





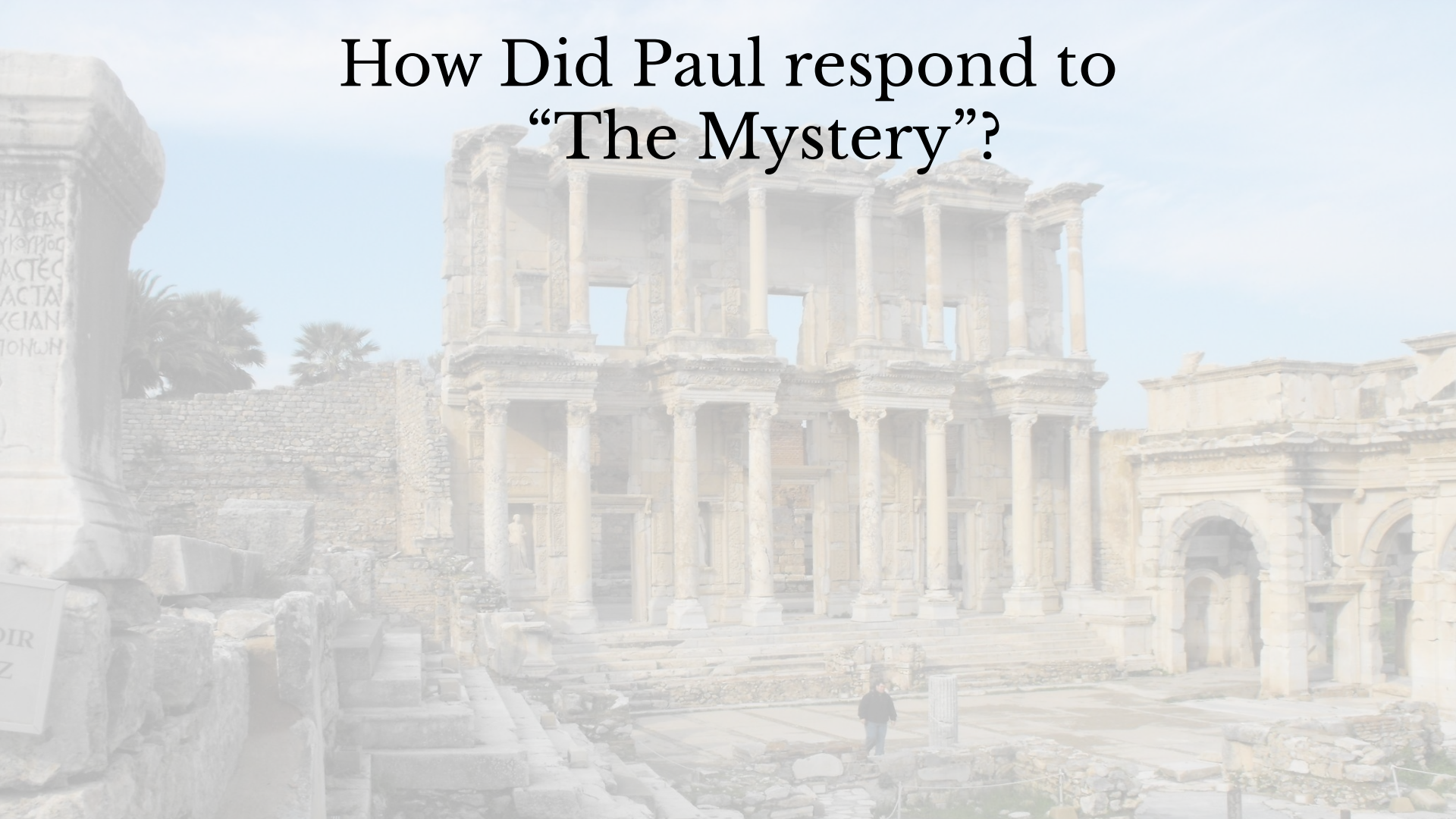




Built in Christ Jesus:

Mysterious Living  
(Ephesians 3:1, 14-15)

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At First: Murderous Rage!

