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**9PM**  
CONDEMNED TO FIGHT  
A LIVING NIGHTMARE—  
**THE WORLD  
BEYOND**

STARRING GRANVILLE VAN DUSEN



**9 11 27 PILOT—Thriller**

"The World Beyond," a tale of the occult focusing on a writer who dies on an operating table—and then is revived. His short-lived contact with death, however, has its aftereffects: he's called by supernatural voices to a remote island where a monster is running amok. This is a pilot for a possible, but unscheduled, series. Paul: Granville van Dusen. Marian: Jobeth Williams. (60 min.)

[Pre-empts regular programming.]

**12 32 52 MOVIE—Adventure**

Marine biologists pursue a mysterious creature that haunts "The Bermuda Depths" in this eerie 1977 romantic drama. (2 hrs.)

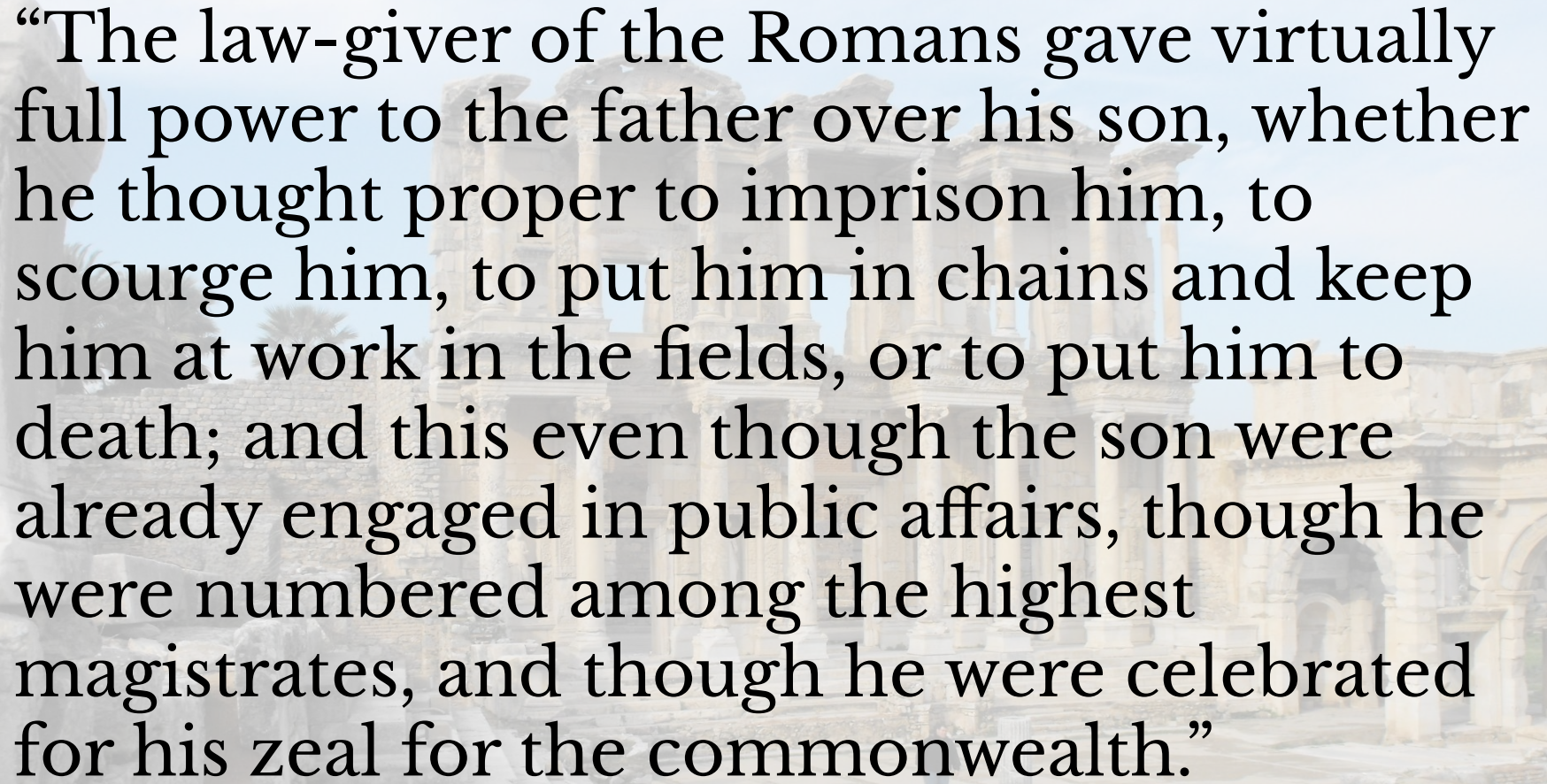
**Cast**

Magnus Dens	Leigh McCloskey
Dr. Paulis	Burl Ives
Eric	Carl Weathers
Jennie Haniver	Connie Sellicca
Doshan	Julie Woodson
Delia	Ruth Attaway



