

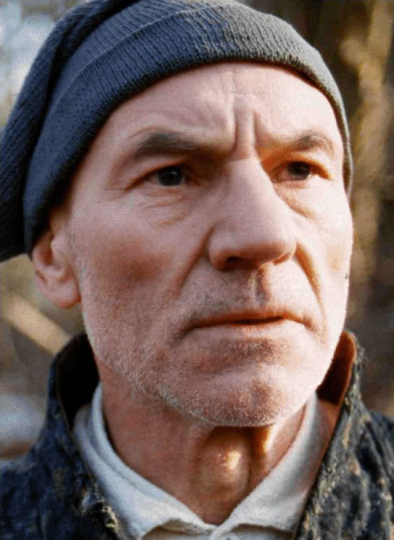
Hymn #2:

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*



verse 2:

“Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
Hither by Thy help I’m come.”





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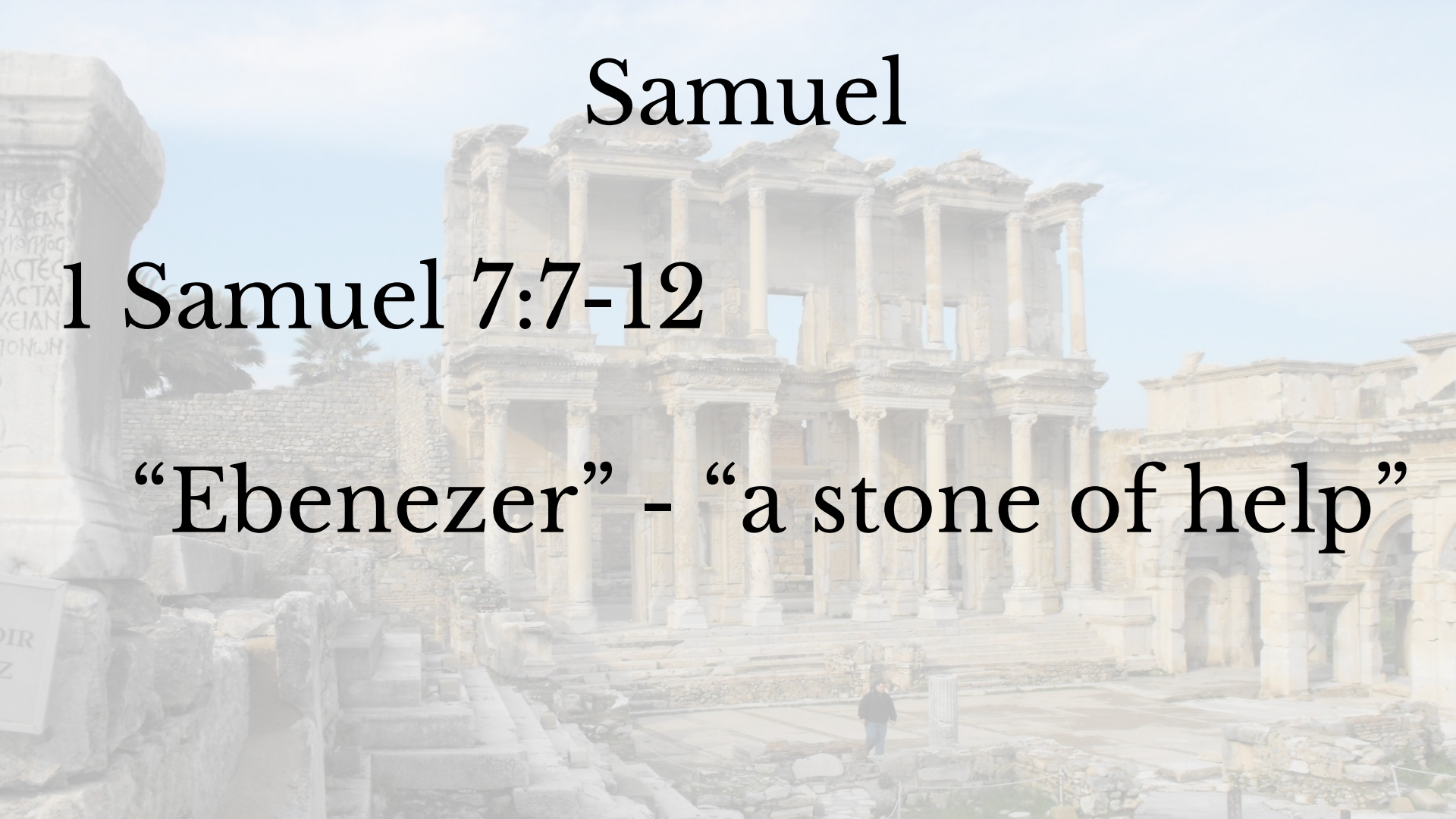
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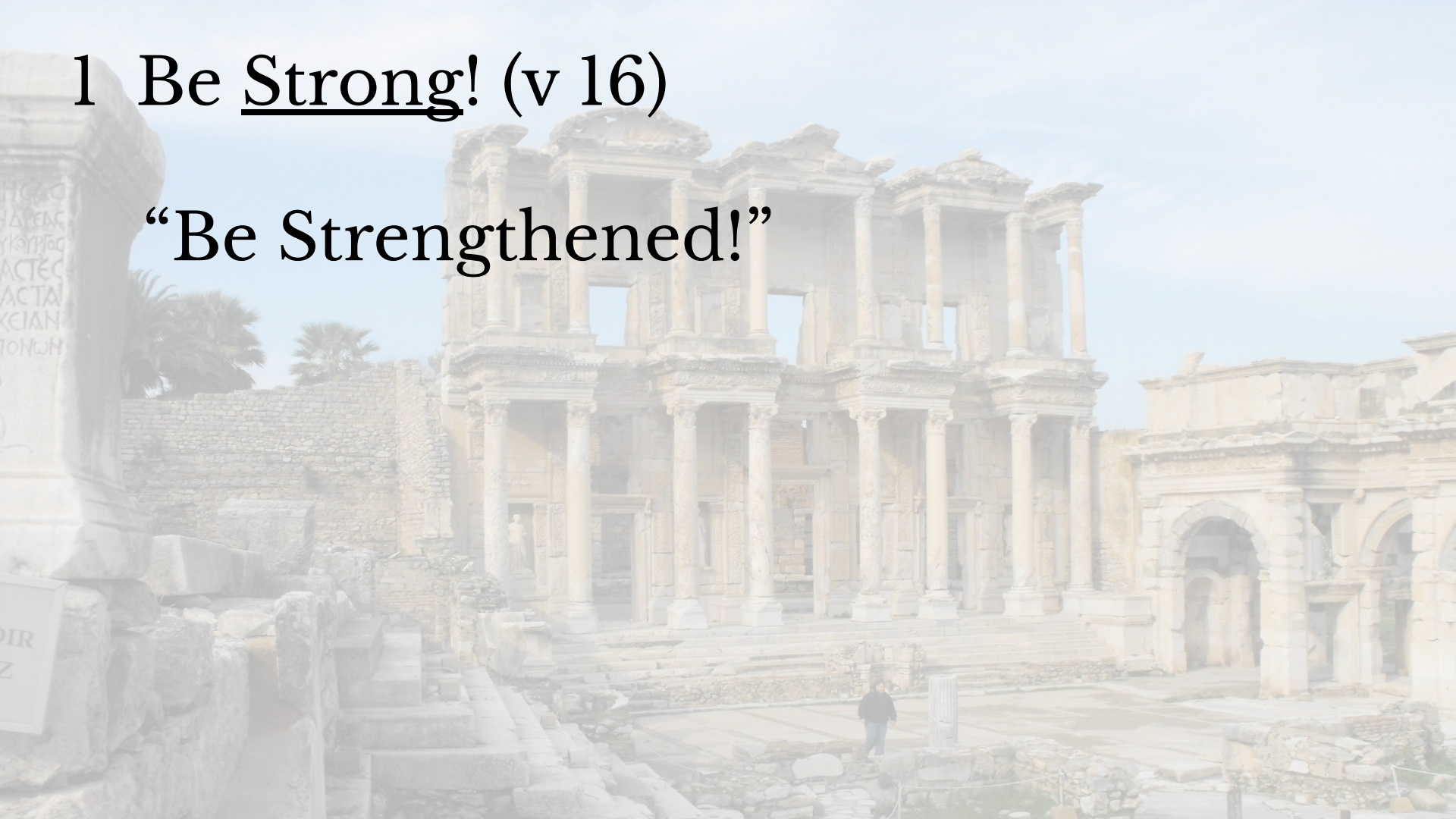
Built in Christ Jesus:

