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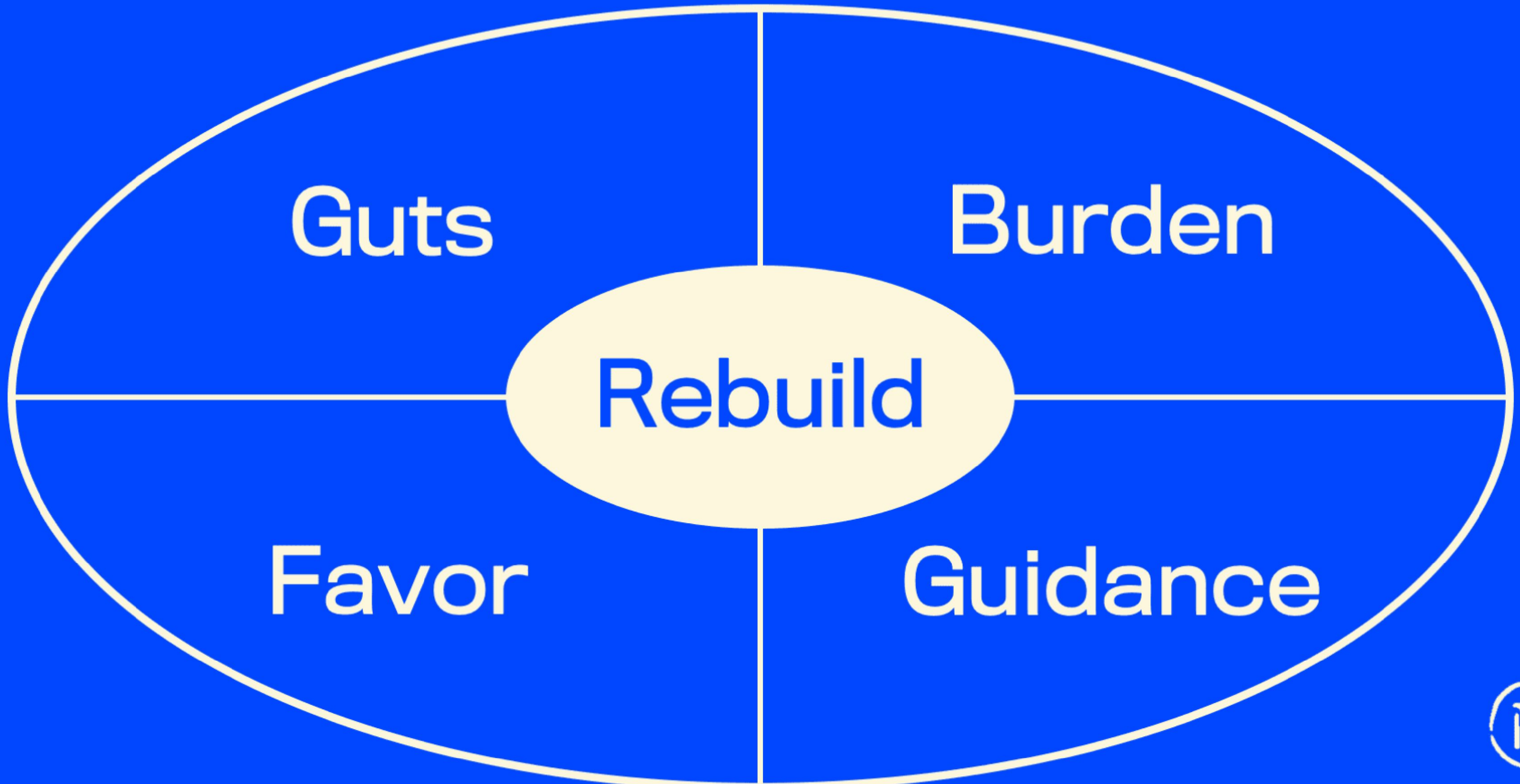