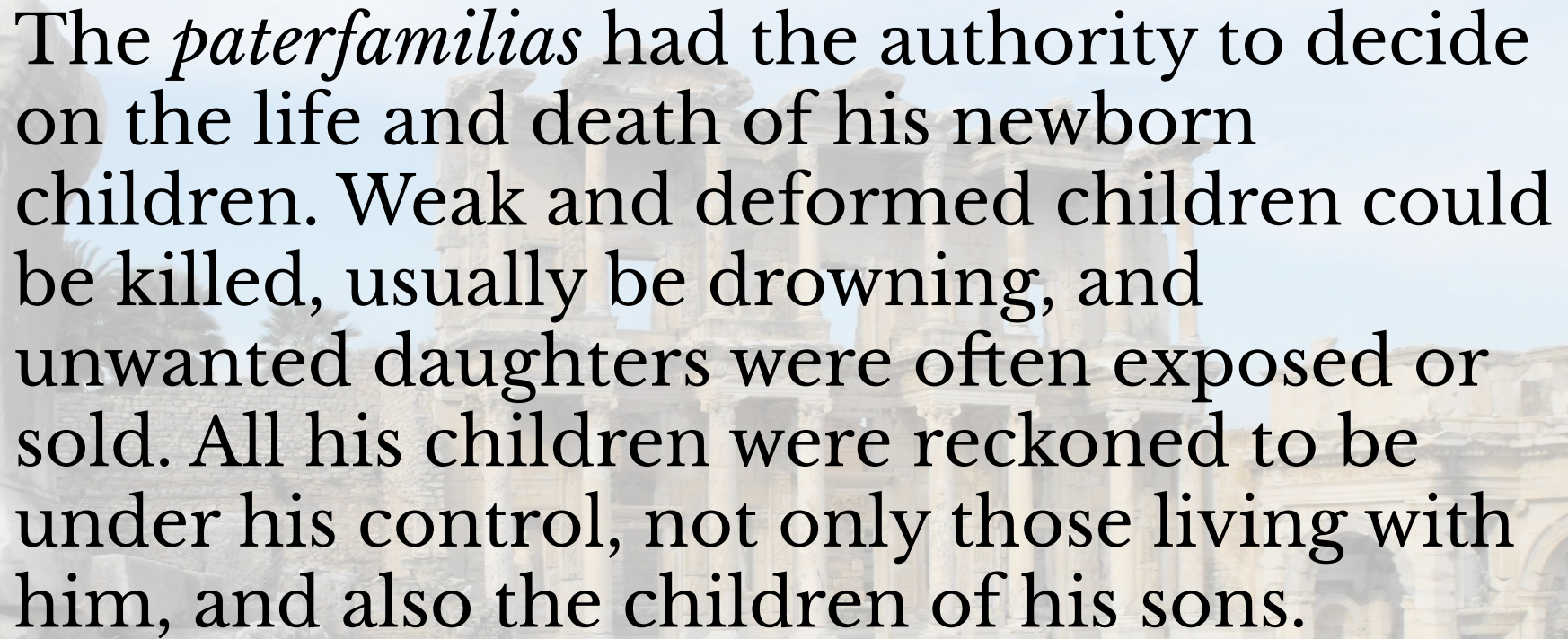


# The Family



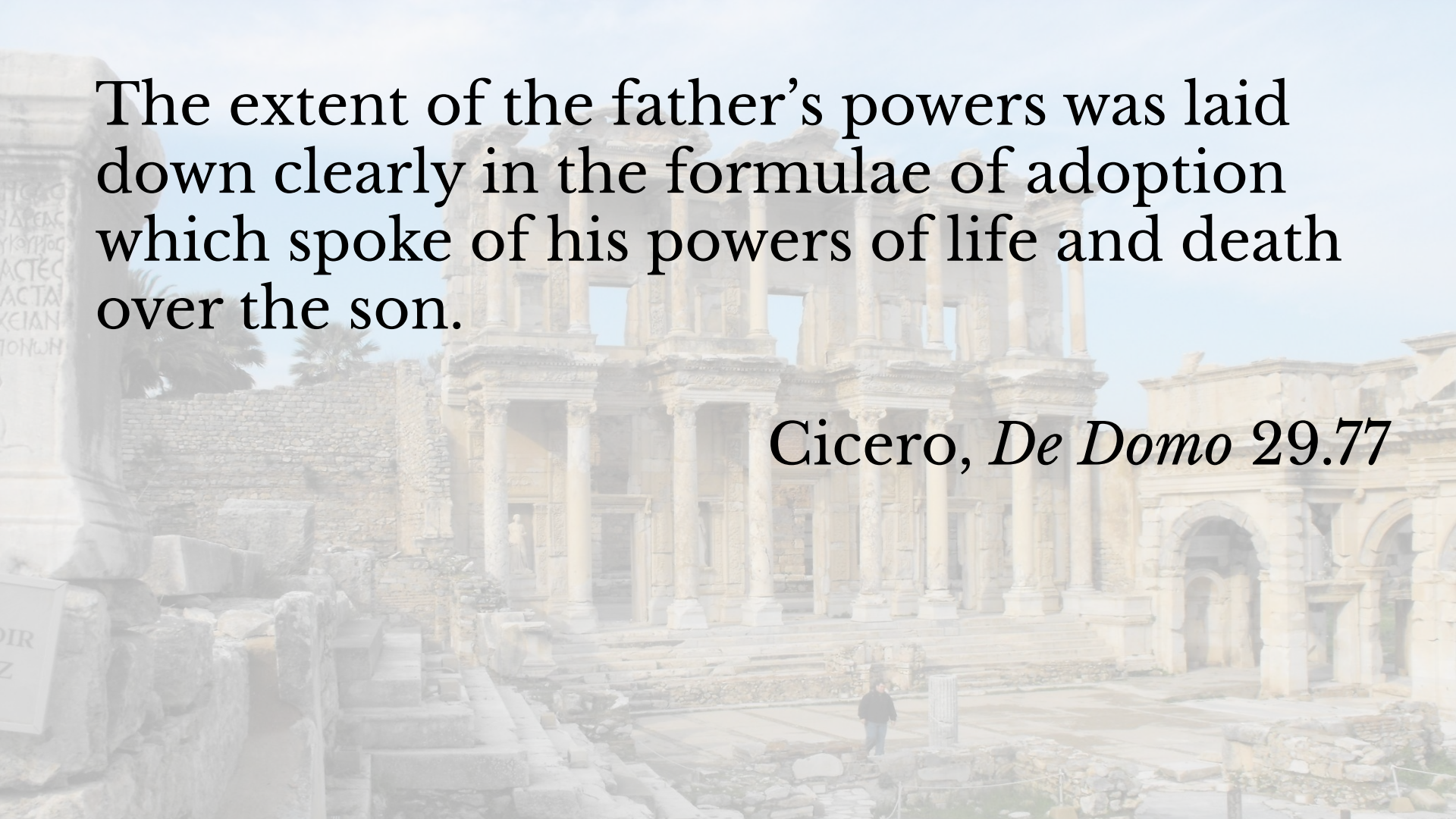
“The law-giver of the Romans gave virtually full power to the father over his son, whether he thought proper to imprison him, to scourge him, to put him in chains and keep him at work in the fields, or to put him to death; and this even though the son were already engaged in public affairs, though he were numbered among the highest magistrates, and though he were celebrated for his zeal for the commonwealth.”

Dionysius of Halicarnassus, *Roman Antiquities*, 2.26.4 (7 BC)



The *paterfamilias* had the authority to decide on the life and death of his newborn children. Weak and deformed children could be killed, usually by drowning, and unwanted daughters were often exposed or sold. All his children were reckoned to be under his control, not only those living with him, and also the children of his sons.