1 Thessalonians 2:14-16

Acts 8:1-3

Acts 9:1-2

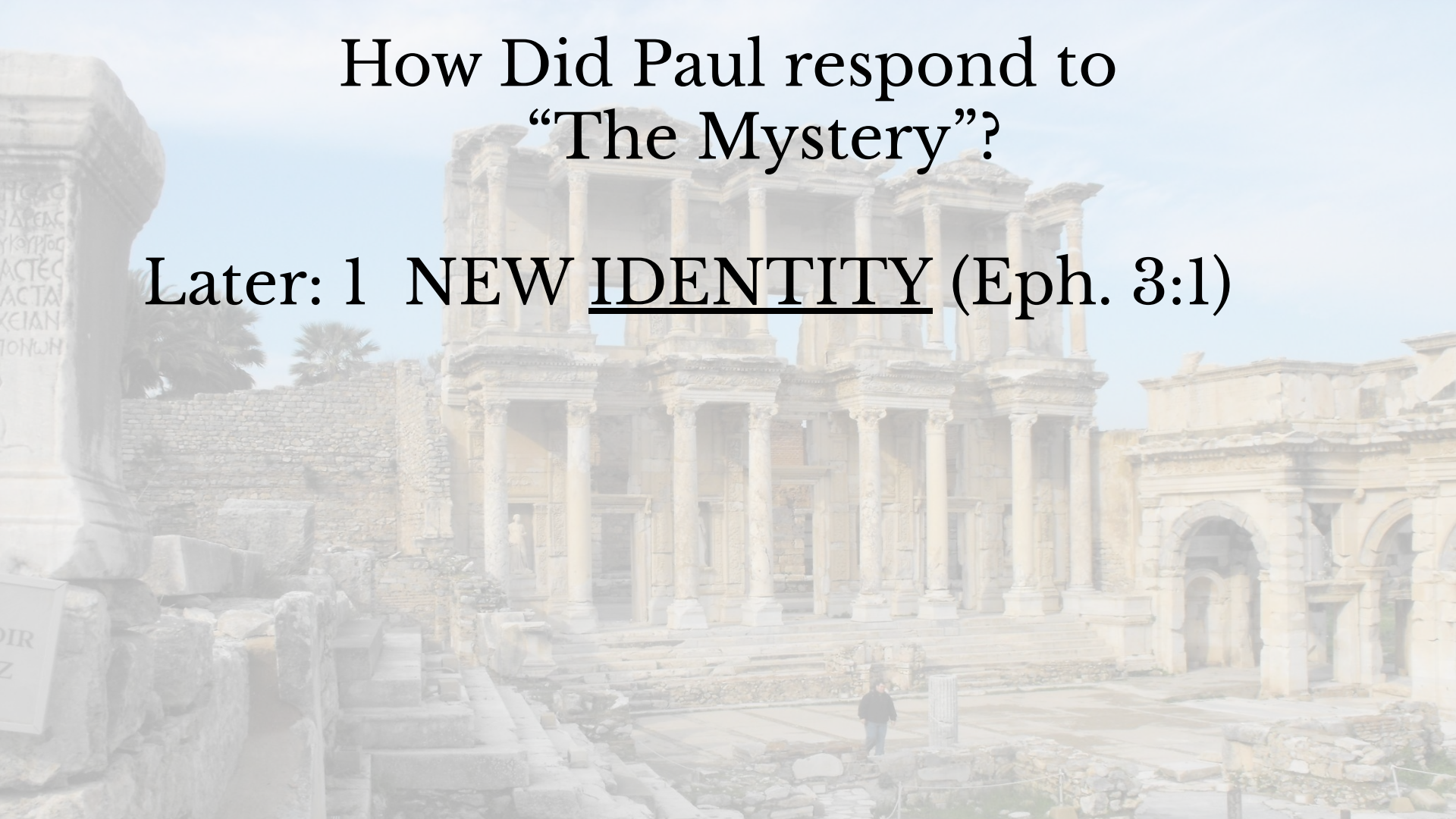
Acts 22:3-5, 19-22

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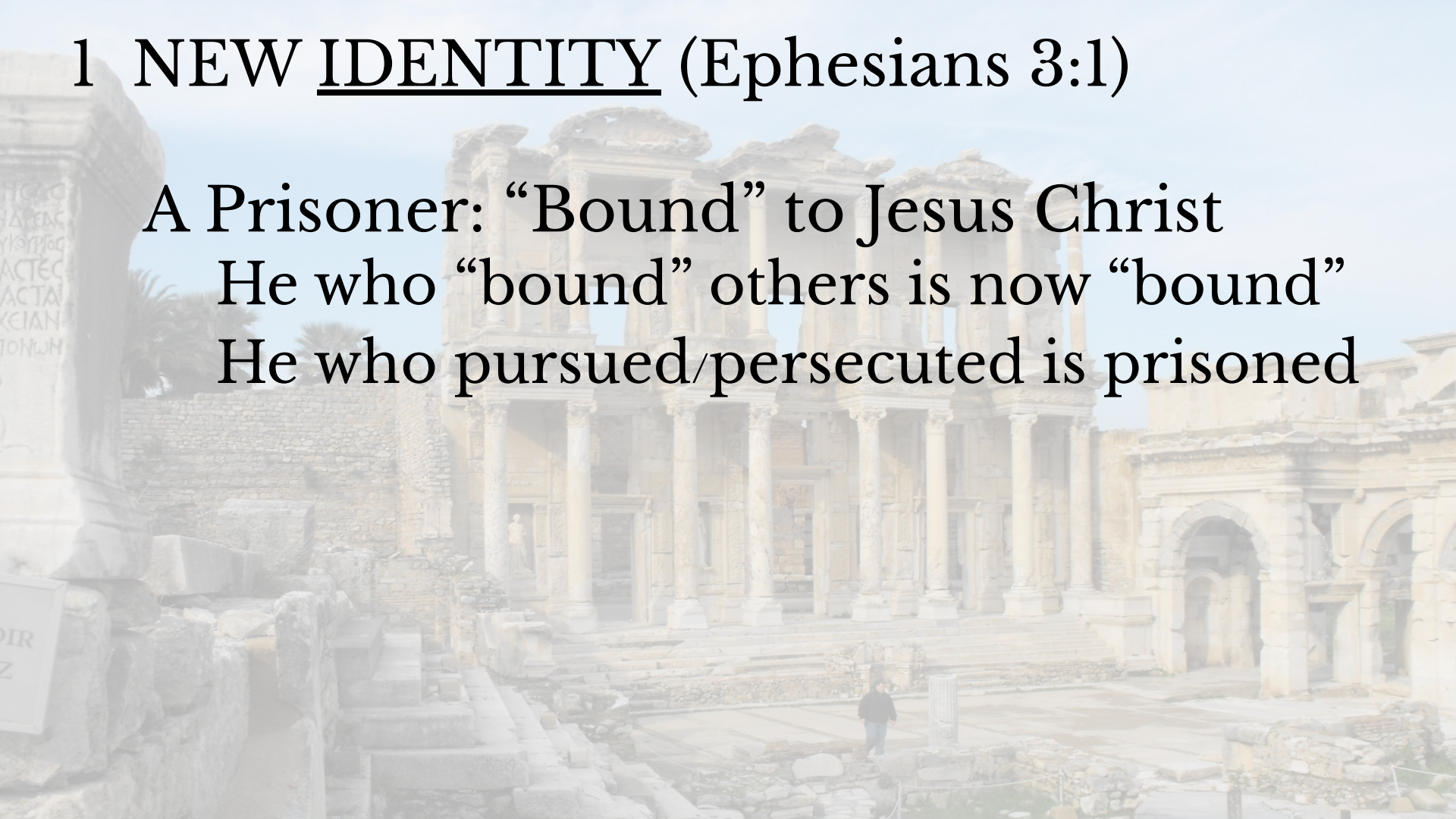