What God the Father wants  
for all men on Father's Day  
(Ephesians 3:14-17)



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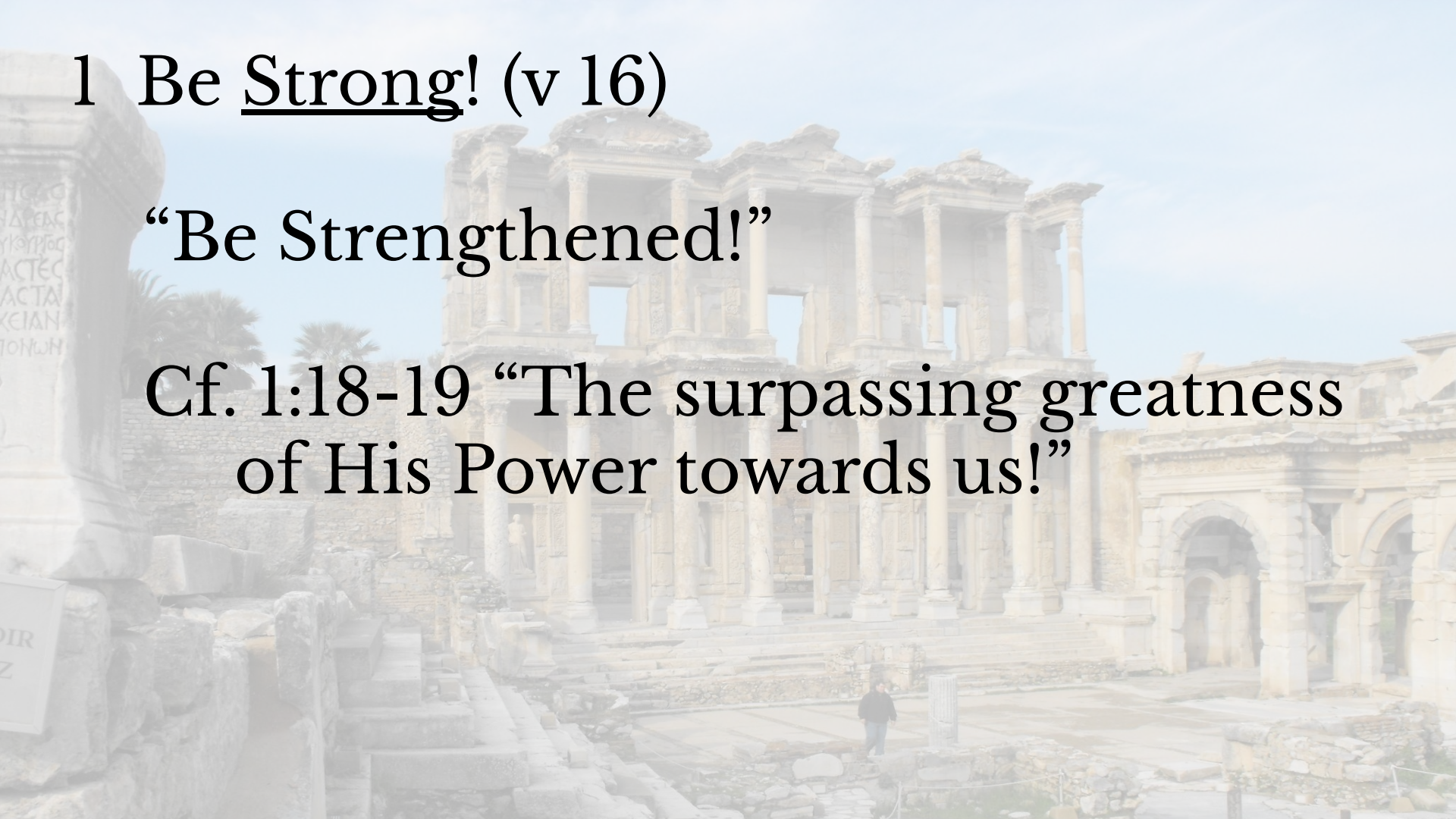




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1 Corinthians 16:13 –  
“Act like men! Be strong!”





The church needs MEN who will  
*act* like men and be strong!

Illustration: 2 Sam. 10:9-14 –  
Phenomenal battle speech,  
like “Return of the King”.