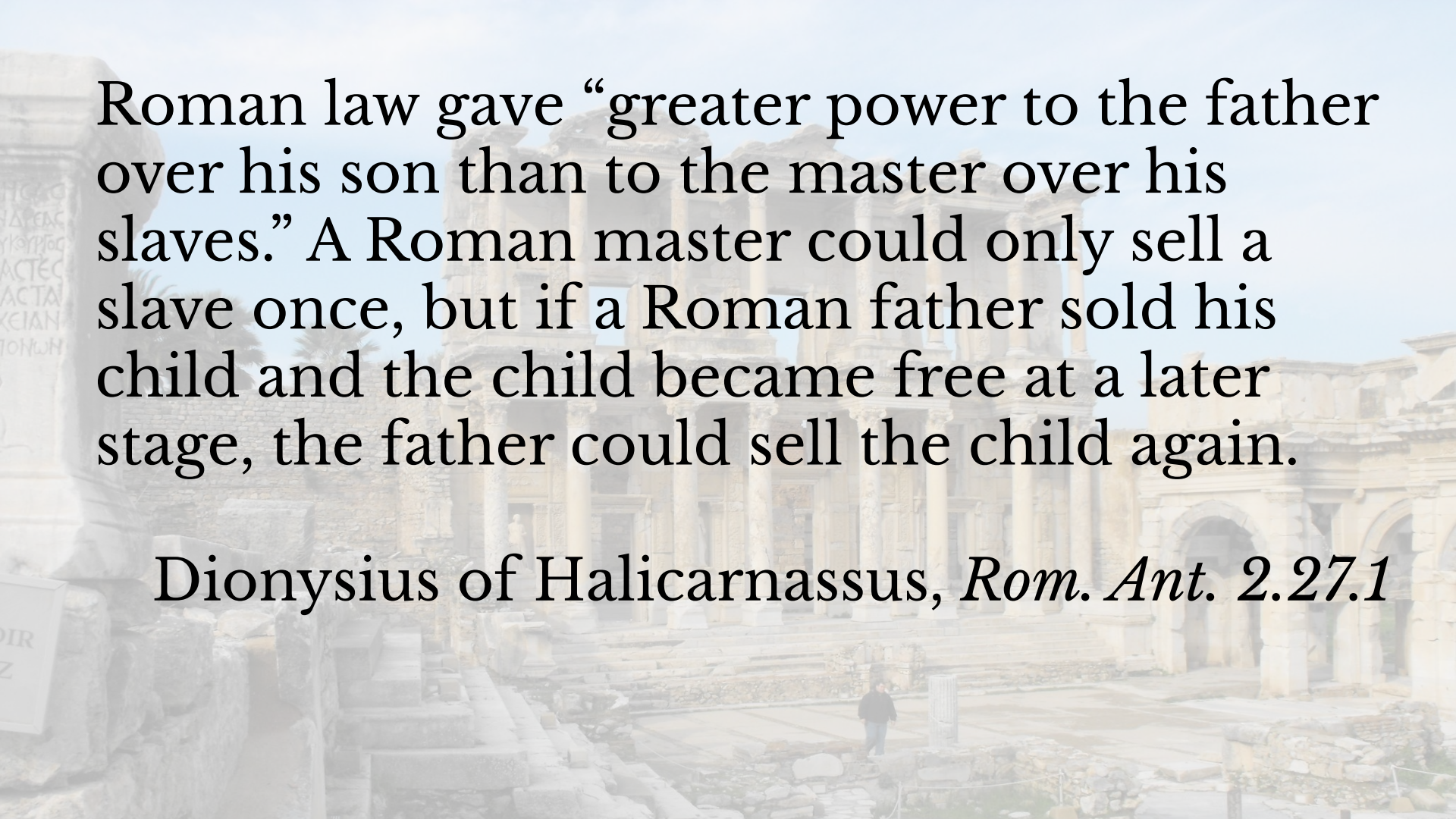
The mother, on the other hand, had no legal power.



The extent of the father's powers was laid down clearly in the formulae of adoption which spoke of his powers of life and death over the son.