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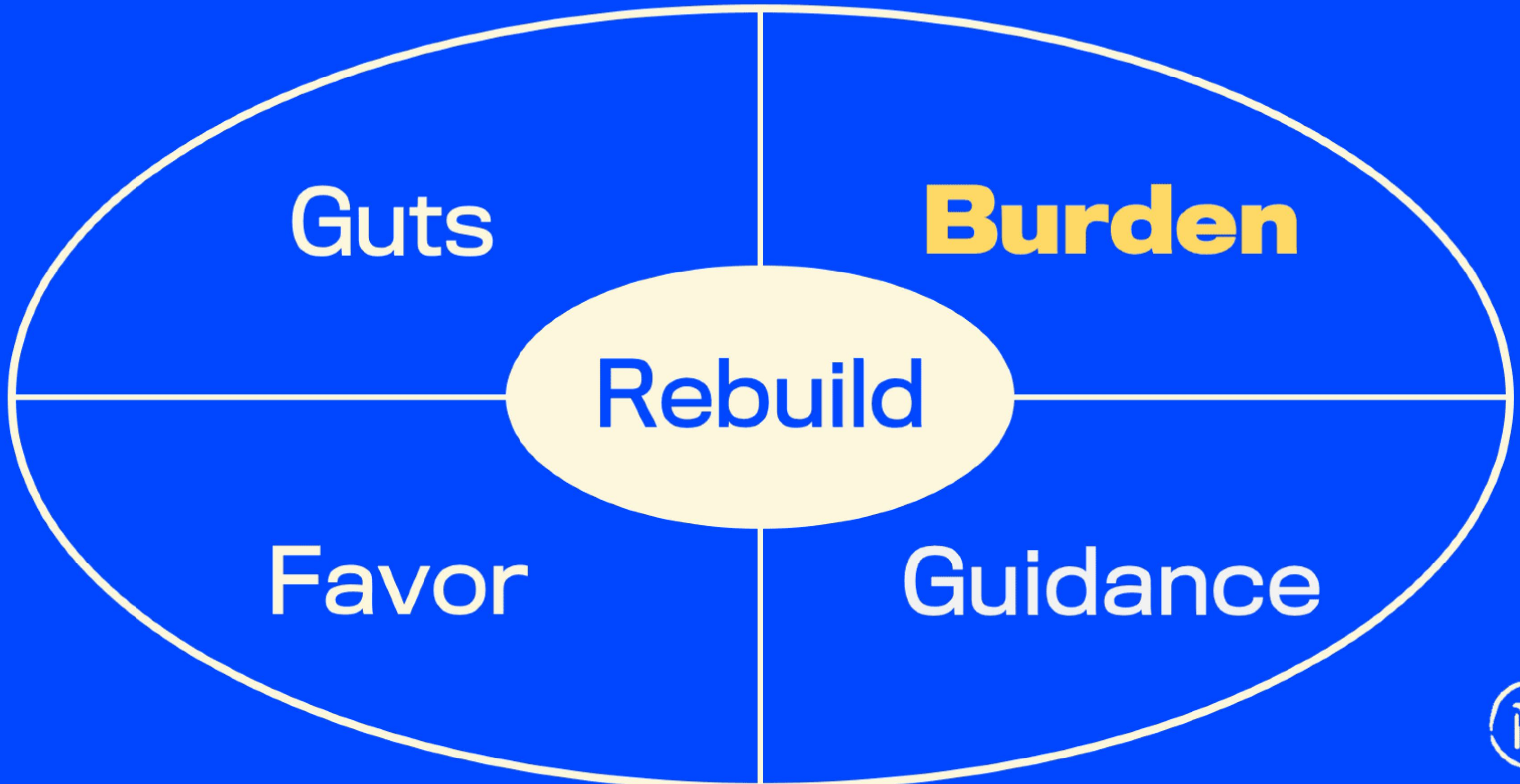


**God grants us the
resources to rebuild**

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**Overcoming starts with
sharing God's longing
for our flourishing**