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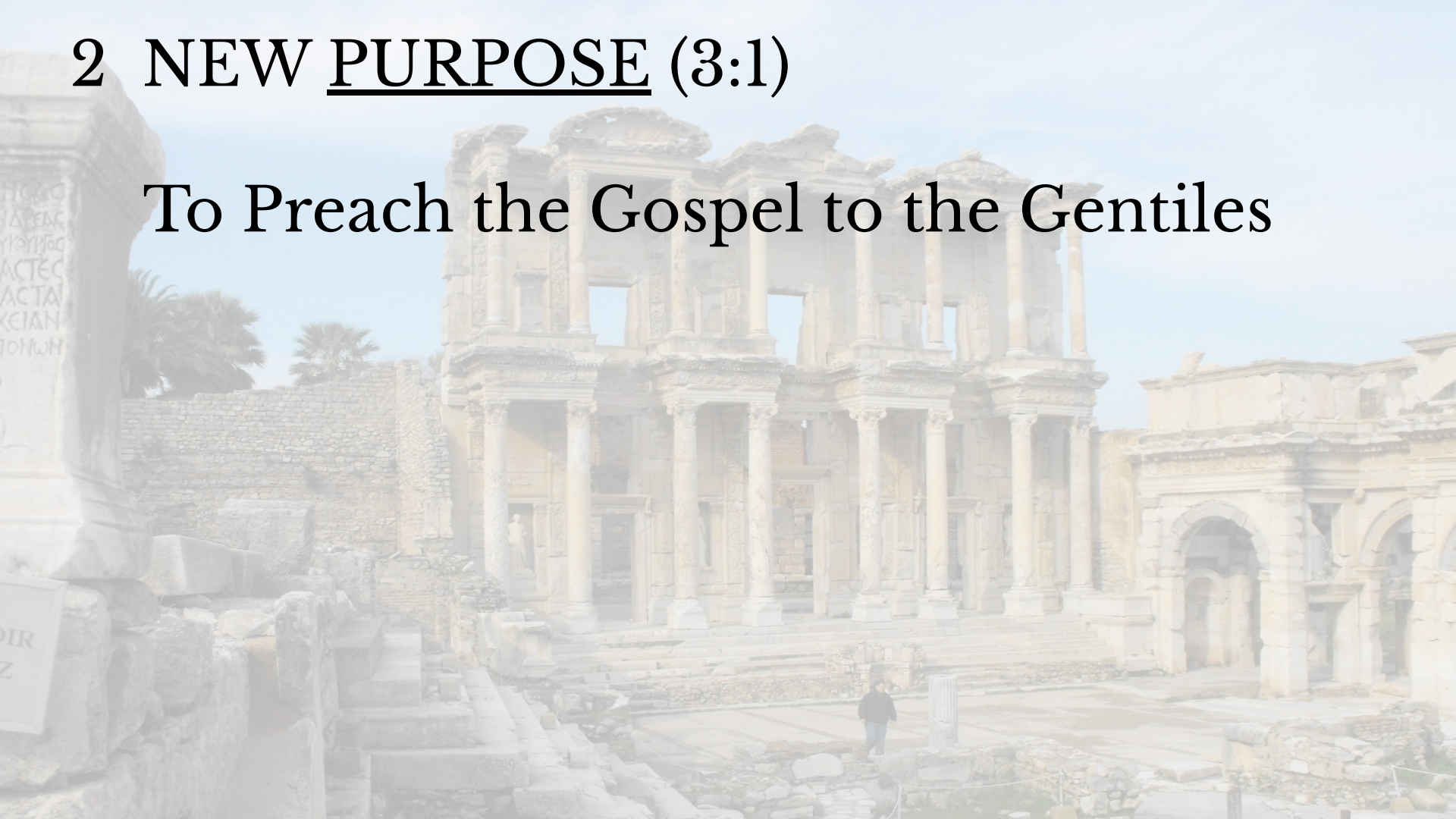
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Paul is now wholly and completely identified as being Christ’s bond-servant (cf. 4:1)



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Philippians 3:12-16 in action


Galatians 2:8 - “Apostle to the Gentiles”

Romans 11:13-“Apostle to the Gentiles”



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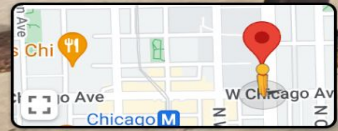
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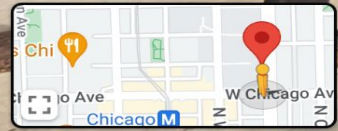
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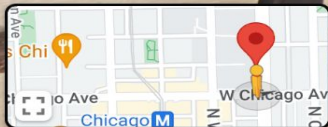