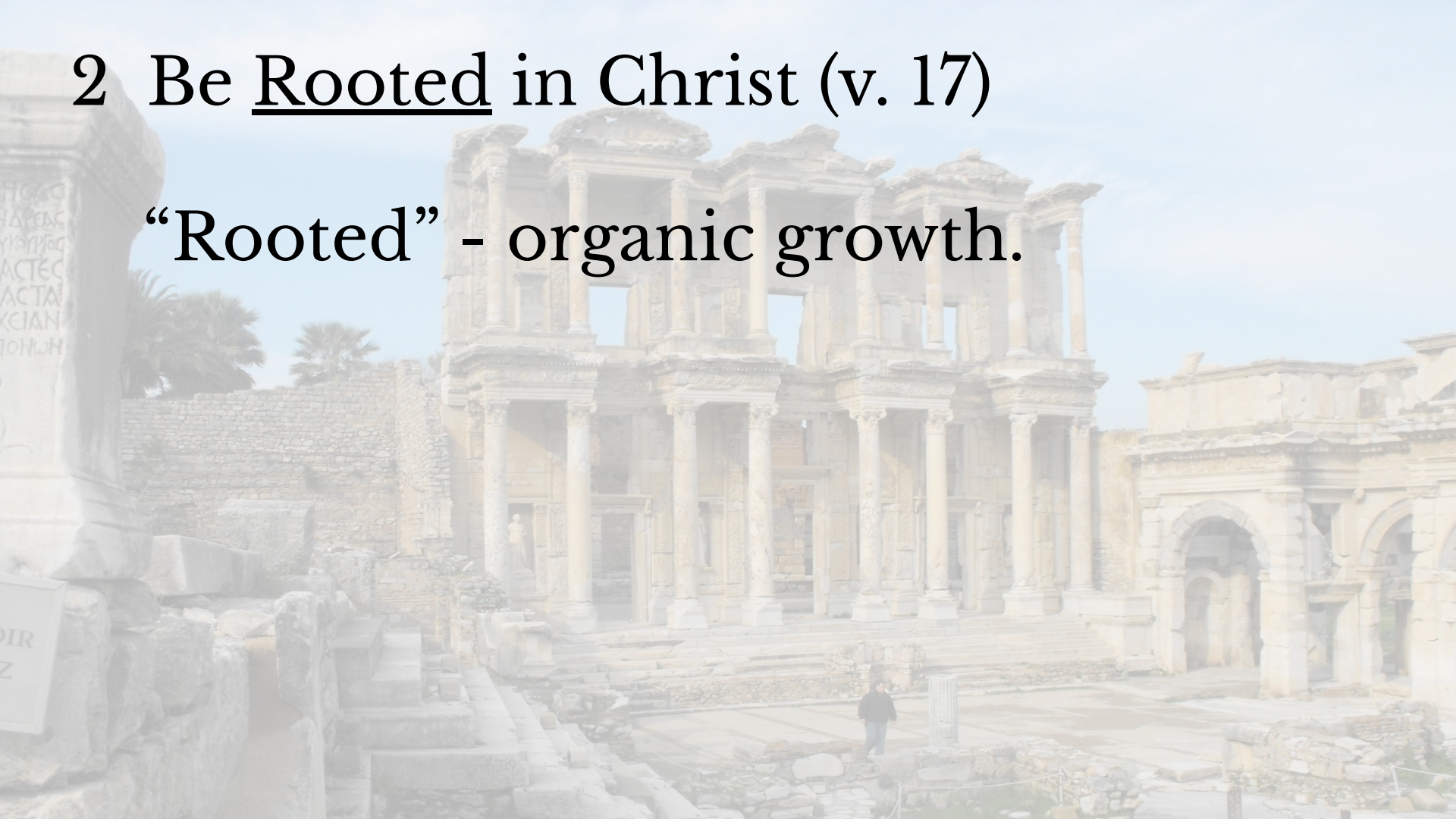
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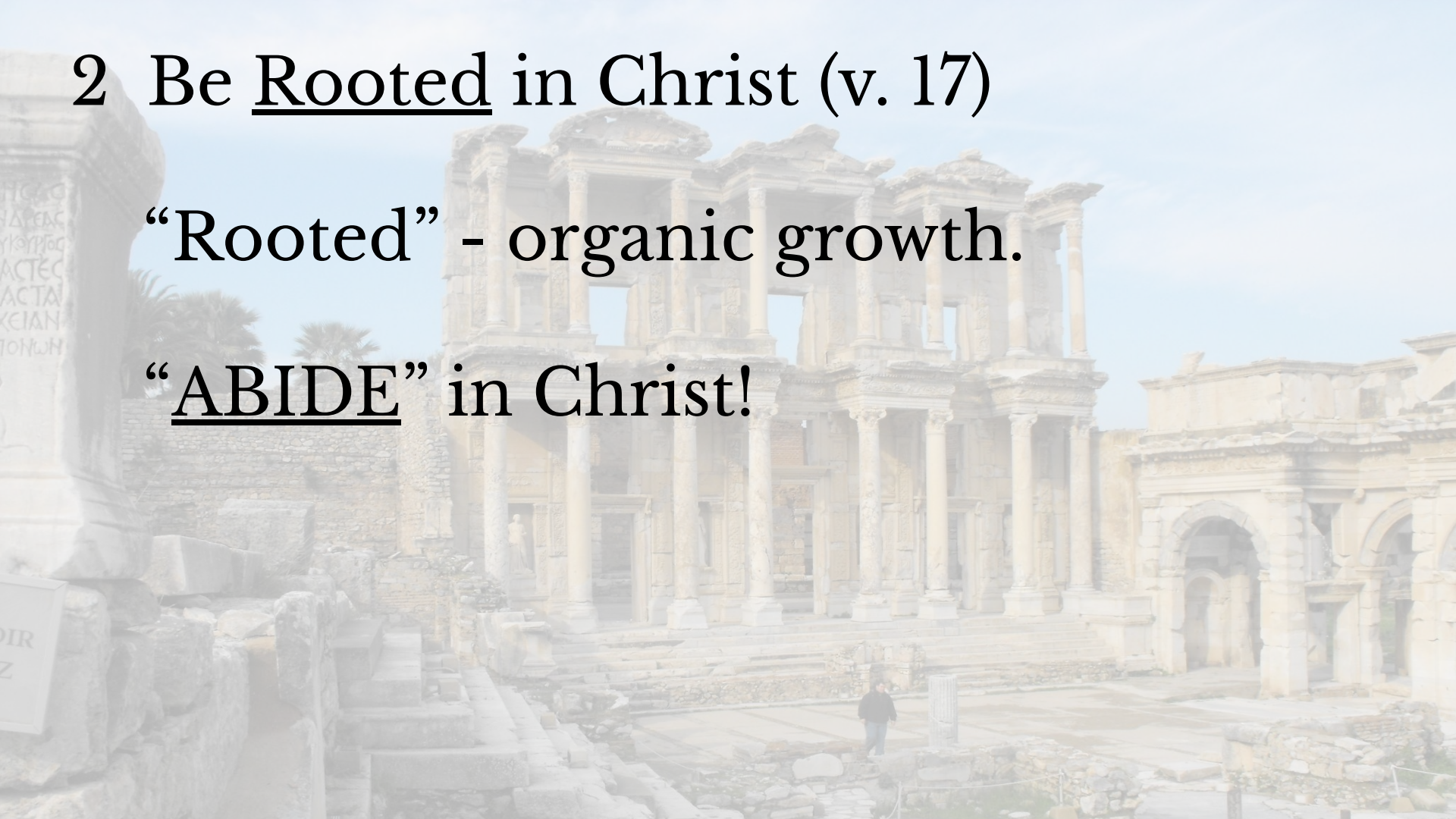
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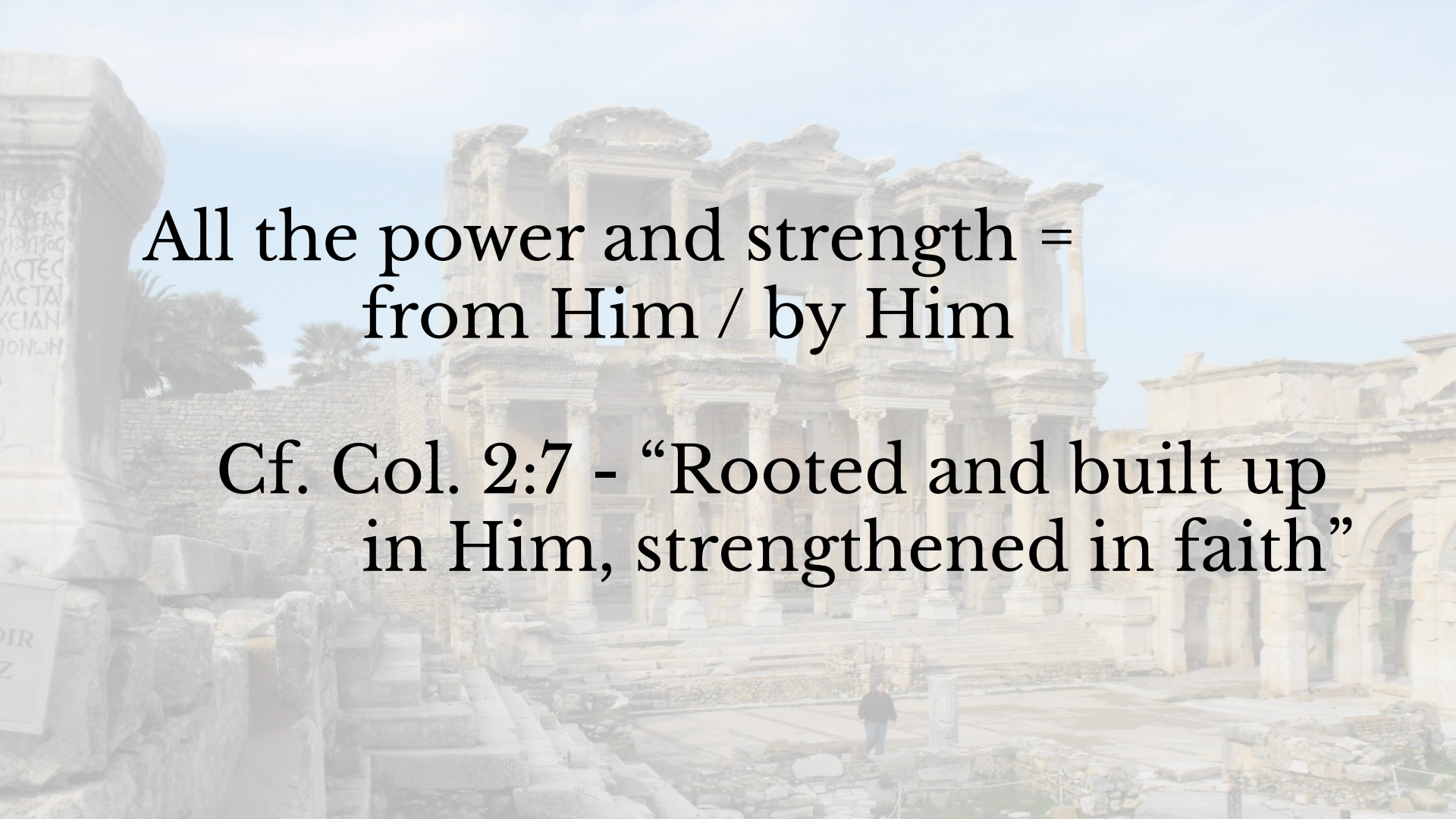
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John 15: He is the Vine!  
He is the Source!  
He is the life-giving Person.