Burden based on 3 realities

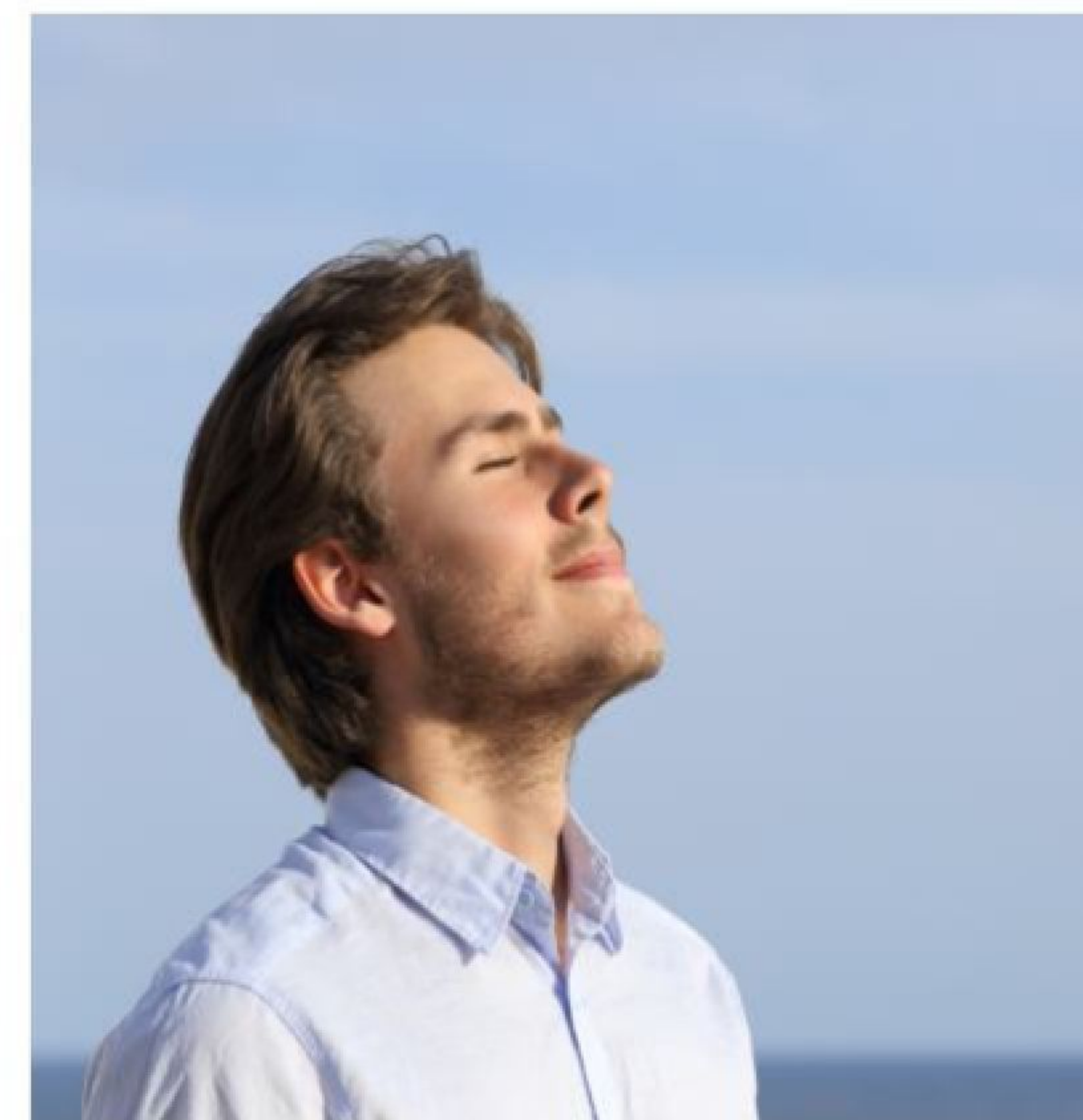
- 1. Nehemiah and all the people have sinned. (Neh. 1:7 - 8)**
- 2. The destruction is the result of the sin. (Neh. 1:8)**
- 3. God promises to restore the people if they wholeheartedly repent. (Neh. 1:9)**