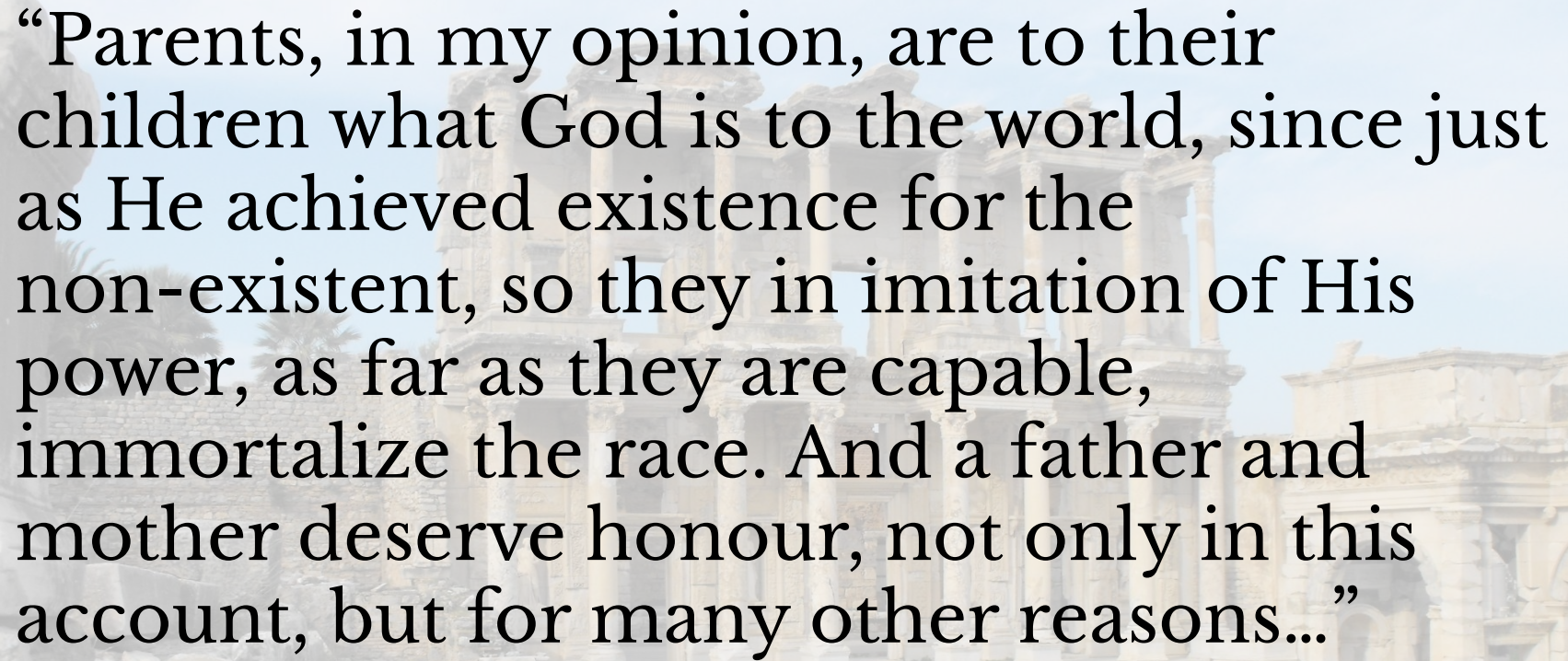
Cicero, *De Domo* 29.77





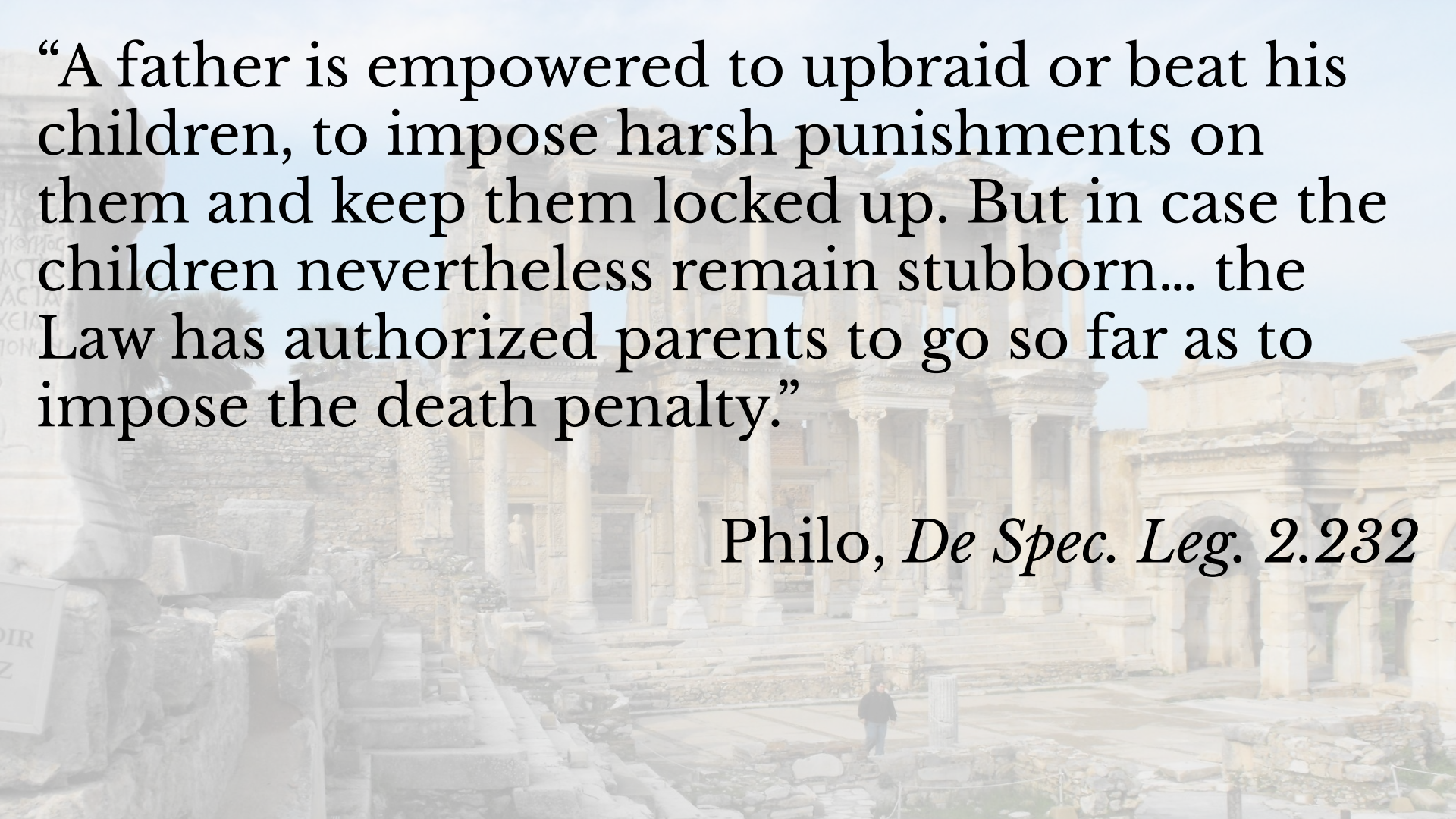
Roman law gave “greater power to the father over his son than to the master over his slaves.” A Roman master could only sell a slave once, but if a Roman father sold his child and the child became free at a later stage, the father could sell the child again.

Dionysius of Halicarnassus, *Rom. Ant.* 2.27.1

The background of the slide is a faded, high-angle photograph of ancient stone ruins. In the center, a person is walking across a courtyard area. To the left, there are large, rectangular stone blocks, possibly part of a wall or a set of steps. The overall scene is one of historical decay and grandeur.

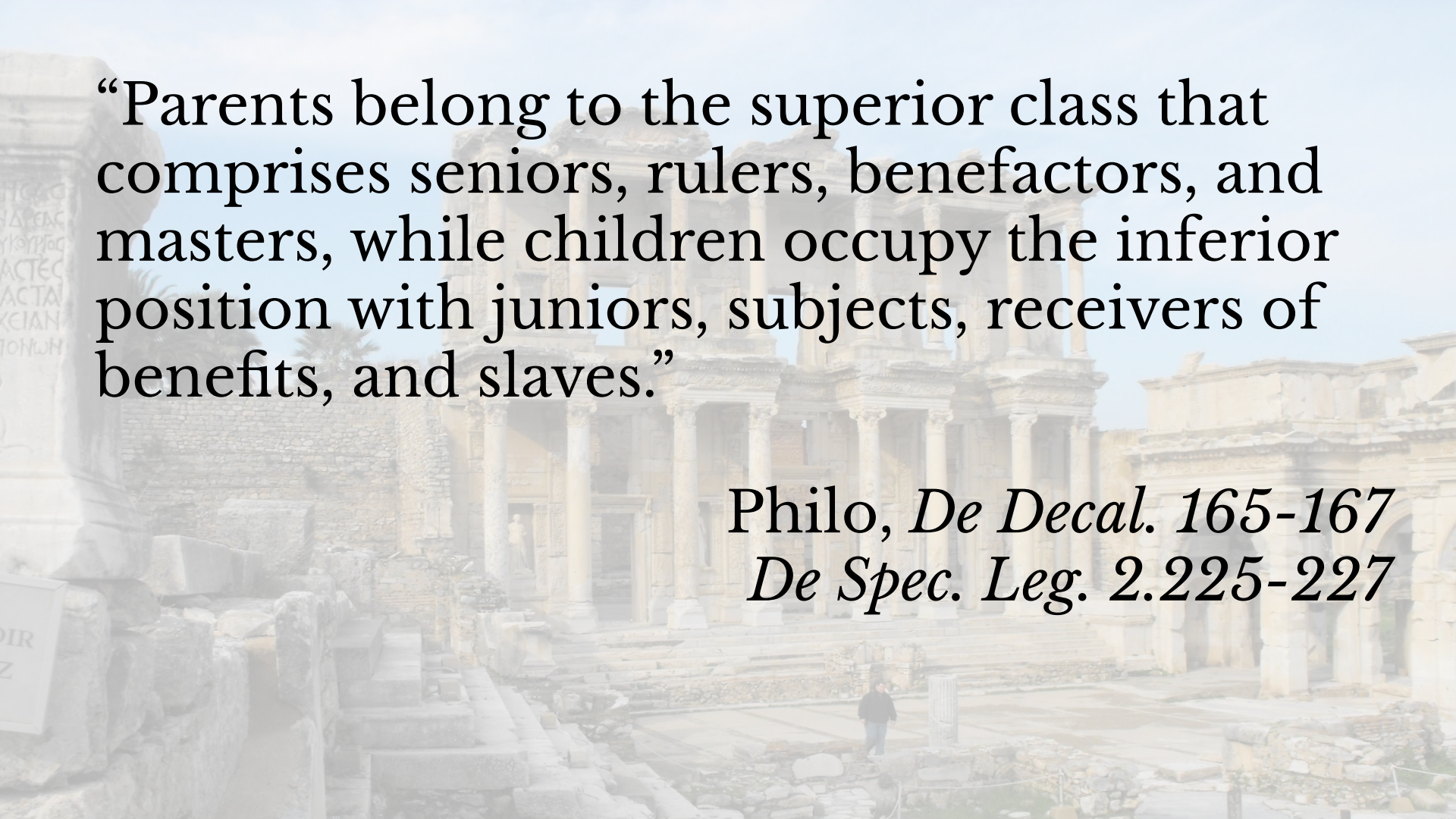
“Parents, in my opinion, are to their children what God is to the world, since just as He achieved existence for the non-existent, so they in imitation of His power, as far as they are capable, immortalize the race. And a father and mother deserve honour, not only in this account, but for many other reasons...”