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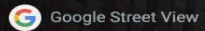
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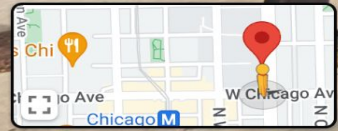
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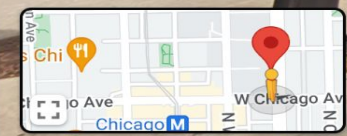
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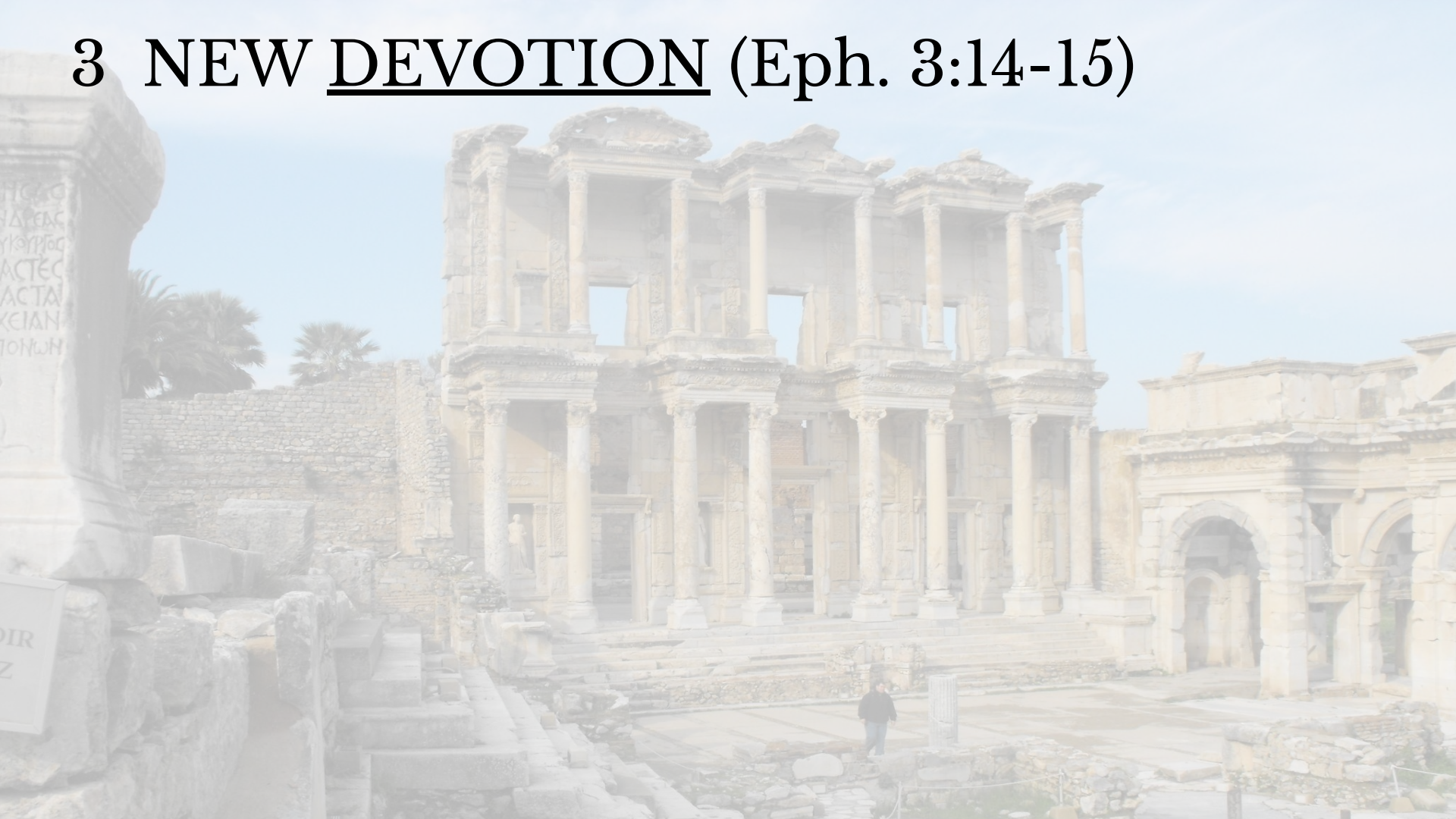