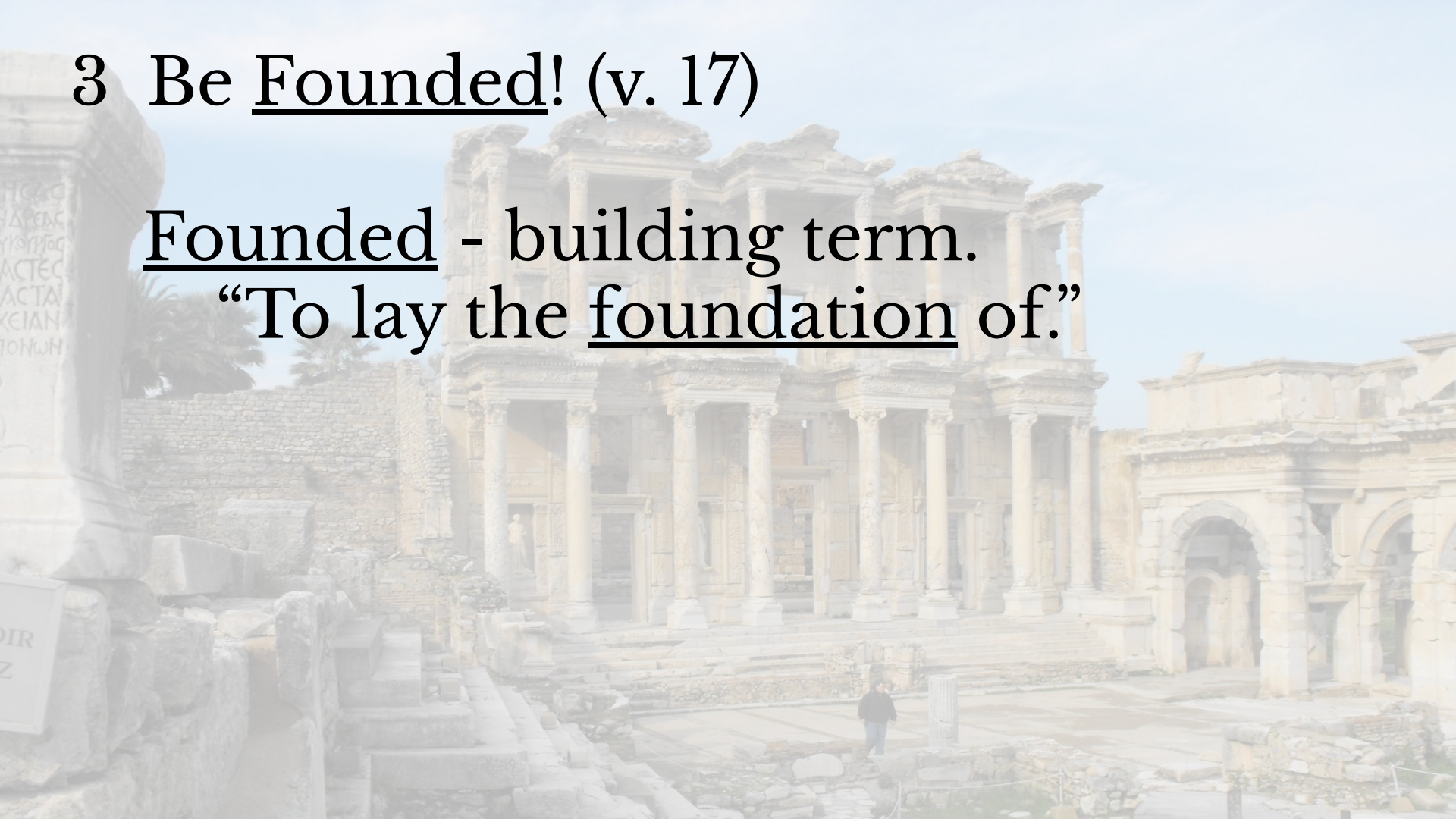
All the power and strength =  
from Him / by Him

