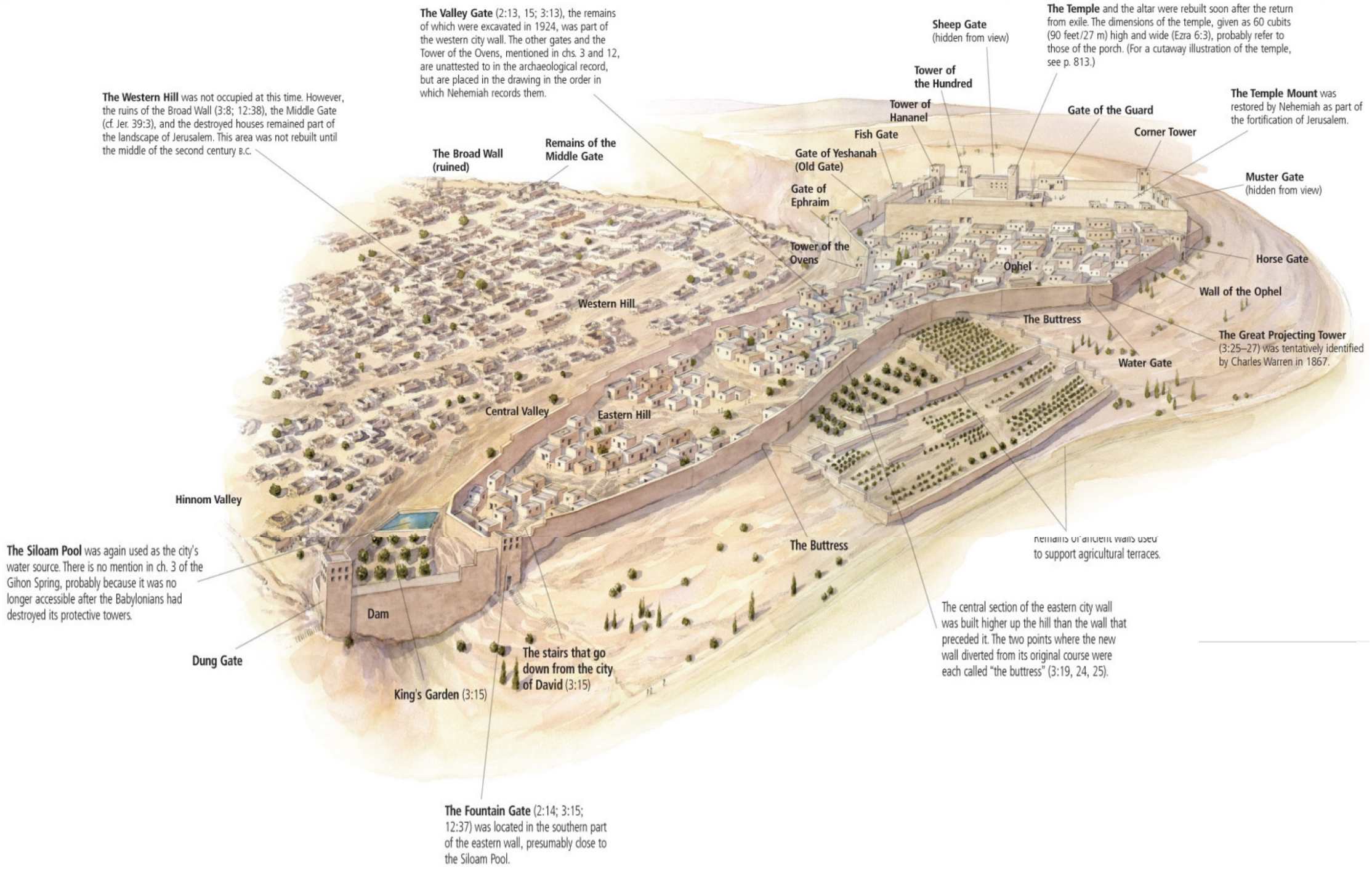


**"You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime." - Babe Ruth**









**The Valley Gate** (2:13, 15; 3:13), the remains of which were excavated in 1924, was part of the western city wall. The other gates and the Tower of the Ovens, mentioned in chs. 3 and 12, are unattested to in the archaeological record, but are placed in the drawing in the order in which Nehemiah records them.