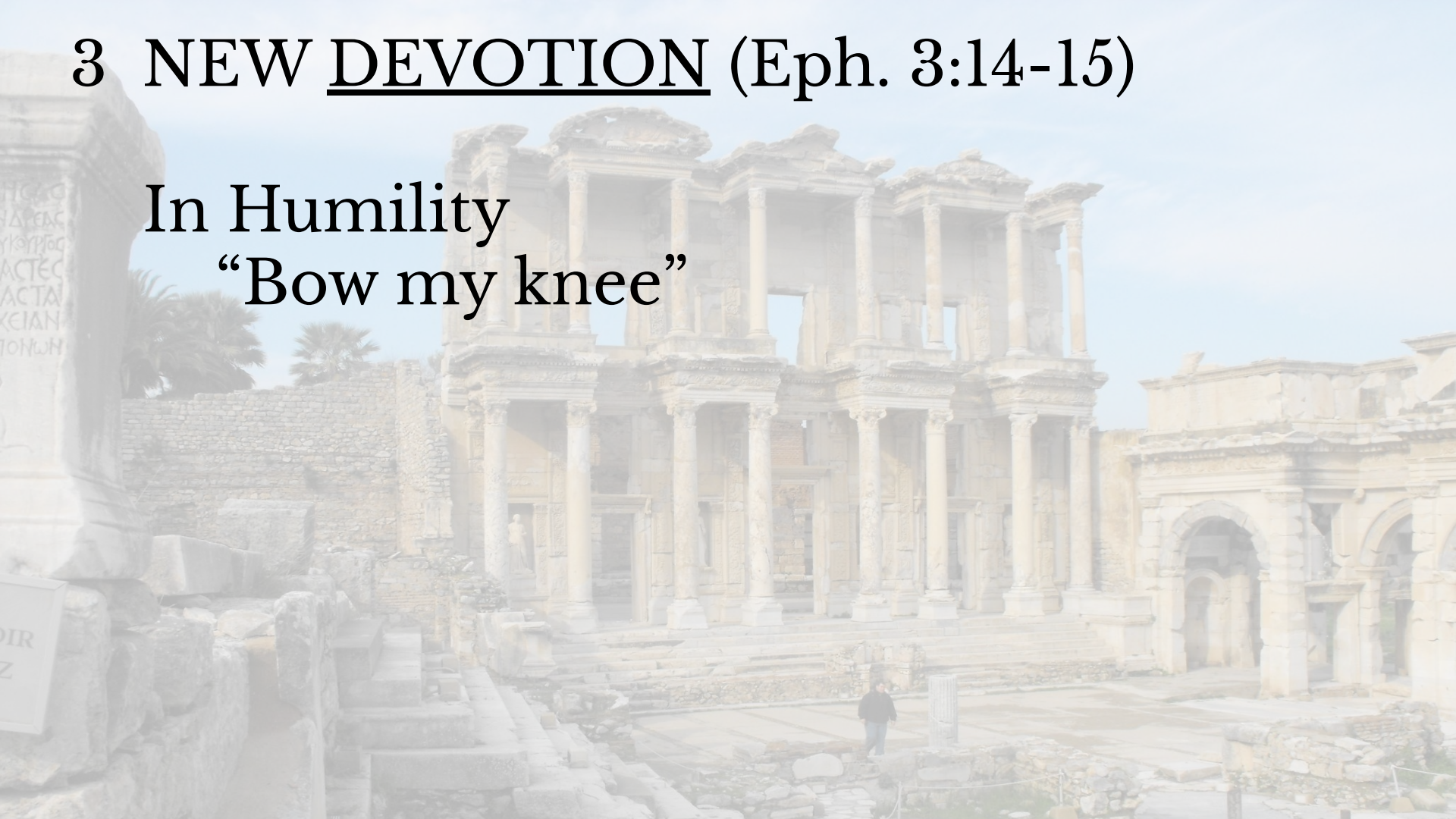
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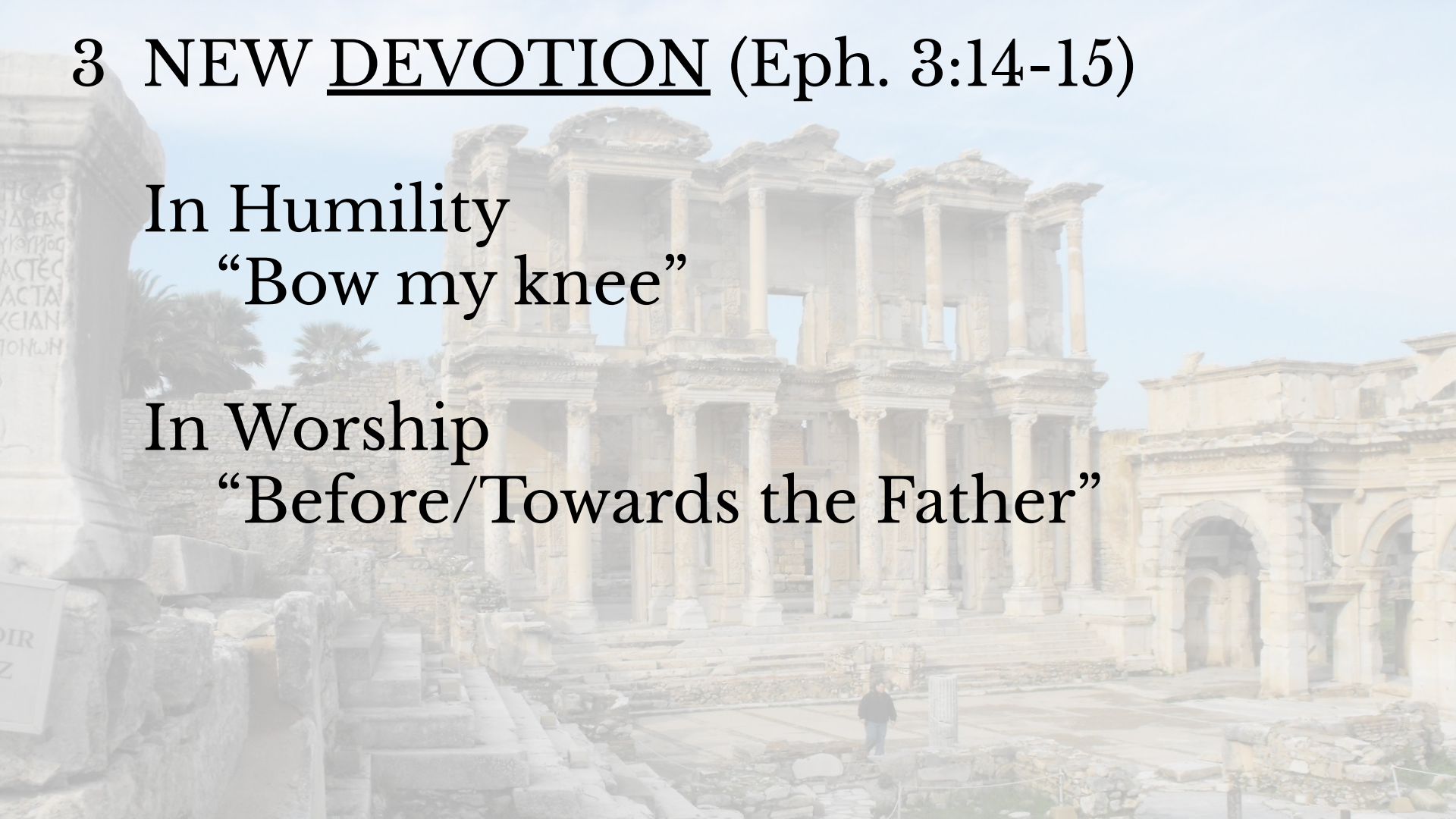