Cf. Col. 2:7 - “Rooted and built up  
in Him, strengthened in faith”

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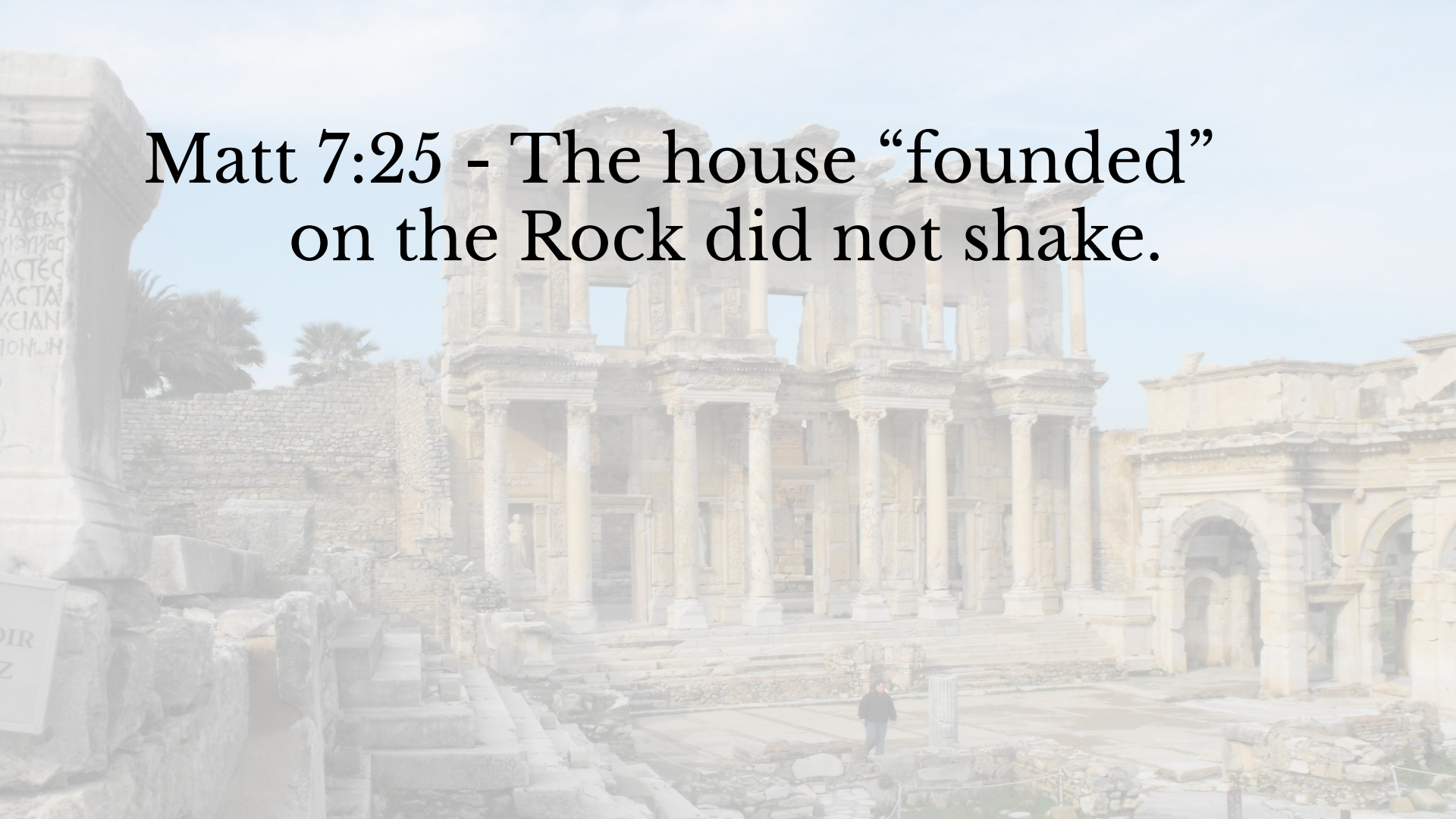
The Artemision was built in a swamp!  
But wise builders put the  
“foundation” on solid rock.







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Heb. 11:10 - “Abraham was looking for  
the city which has *foundations*,  
whose architect and builder is God.”

# APPLICATION:

Are you firmly grounded in Christ?

Do you walk in power and strength?

Or is your spiritual life “powerless”?

Do you feel Defeated? Hopeless???