**The Western Hill** was not occupied at this time. However, the ruins of the Broad Wall (3:8; 12:38), the Middle Gate (cf. Jer. 39:3), and the destroyed houses remained part of the landscape of Jerusalem. This area was not rebuilt until the middle of the second century B.C.

**The Broad Wall (ruined)**

**Remains of the Middle Gate**

**Sheep Gate**  
(hidden from view)

**The Temple** and the altar were rebuilt soon after the return from exile. The dimensions of the temple, given as 60 cubits (90 feet/27 m) high and wide (Ezra 6:3), probably refer to those of the porch. (For a cutaway illustration of the temple, see p. 813.)

**The Temple Mount** was restored by Nehemiah as part of the fortification of Jerusalem.

**Tower of the Hundred**

**Gate of the Guard**

**Corner Tower**

**Tower of Hananel**

**Gate of Yeshanah (Old Gate)**

**Muster Gate**  
(hidden from view)

**Gate of Ephraim**

**Tower of the Ovens**

**Ophel**

**Horse Gate**

**Western Hill**

**Central Valley**

**Eastern Hill**

**The Buttress**

**Wall of the Ophel**

**The Great Projecting Tower**  
(3:25–27) was tentatively identified by Charles Warren in 1867.

**Water Gate**

**Hinnom Valley**

**The Siloam Pool** was again used as the city's water source. There is no mention in ch. 3 of the Gihon Spring, probably because it was no longer accessible after the Babylonians had destroyed its protective towers.

**Dam**

**The Buttress**

remains of ancient walls used to support agricultural terraces.

**Dung Gate**

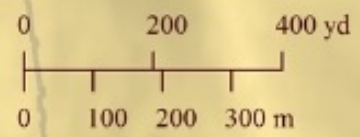
**King's Garden (3:15)**

**The stairs that go down from the city of David (3:15)**

The central section of the eastern city wall was built higher up the hill than the wall that preceded it. The two points where the new wall diverted from its original course were each called "the buttress" (3:19, 24, 25).

**The Fountain Gate** (2:14; 3:15; 12:37) was located in the southern part of the eastern wall, presumably close to the Siloam Pool.

- Area enclosed by walls under Nehemiah
- Area enclosed during the Maccabees
- Ancient walls
- Walls as they exist today





# Follow One Plan

*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. 2 And next to him the men of Jericho built. And **next to them** Zaccur the son of Imri built.*

*3 The sons of Hassenaah built the Fish Gate. They laid its beams and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars. 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. (Neh 3:1-4)*

# Follow One Plan

Leveraging his experience,  
Nehemiah put together a  
sound & detailed plan ...



... and, against the odds,  
the people agreed to  
follow it!