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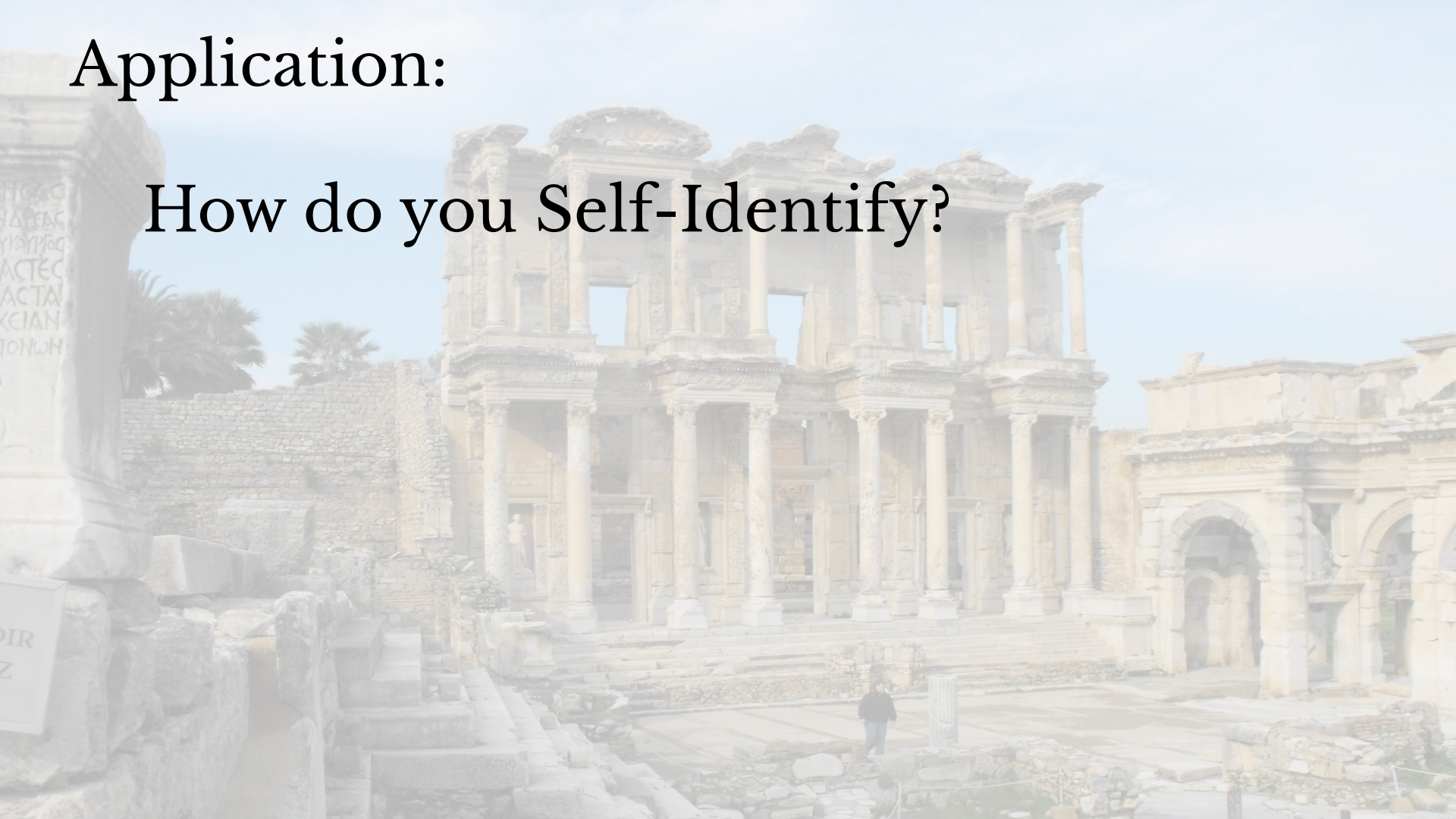
In Worship  
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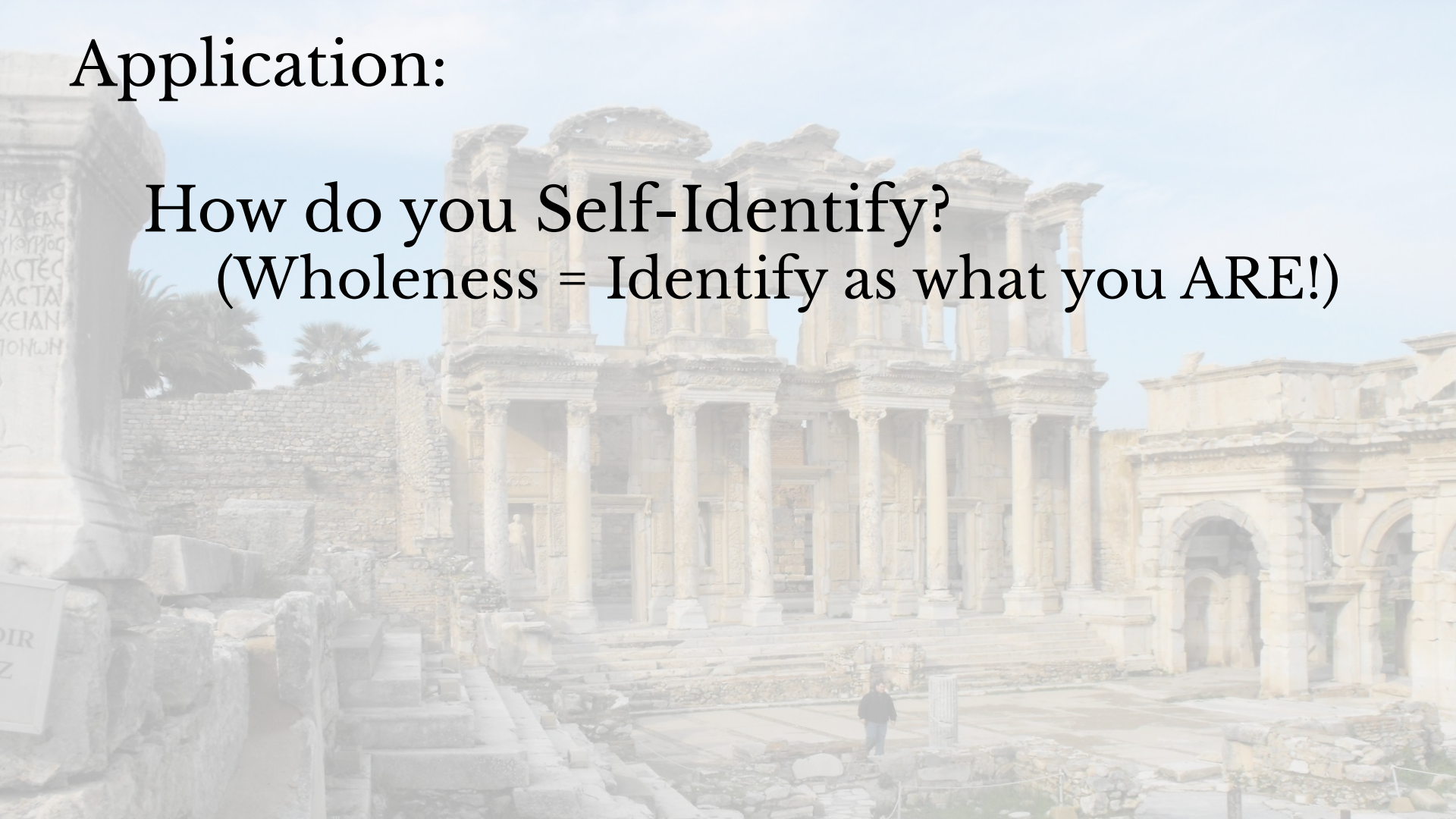