–Philo



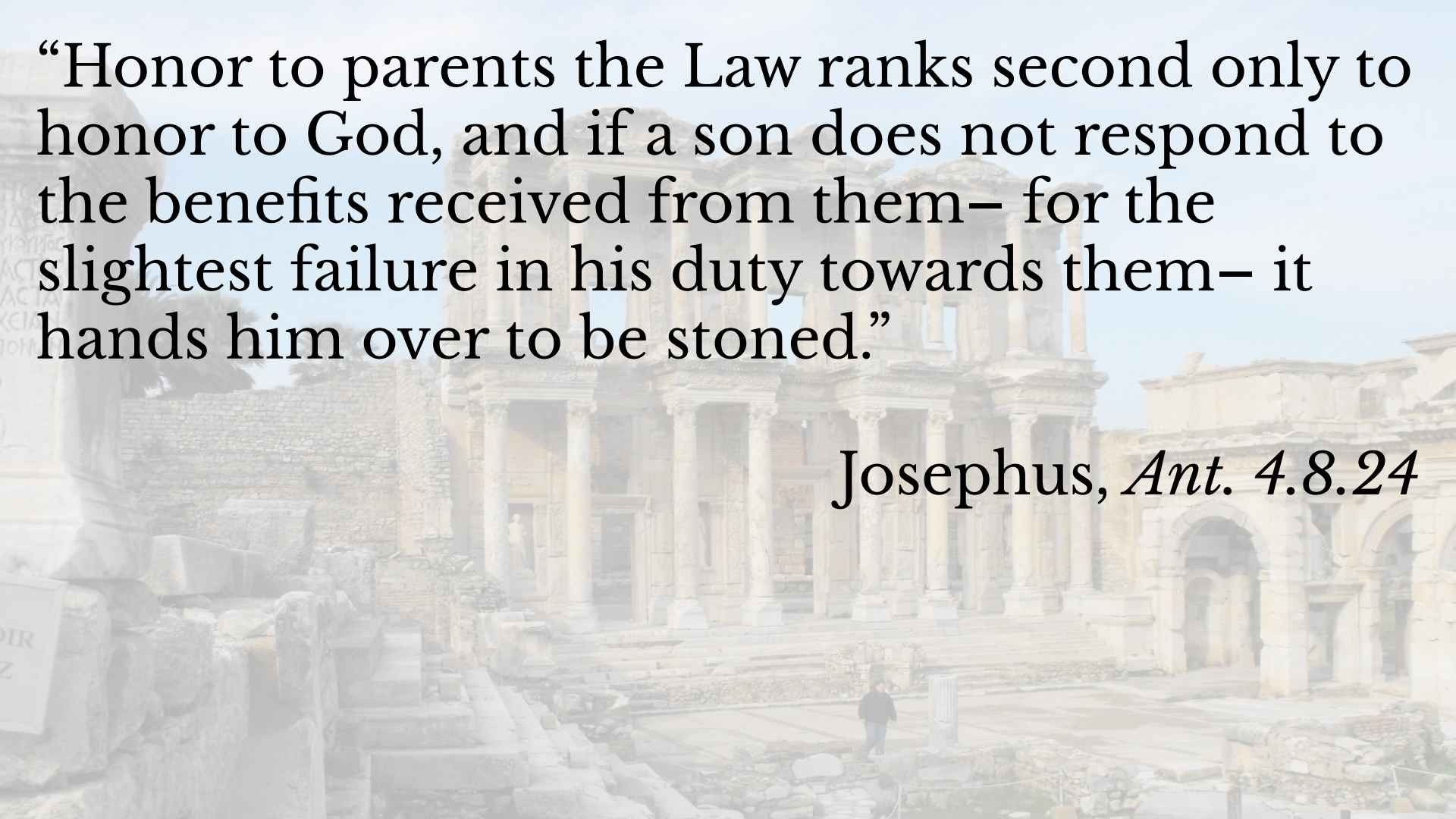
“A father is empowered to upbraid or beat his children, to impose harsh punishments on them and keep them locked up. But in case the children nevertheless remain stubborn... the Law has authorized parents to go so far as to impose the death penalty.”

Philo, *De Spec. Leg.* 2.232



“Parents belong to the superior class that comprises seniors, rulers, benefactors, and masters, while children occupy the inferior position with juniors, subjects, receivers of benefits, and slaves.”

Philo, *De Decal.* 165-167  
*De Spec. Leg.* 2.225-227



“Honor to parents the Law ranks second only to honor to God, and if a son does not respond to the benefits received from them– for the slightest failure in his duty towards them– it hands him over to be stoned.”