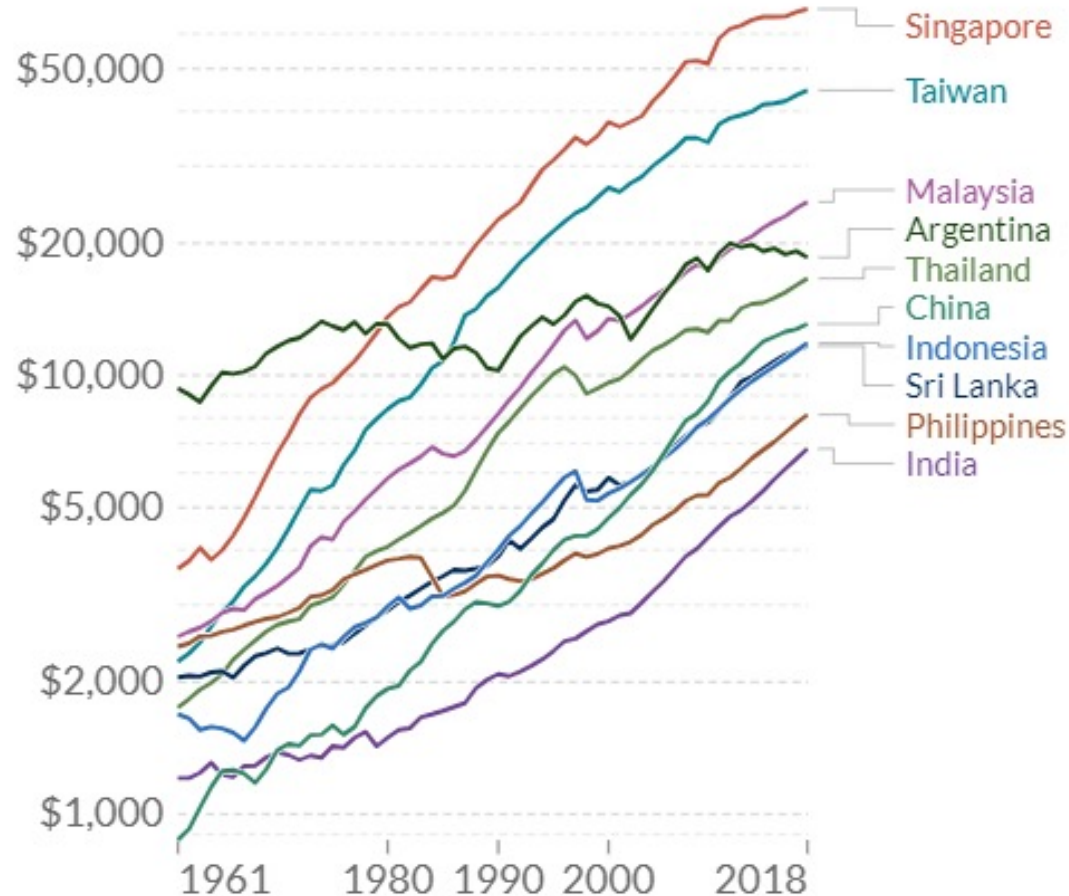


# GDP per capita, 1961 to 2018

This data is adjusted for inflation and for differences in the cost of living between countries.

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Source: Maddison Project Database 2020 (Bolt and van Zanden, 2020)

Note: This data is expressed in international-\$ at 2011 prices.

# Following Through Plans is What Differentiates ...

"The best teamwork comes from men who are working independently toward one goal in unison." - **JC Penney**

# Don't Opt Out!

8 Next to them Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, *goldsmiths*, repaired. Next to him Hananiah, one of the *perfumers*, repaired, and they restored Jerusalem as far as the Broad Wall. 9 Next to them Rephaiah the son of Hur, *ruler of half the district of Jerusalem*, repaired. 10 Next to them Jedaiah the son of Harumaph repaired opposite his house. And next to him Hattush the son of Hashabneiah repaired. 11 Malchijah the son of Harim and Hasshub the son of Pahath-moab repaired another section and the Tower of the Ovens. 12 Next to him Shallum the son of Hallohesh, ruler of half the district of Jerusalem, repaired, he and his *daughters*. 31 After him Malchijah, one of the goldsmiths, repaired as far as the house of the temple servants and of the *merchants*, opposite the Muster Gate, and to the upper chamber of the corner. (Neh 3:8-12, 31)



# The Priests Opted In ...

*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. ...*

*22 After him the priests, the men of the surrounding area, repaired. ...*

*28 Above the Horse Gate the priests repaired, each one opposite his own house. (Neh 3:1, 22, 28)*

- The High Priest, Priests and Levites led by example
- They were “shepherds”, not “hired hands” (John 10)

## ... While the Nobles of Tekoa Opted Out ...

*5 And next to them the Tekoites repaired, but **their nobles would not stoop to serve their Lord**.... 9 Next to them **Rephaiah the son of Hur, ruler** of half the district of Jerusalem, repaired.... 12 Next to him **Shallum the son of Hallohesh, ruler** of half the district of Jerusalem, repaired, he and his daughters.... 27 After him the Tekoites repaired another section opposite the great projecting tower as far as the wall of Ophel. (Neh 3:5,9,12,27)*

- Nobles : Hebrew “*adder*” = powerful or awesome person
- Priests & Rulers, who occupied similar status, did not opt out