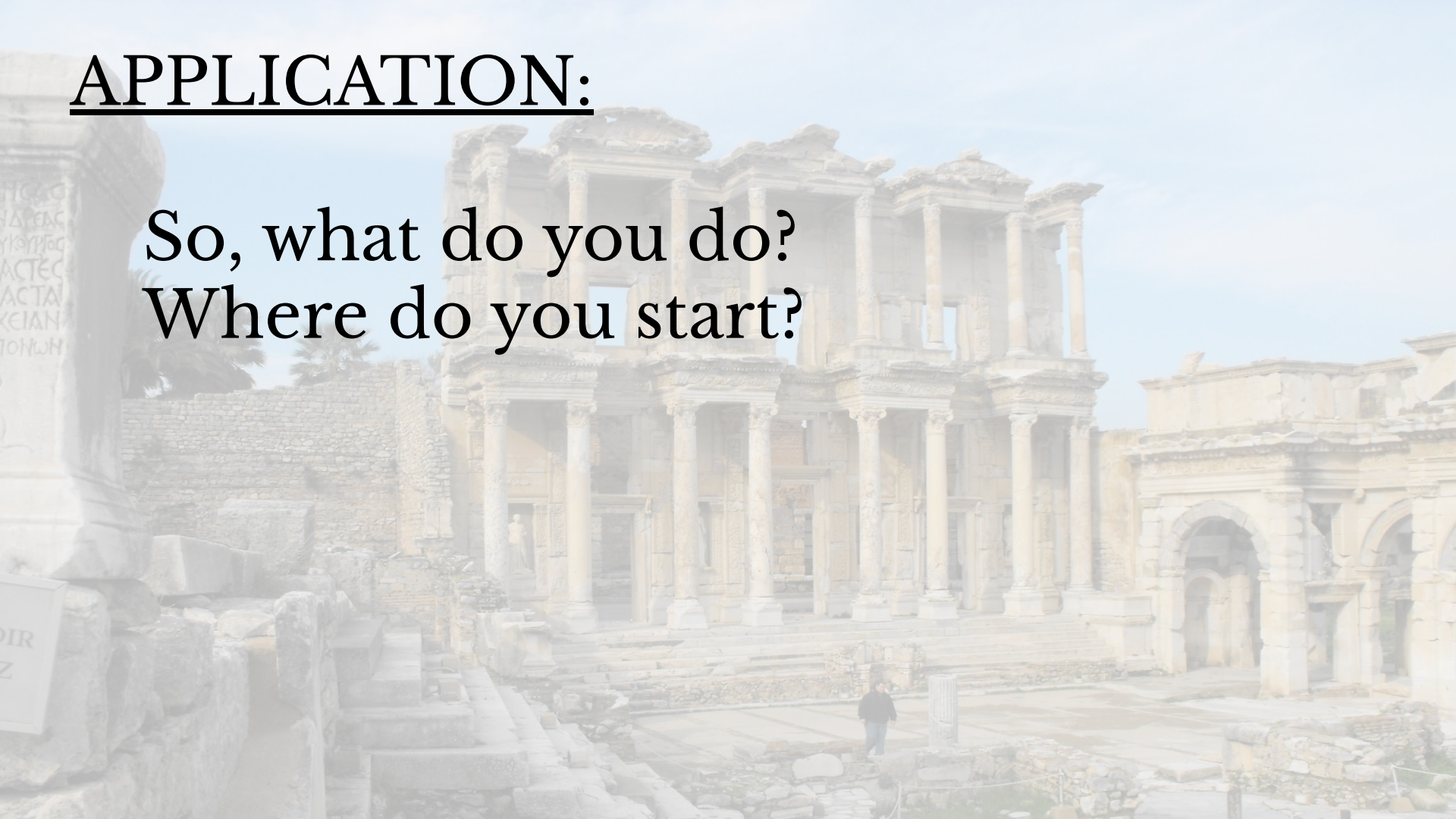
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HE desires to give you power.  
Actually, He desires to BE your power!

He will be the Dynamic of  
His own activity,  
the cause of His own effect.

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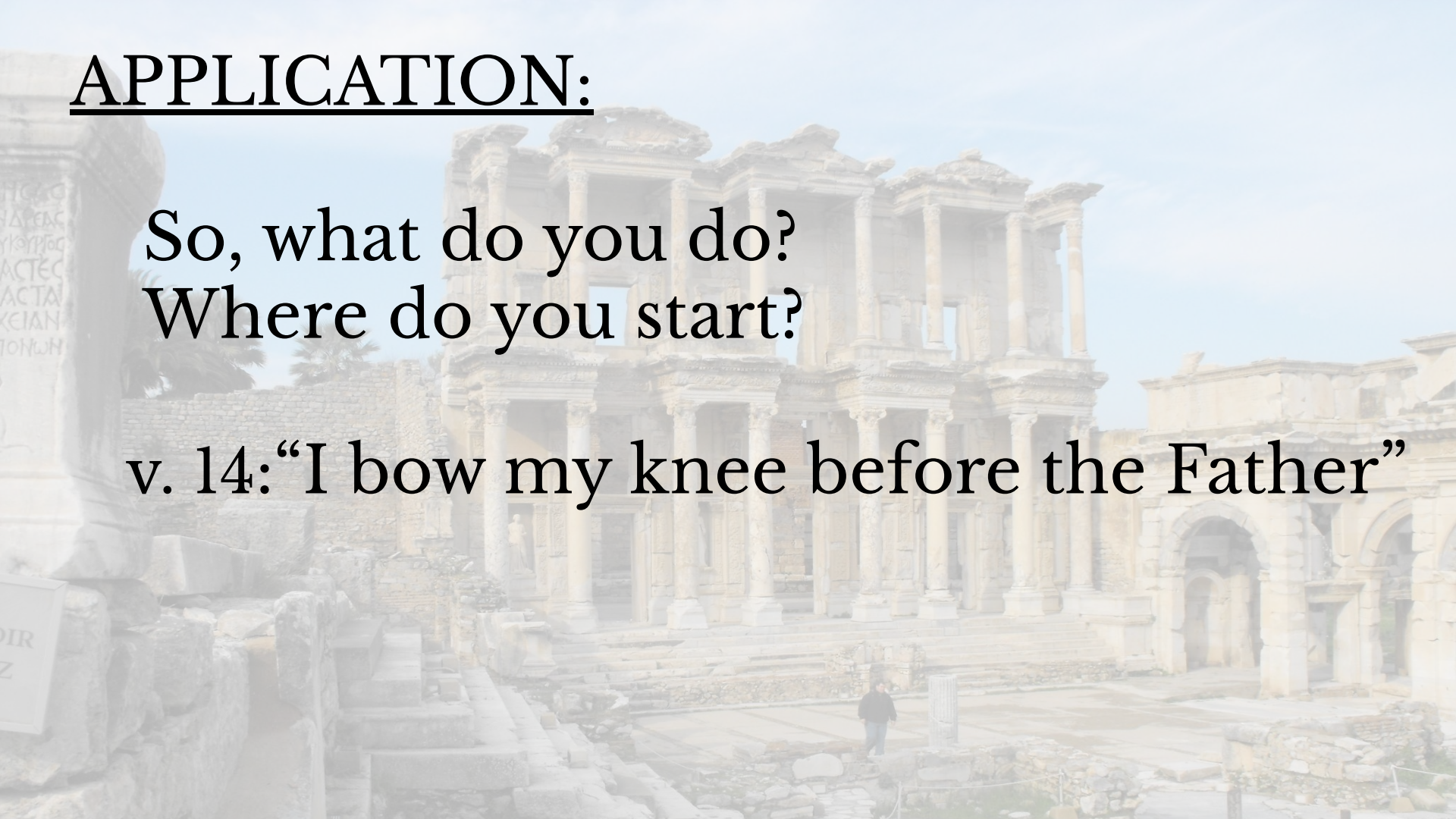