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Do you not know?

You've been BOUGHT with a price!

You are the Temple of the Holy Spirit

(1 Cor. 6:19-20)





Application:

Do you LOOK like a Temple? Or like...

A Bank?

An Arcade?

A Theater?

A Stadium?

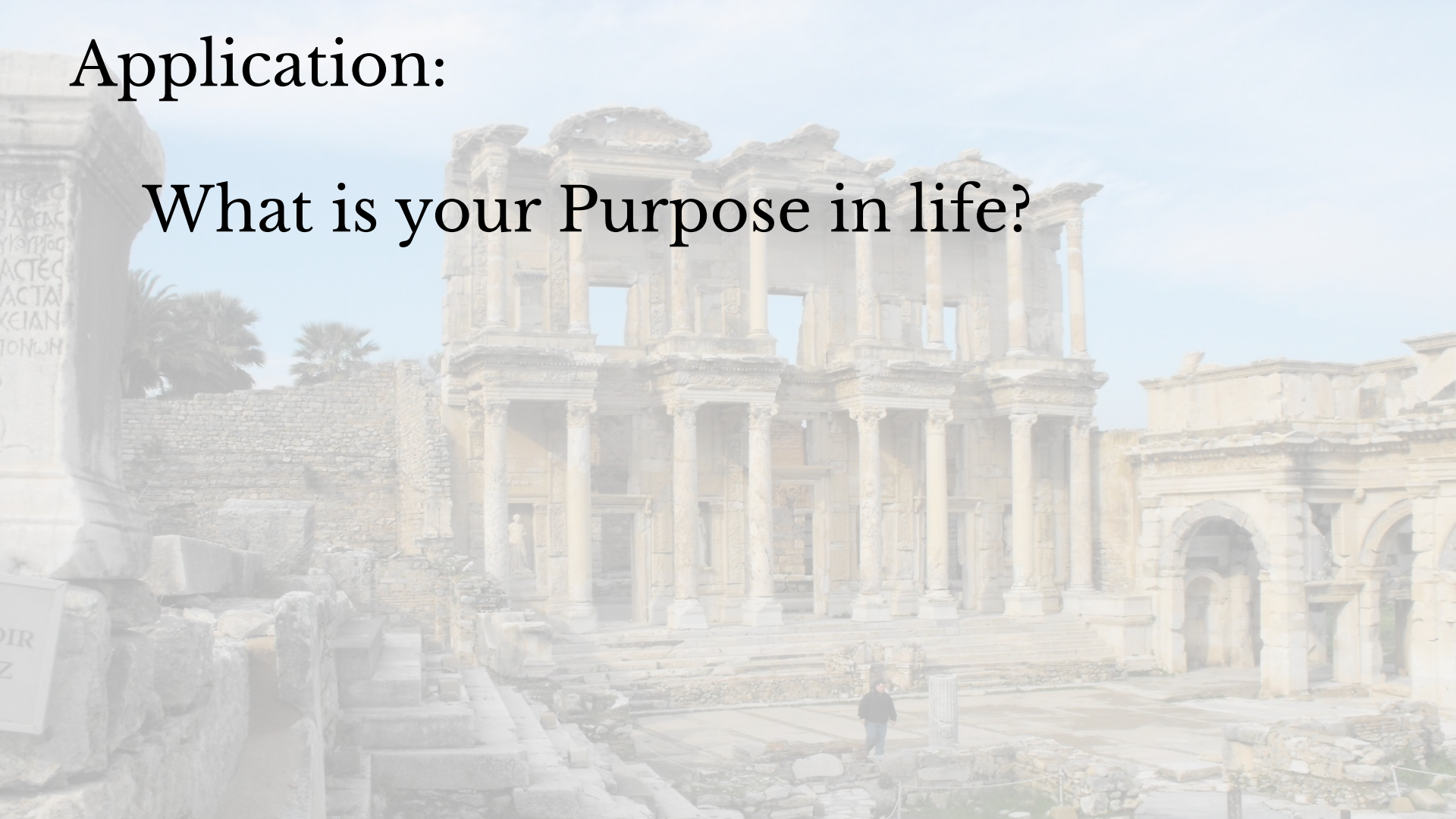
A Business Office?