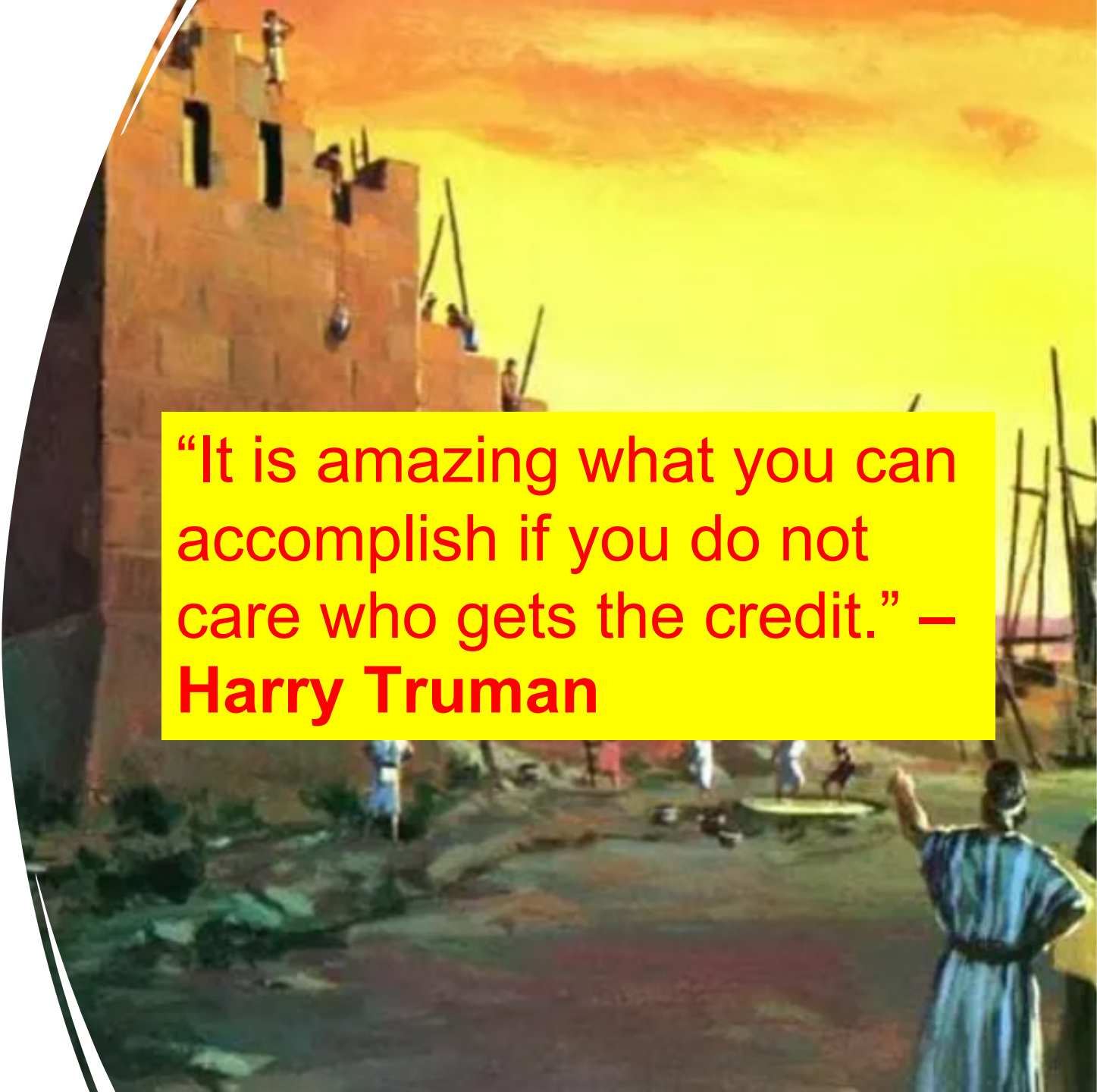
# Obstacles to Opting In

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Need to overcome 3 'I's

- Indifference = “not my calling”
- Inertia = “not my time”
- Incongruence = “not my kind”

Let us arise & build as one!



“It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit.” – **Harry Truman**

‘What is the point?’: Singapore has more quiet quitters than global average, survey shows

# Conclusion

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- The world has been set back invisibly by the pandemic
  - Rise of “Quiet Quitters”
- The transformation of SJSM is not yet complete!



Many employees are quiet quitting in Singapore due to lack of work-life balance and low salaries. PHOTO: ST FILE