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I Kings 8:50-54  
Solomon at the Dedication of the  
Temple

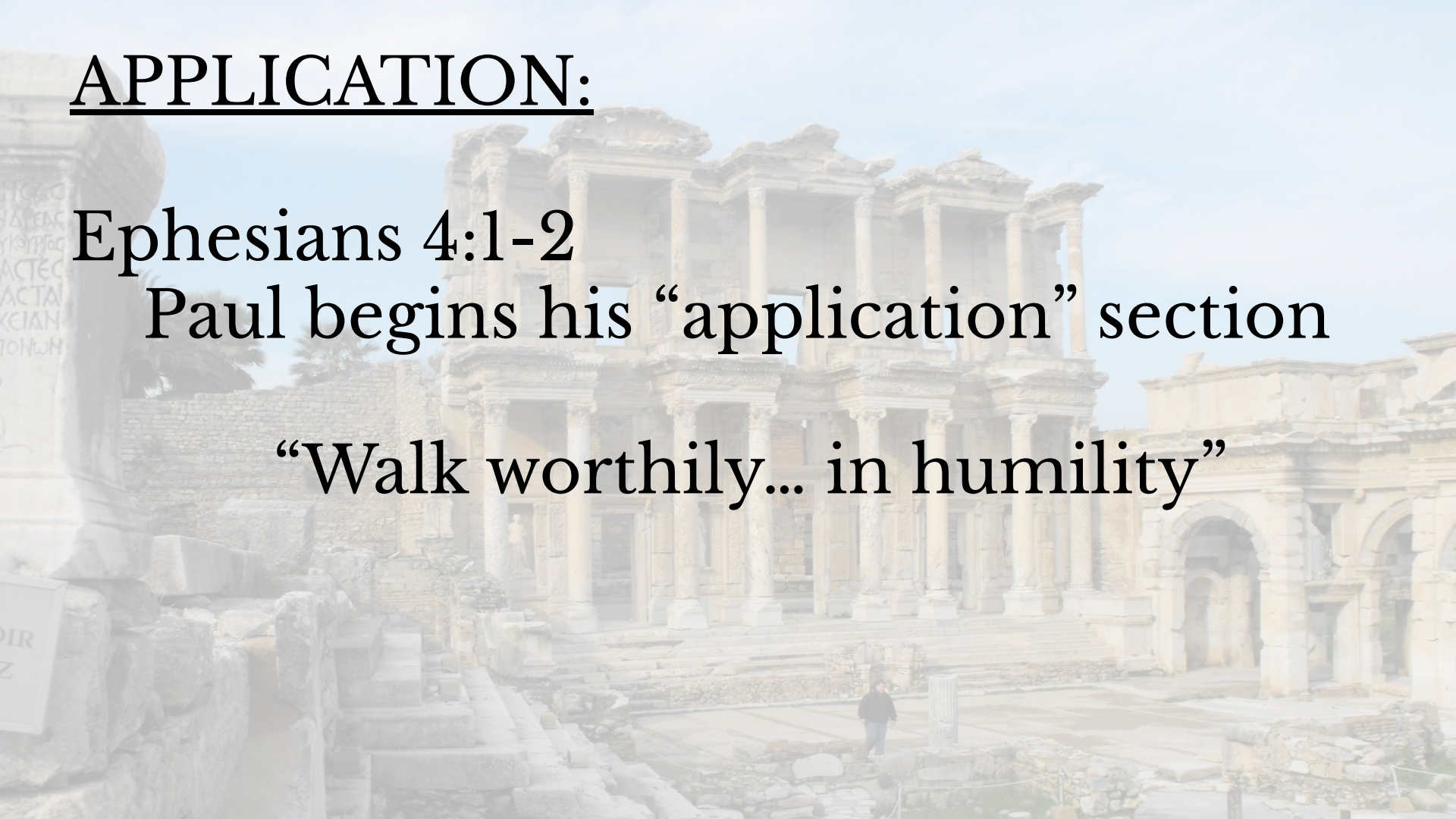


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Ephesians 4:1-2

Paul begins his “application” section

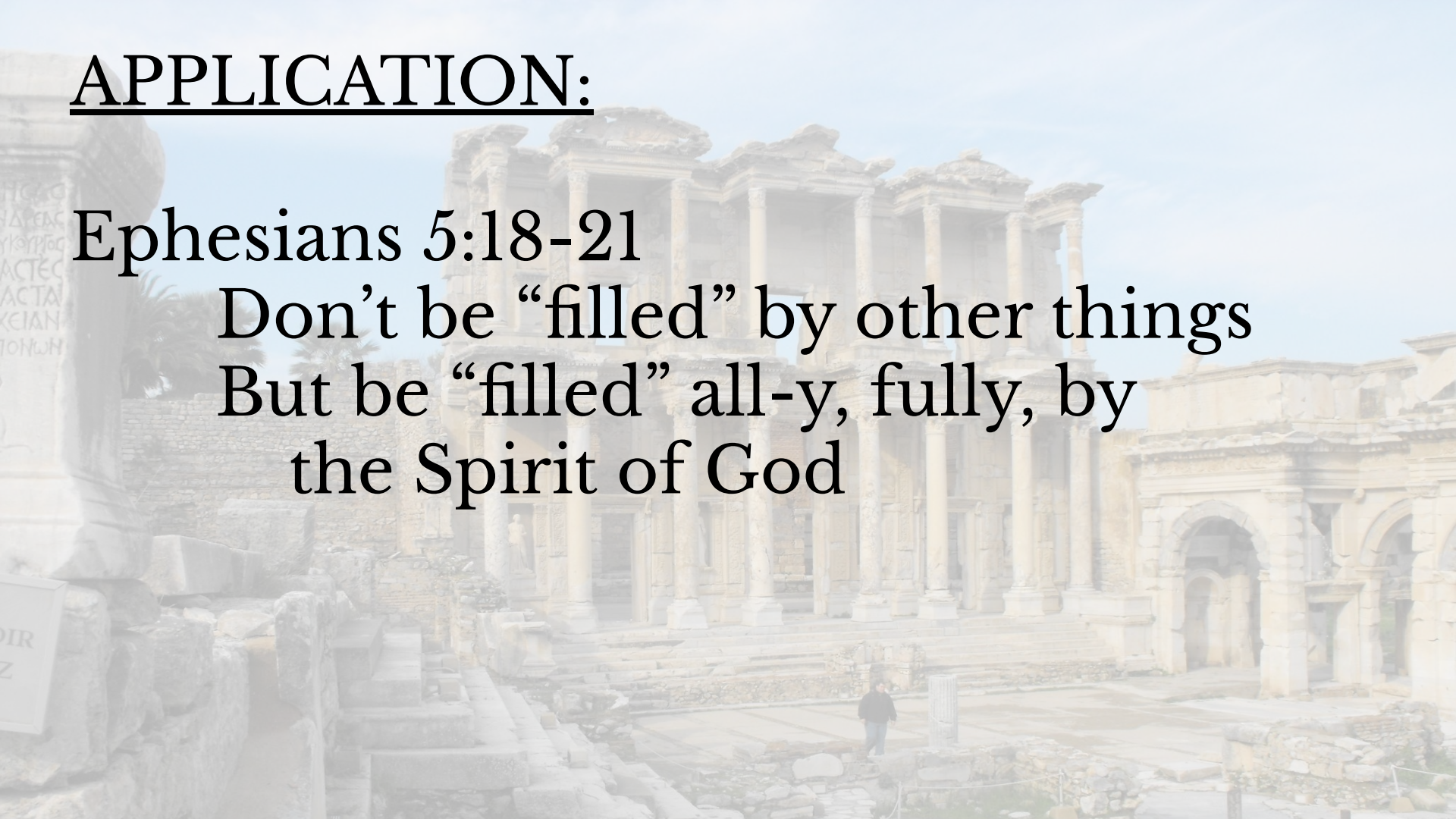