A University?

A Grand Central Train Station?

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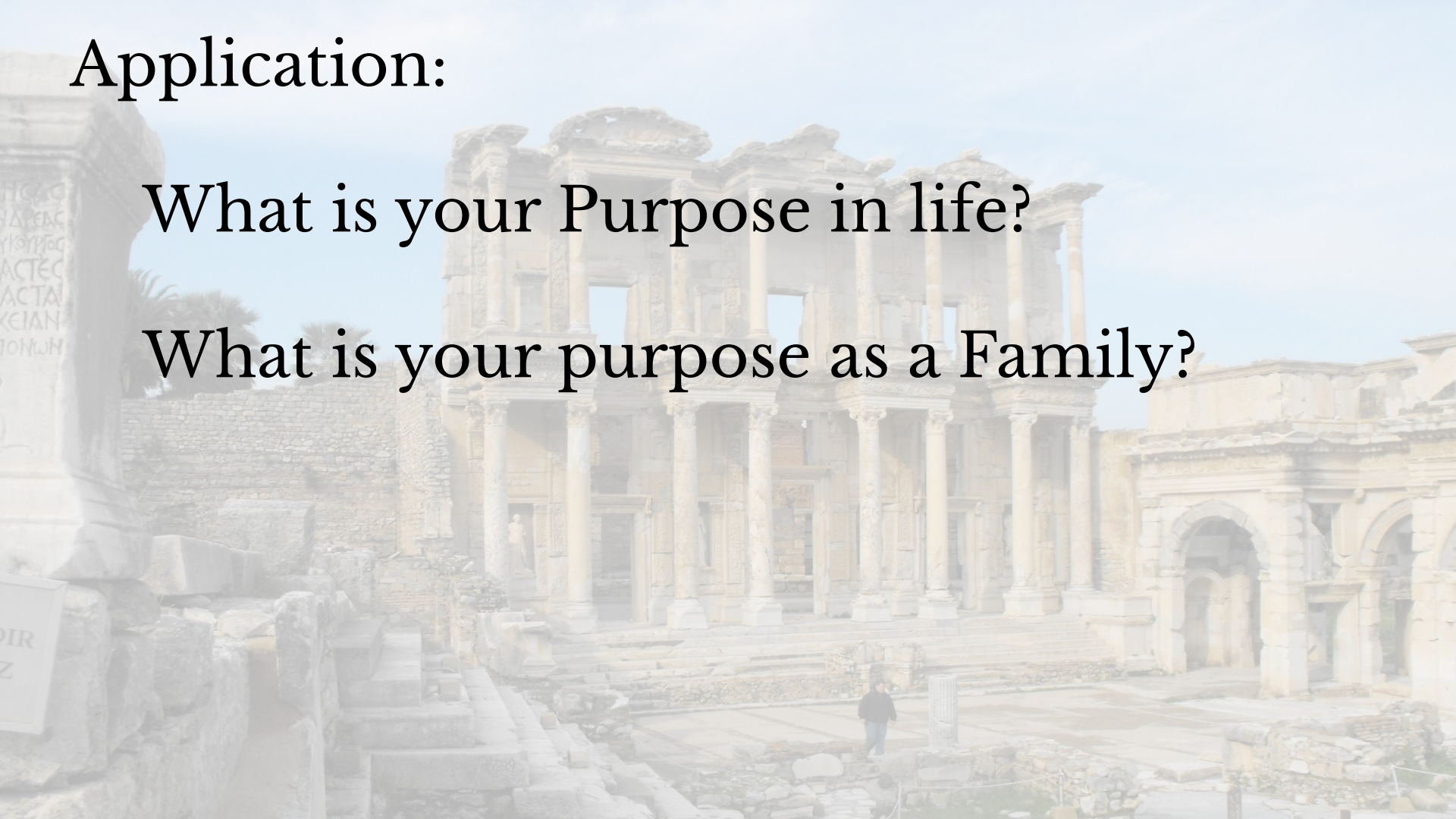




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Where do you “bow your knee”?

What do you worship?