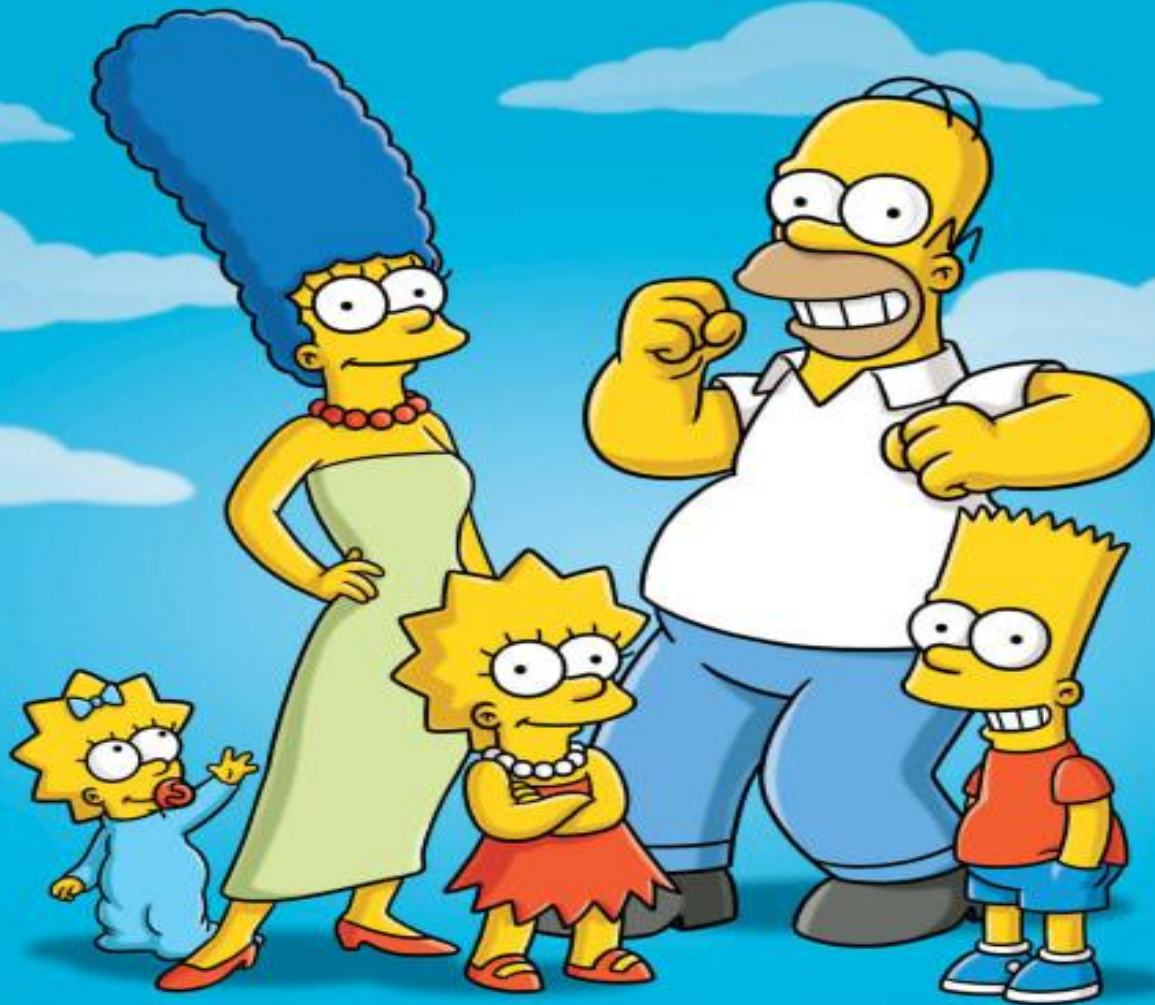
Josephus, *Ant.* 4.8.24

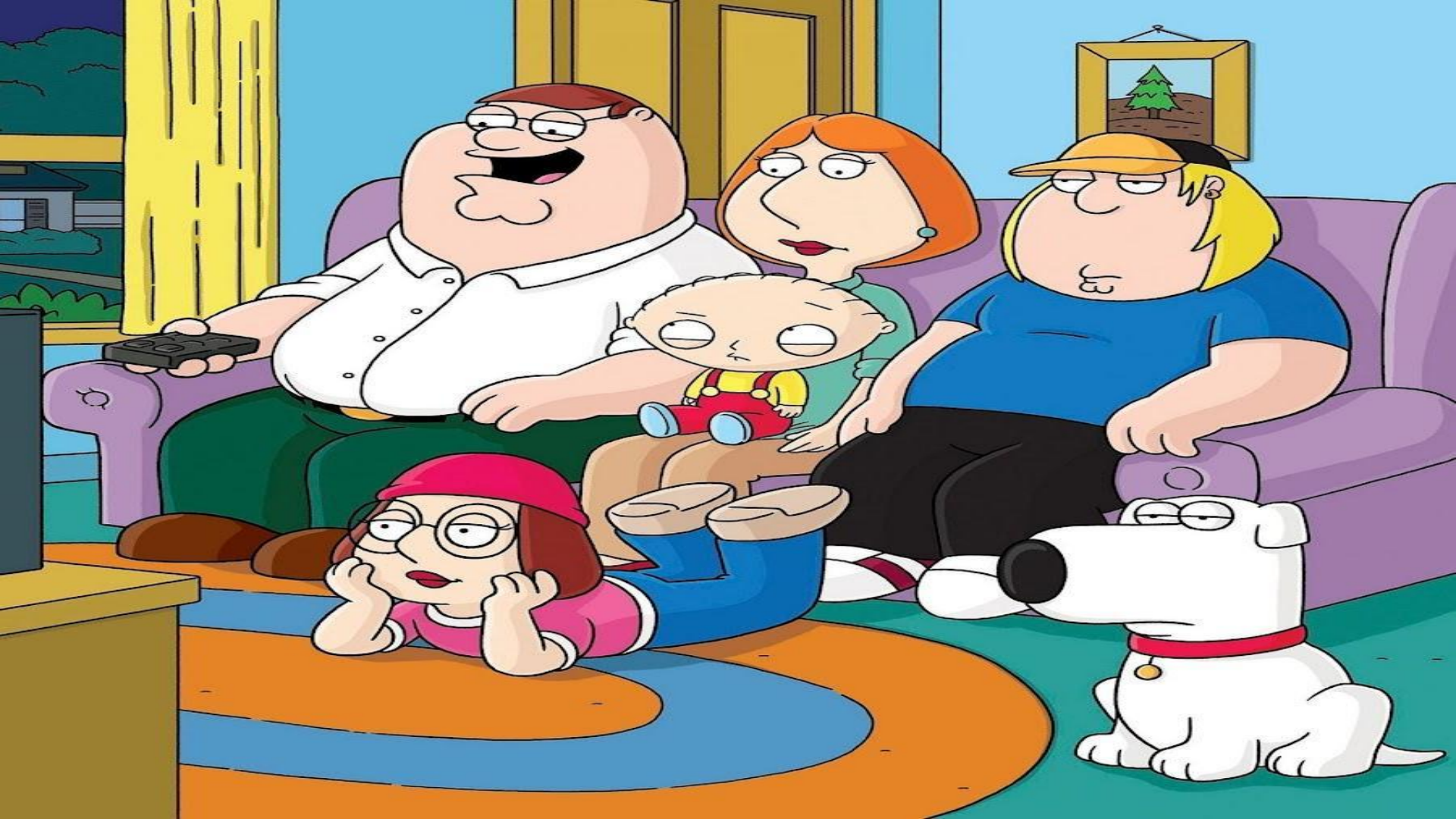
Meanwhile...