God grants us the burden to rebuild

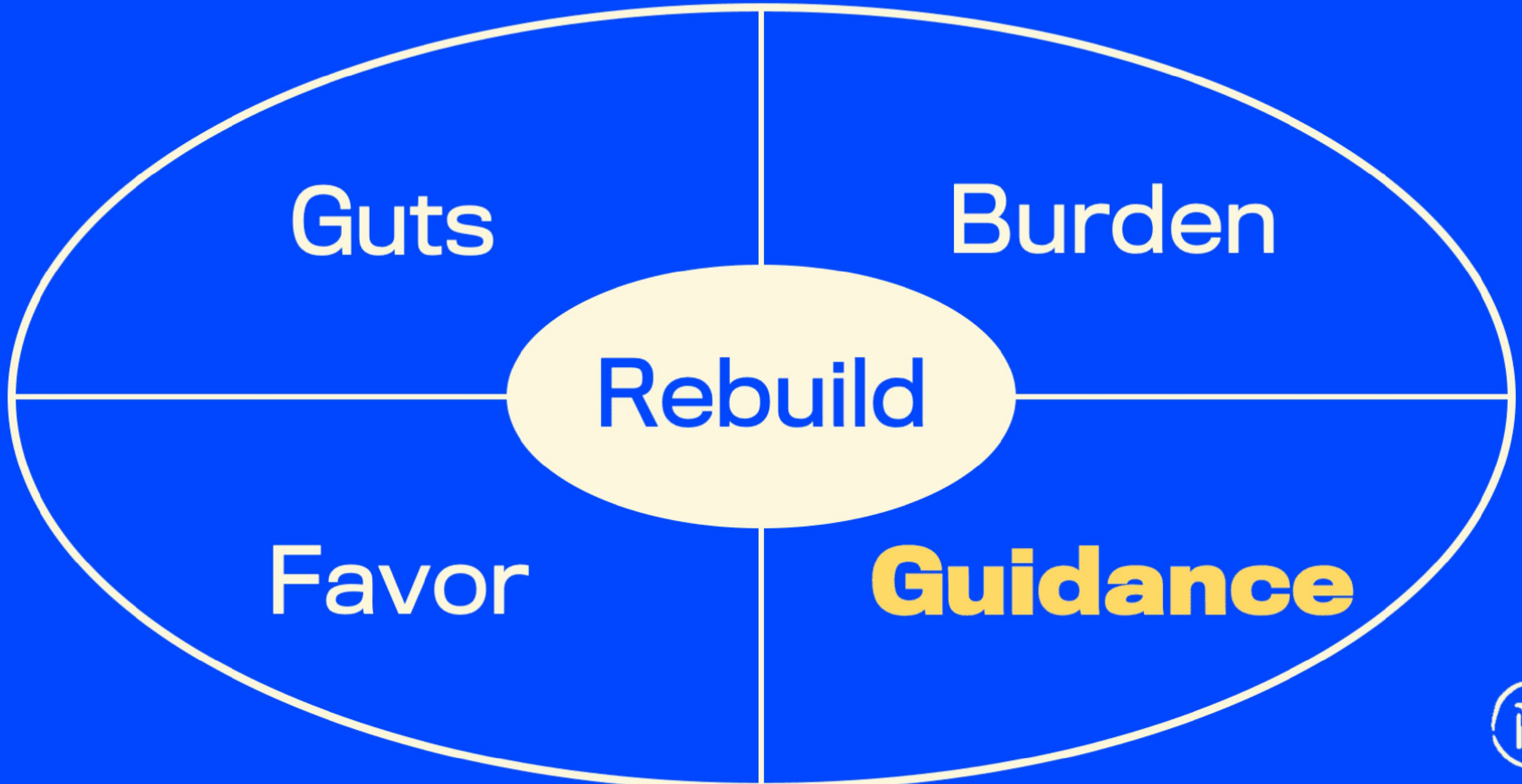
When we tear something down through our sin, the rebuilding that needs to take place first is **the rebuilding of a heart for God.**



Burdens



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1. Scripture

2. Prayer



Nehemiah 1:8 - 9

“Remember the instruction you gave your servant Moses, saying, “If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations, but if you return to me and obey my commands, then even if your exiled people are at the farthest horizon, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place I have chosen as a dwelling for my Name.”



Deuteronomy 30:1 - 3

When all these blessings and curses I have set before you come on you and you take them to heart wherever the Lord your God disperses you among the nations, and when you and our children return to the Lord your God and with all your heart...then the Lord will restore your fortunes and gather you again from all the nations I have scattered you.



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Why read the Scripture?

**Because it will enable you
to be what we all want to
be...successful!**



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Joshua 1:7 New King James Version (NKJV)

Only be strong and very courageous,
that you may observe to do according
to all the law which Moses My servant
commanded you; do not turn from it to
the right hand or to the left, that you
may prosper wherever you go.



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This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.



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**God will bless his word. He
glorifies himself through it and
he glorifies us when we obey it.**



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Nehemiah 2:4 - 5

The king said to me “What is it you want?”
Then I prayed to the God of heaven,
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 2:6

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.