“Walk worthily... in humility”



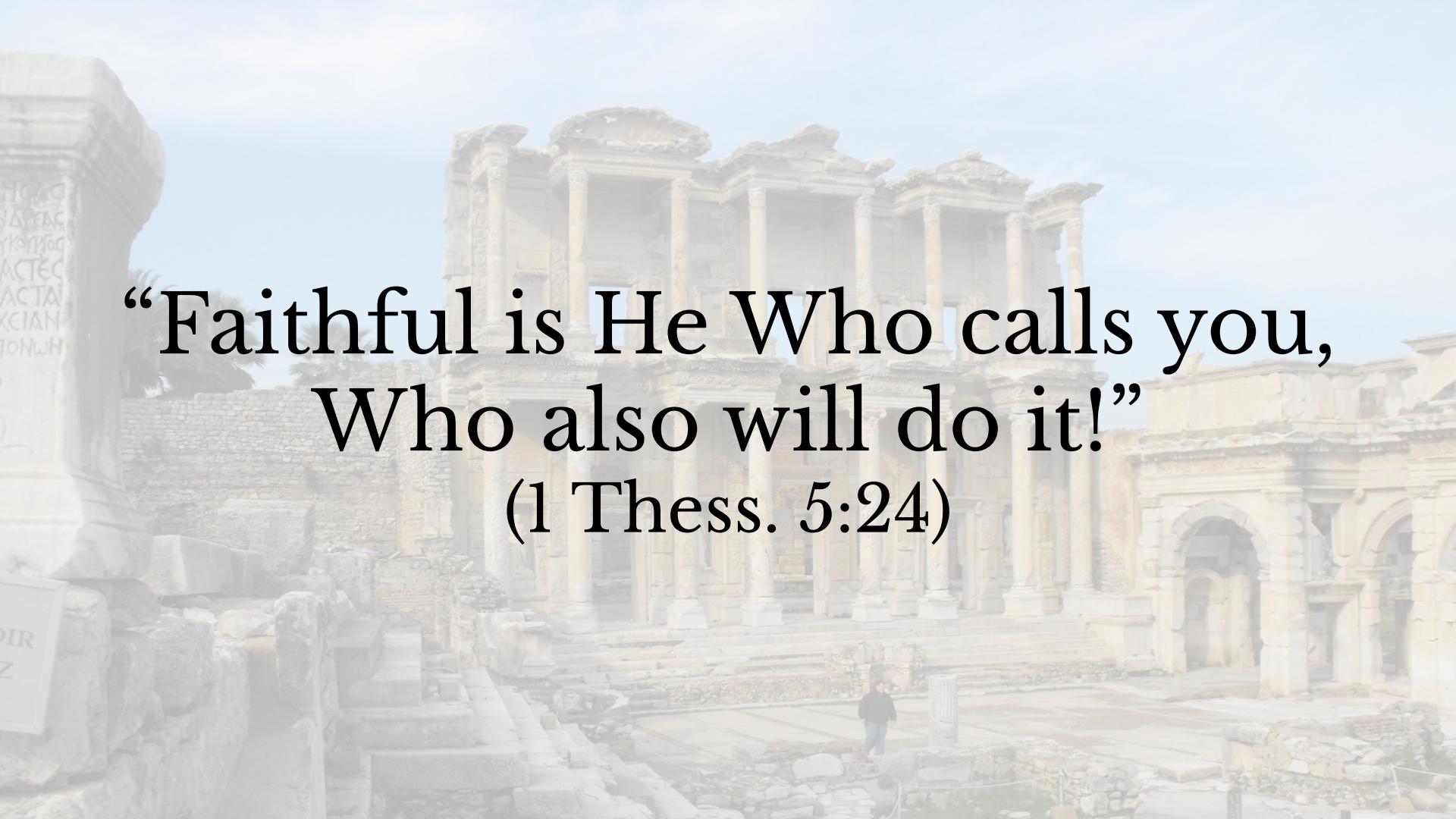
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Ephesians 5:18-21

Don't be “filled” by other things  
But be “filled” all-y, fully, by  
the Spirit of God







“Faithful is He Who calls you,  
Who also will do it!”  
(1 Thess. 5:24)