# The Family

... in our modern culture





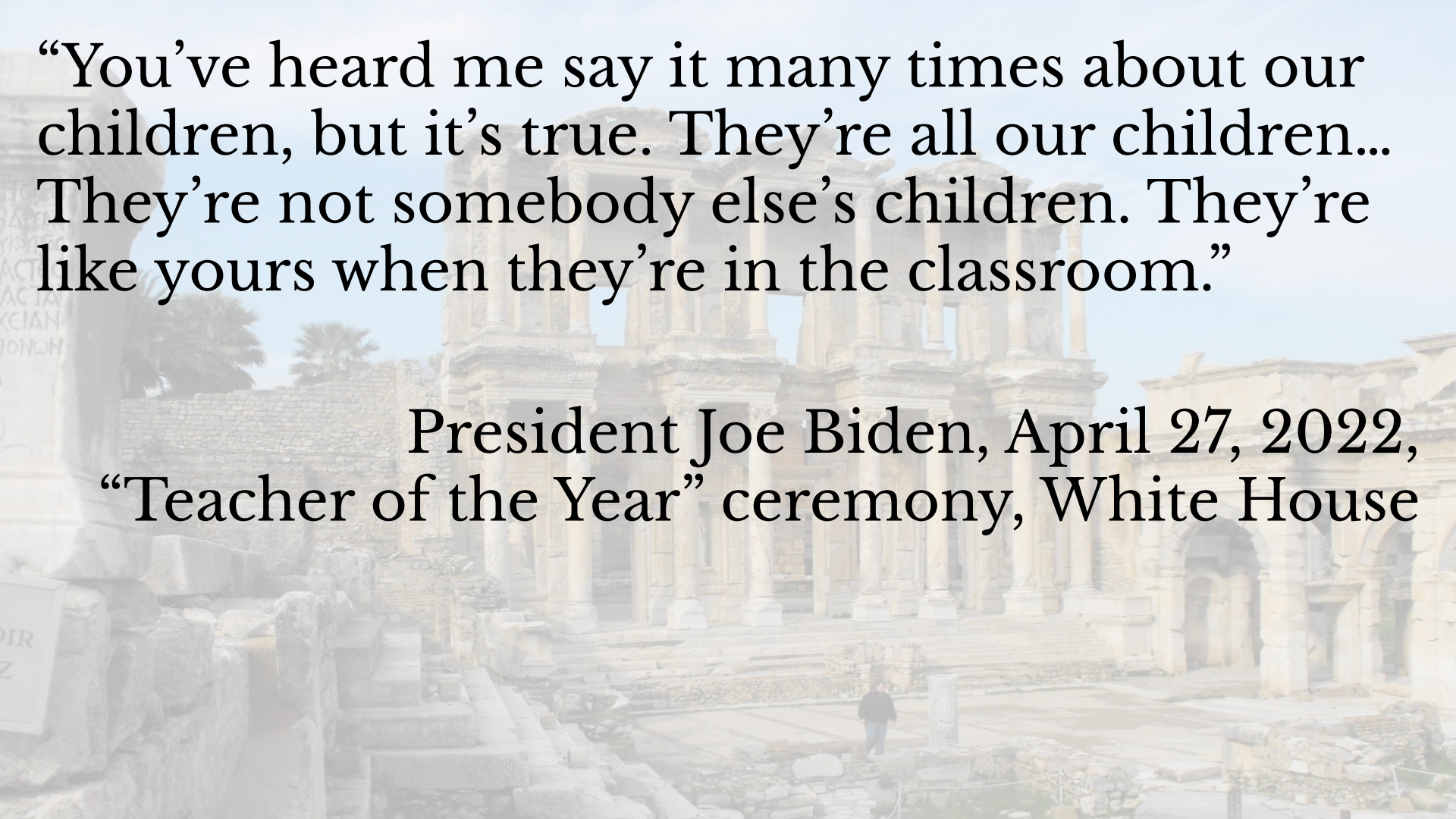




MSNBC, April 4, 2013:

“We’ve always had kind of a private notion of children. Your kid is yours, and your responsibility. We haven’t had a very collective notion of ‘These are our children.’ So part of it is we have to break through our kind of private idea that ‘kids belong to their parents’ or ‘kids belong to their families,’ and recognize that kids belong to whole communities.”