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3 Principles of Prayer

1. Pray for matters that are on mission.

John 17:20

My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message...



3 Principles of Prayer

2. Pray because the Lord never forsakes those who seek him.

Psalm 9:10

Those who know your name trust in you,
for **you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.**



3 Principles of Prayer

3. Pray because we are not superheroes, we are servants.

Nehemiah 1:10

They are **your** servants and **your** people, whom you redeemed by **your** great strength and your mighty hand.

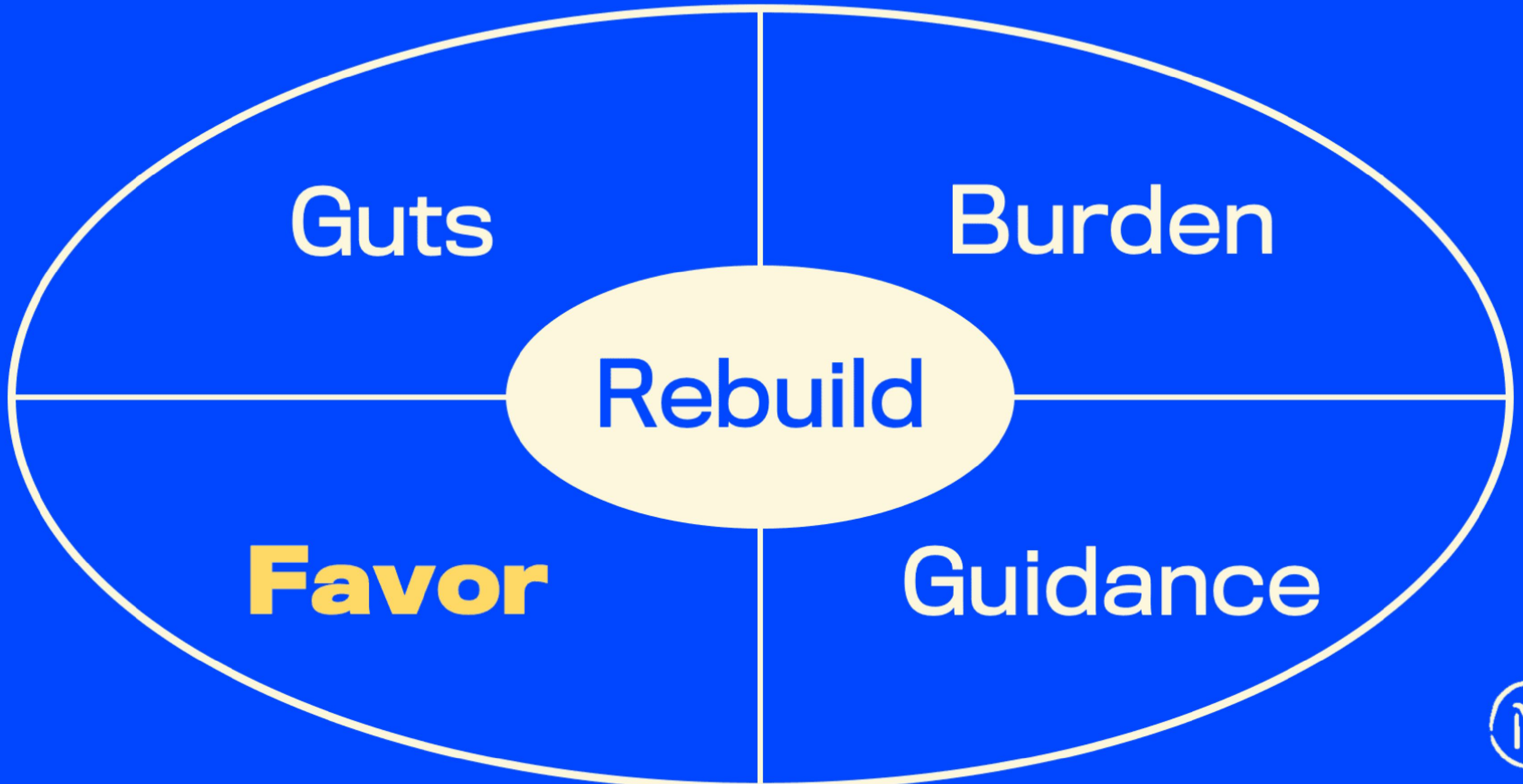


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God grants us the favor to rebuild

Neh. 2:8

“Because **the gracious hand of my God was upon me**, the king granted my request.”

Neh. 2:18

“I also told them about **the gracious hand of my God on me** and what the king had said to me”



God grants us the favor to rebuild

John 15:5

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.



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Favor follows the faithful

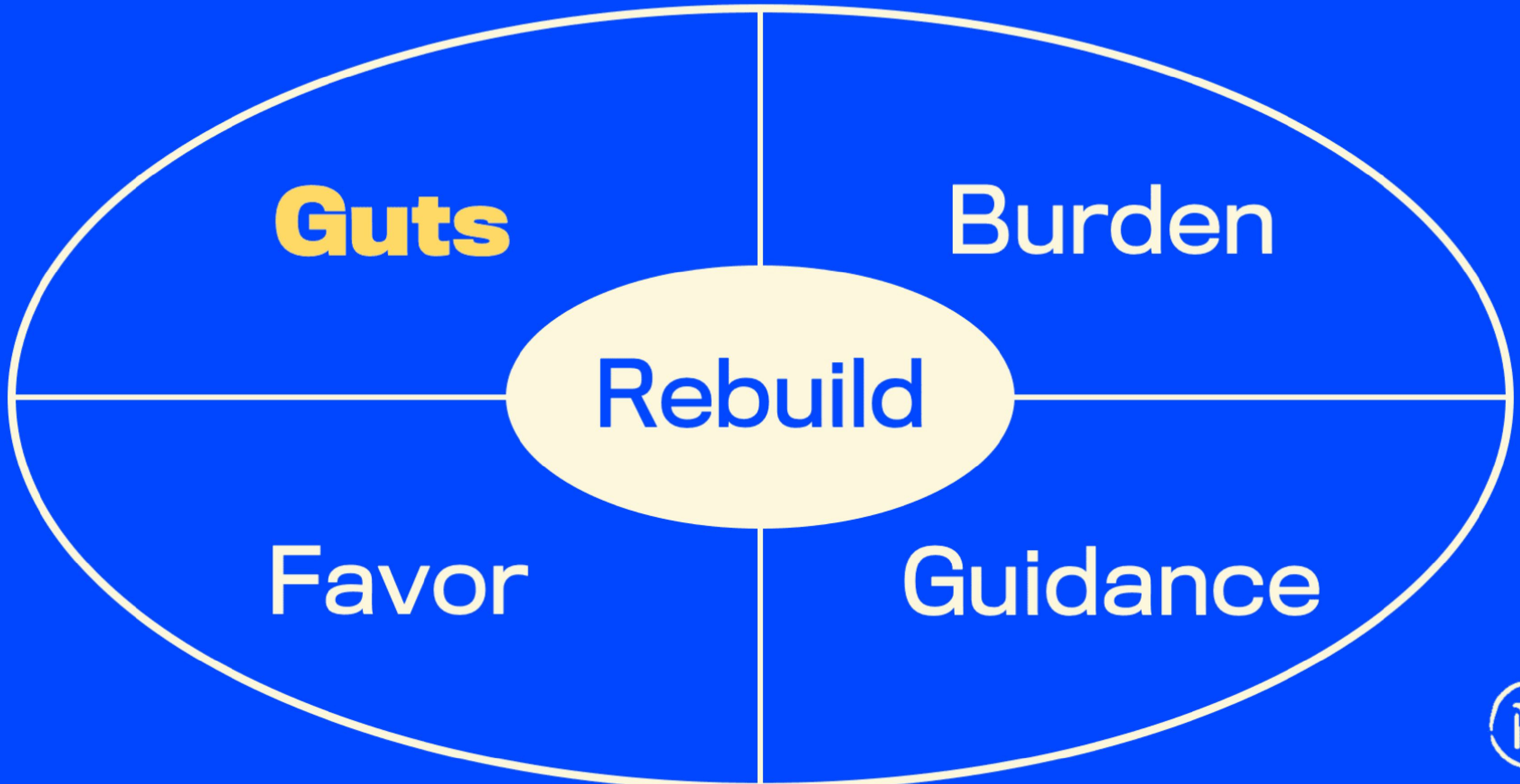


God grants us the favor to rebuild

Opportunities, Challenges, Opposition



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Nehemiah 2:17 - 18

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.”

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.



God grants us the guts to rebuild

What if the people had said,

“Nehemiah, you are crazy! The work is too great and the enemy forces around us are too numerous. We are not following you in this work!”



**God grants us the
guts to rebuild**

**“Do not be afraid
of people!”**



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2 Timothy 1:7

“For the Spirit that God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us **power, love and self-discipline.**”



Nehemiah 2:19 - 20

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?”

I answered them 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.”



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Does Nehemiah tell his adversaries,
“I am a bad man. You’d better not
mess with me.”

No!

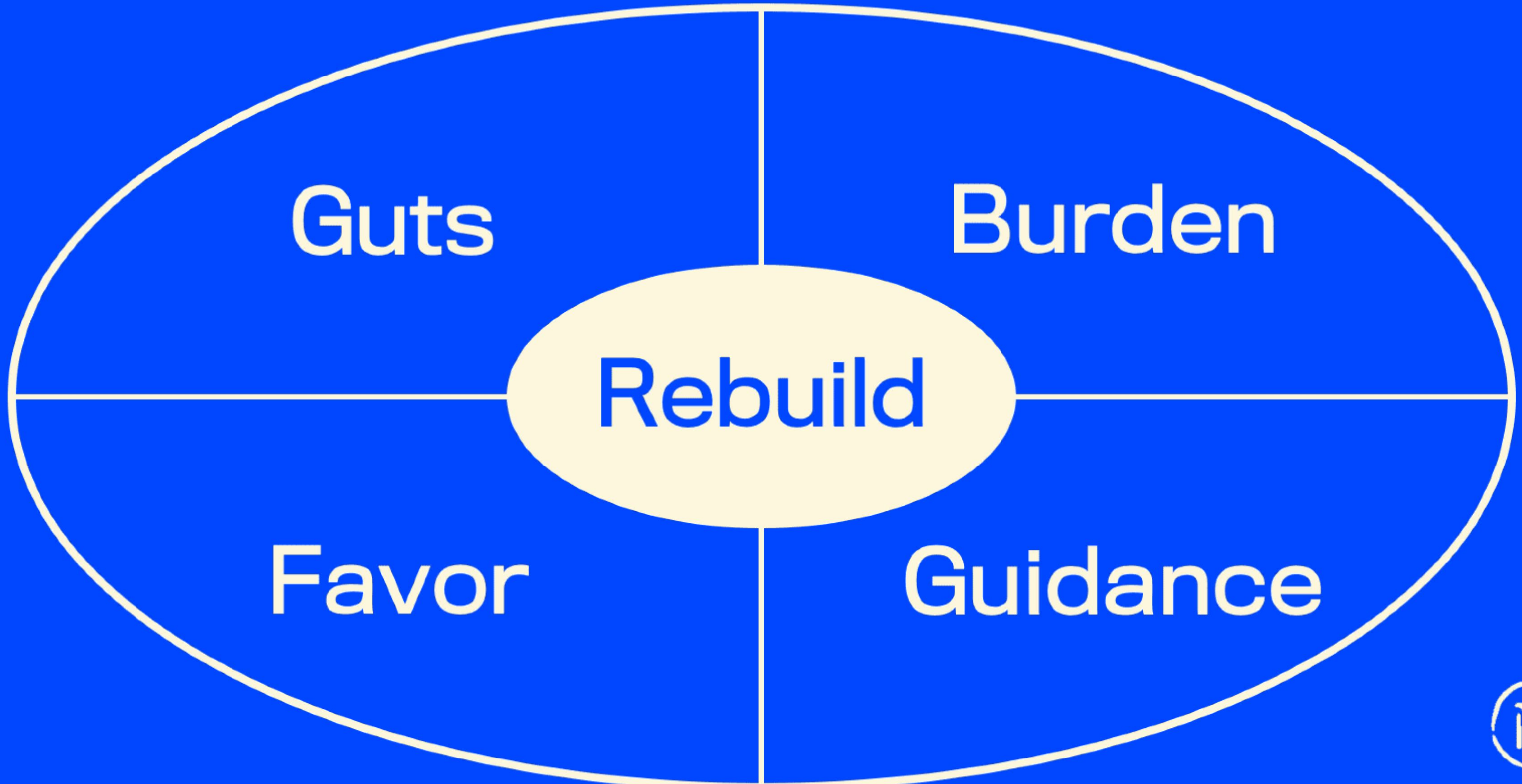


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Nehemiah tells his adversaries,
**“God is for this and you have
no business interfering with us
because we are his servants.”**



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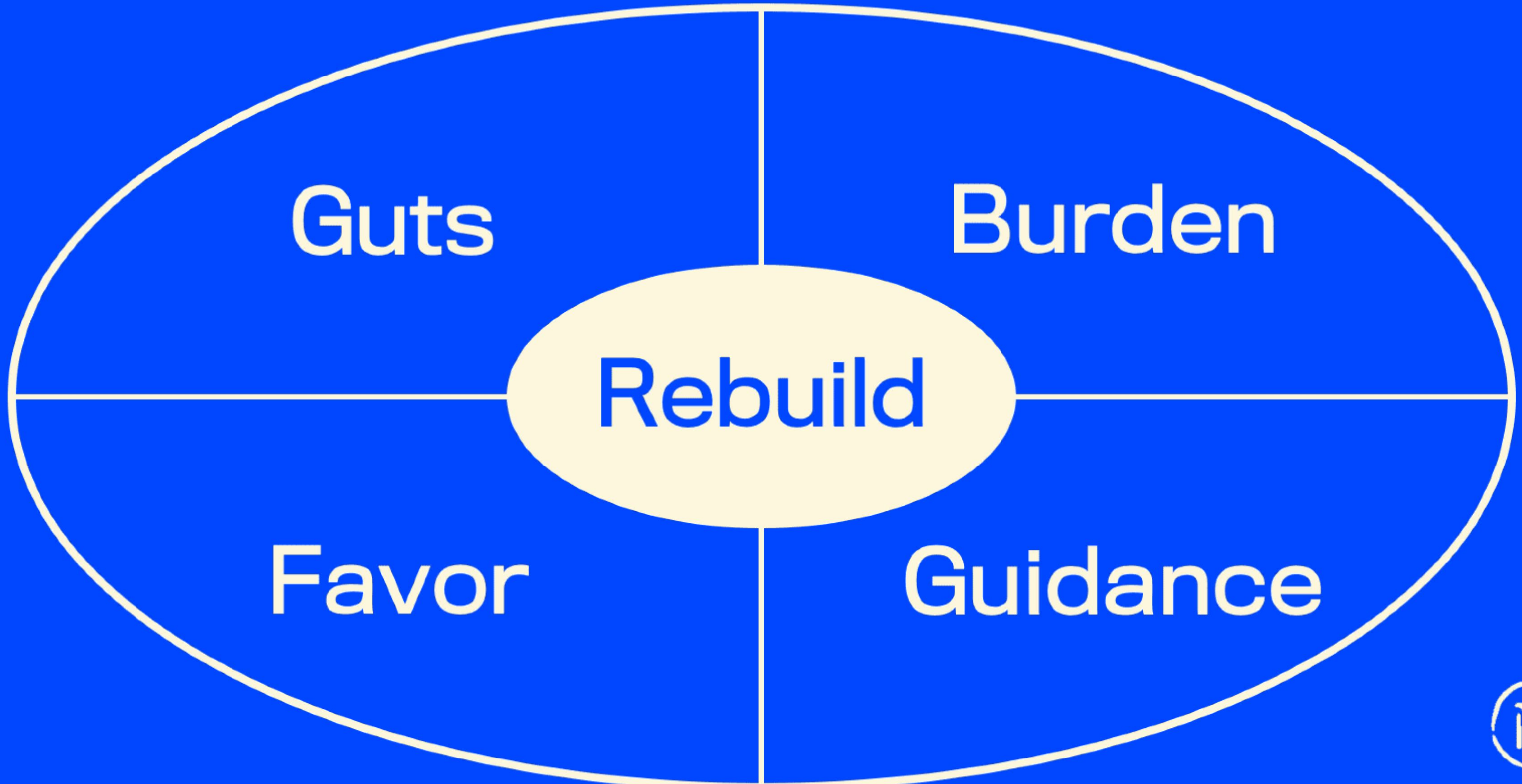


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