Melissa Harris-Perry, MSNBC, *The Nation*, Tulane University

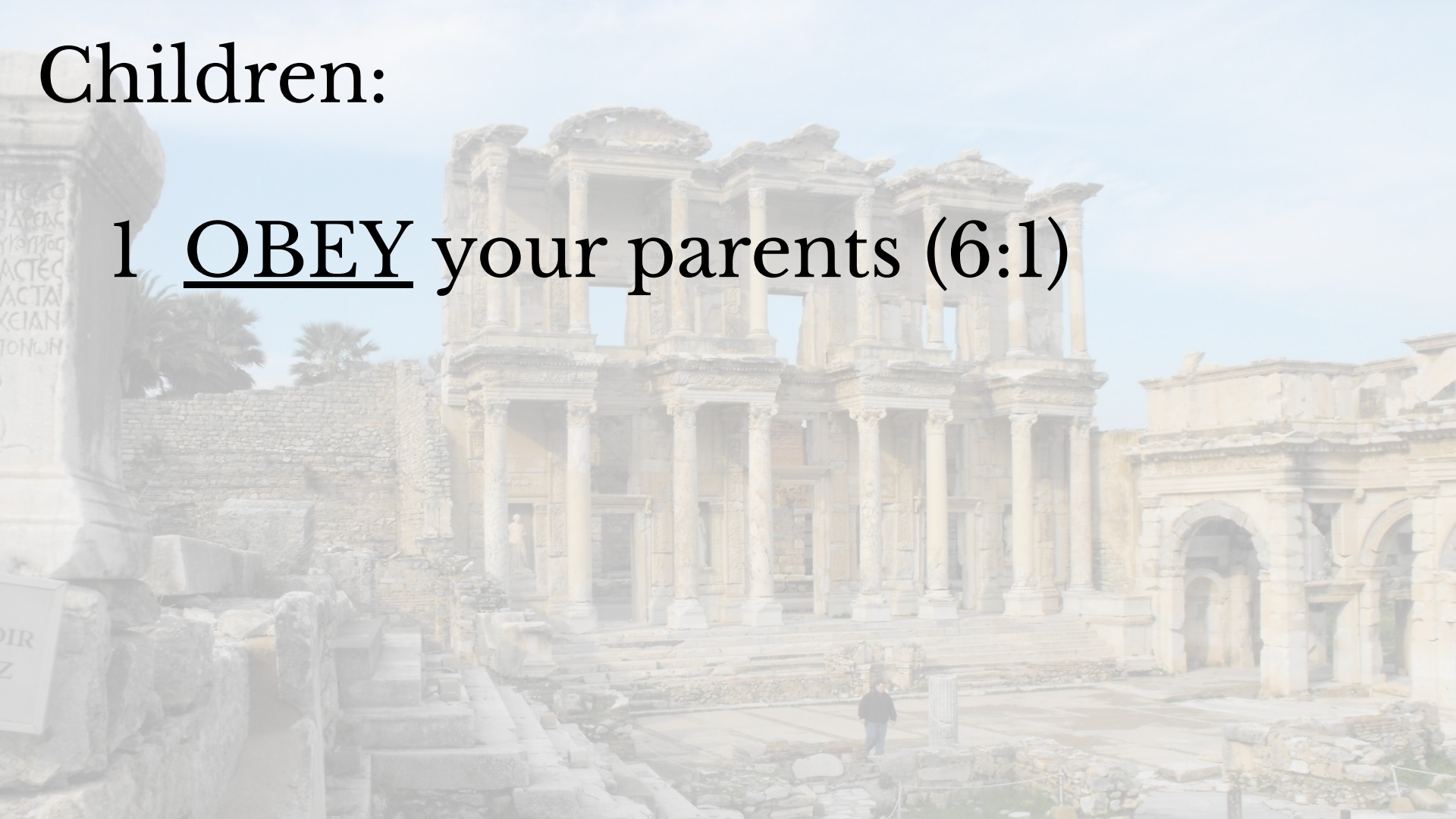


“You’ve heard me say it many times about our children, but it’s true. They’re all our children.. They’re not somebody else’s children. They’re like yours when they’re in the classroom.”

President Joe Biden, April 27, 2022,  
“Teacher of the Year” ceremony, White House

Children:

1 OBEY your parents (6:1)





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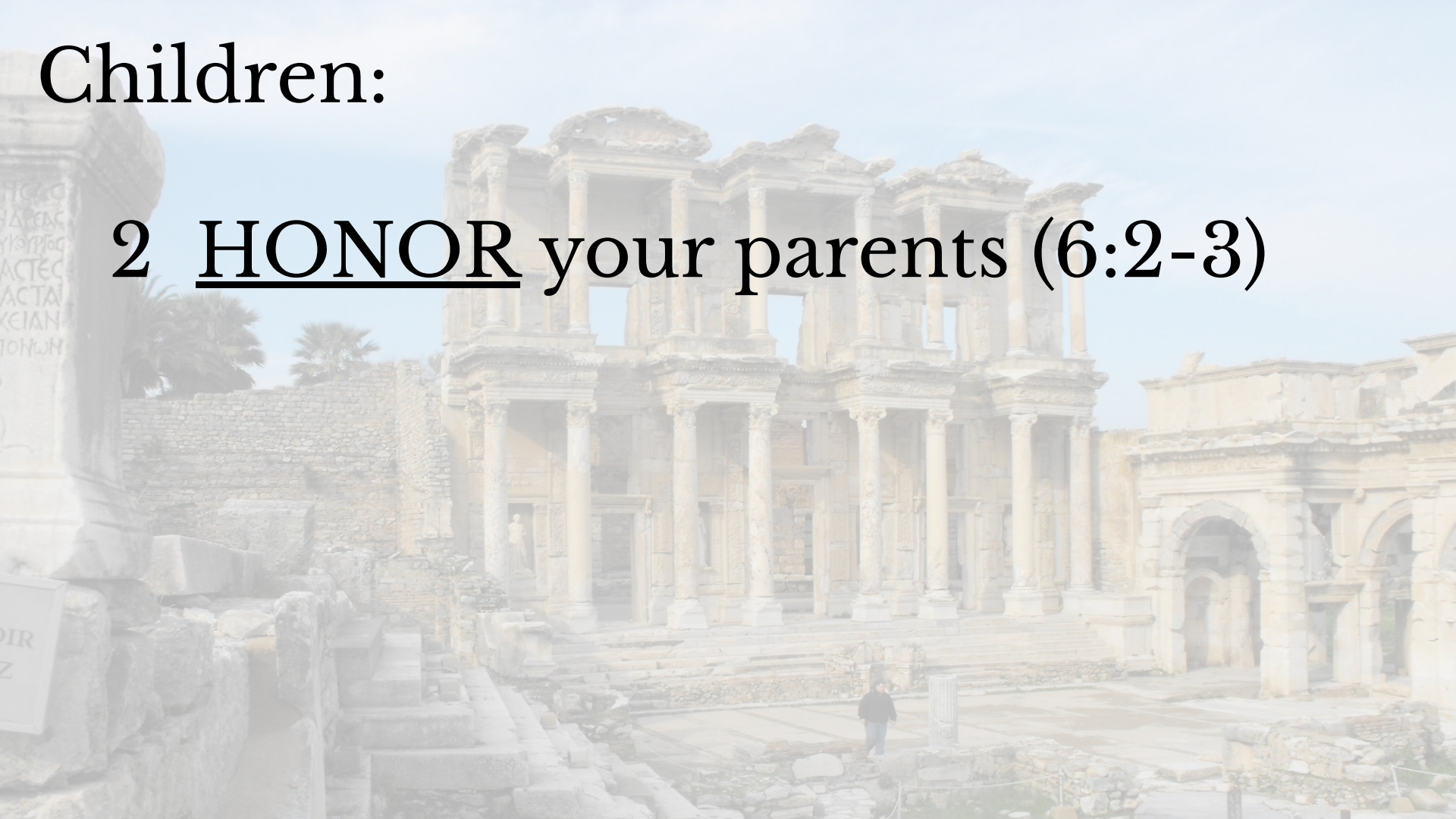
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Deuteronomy 21:18-21

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2 HONOR your parents (6:2-3)





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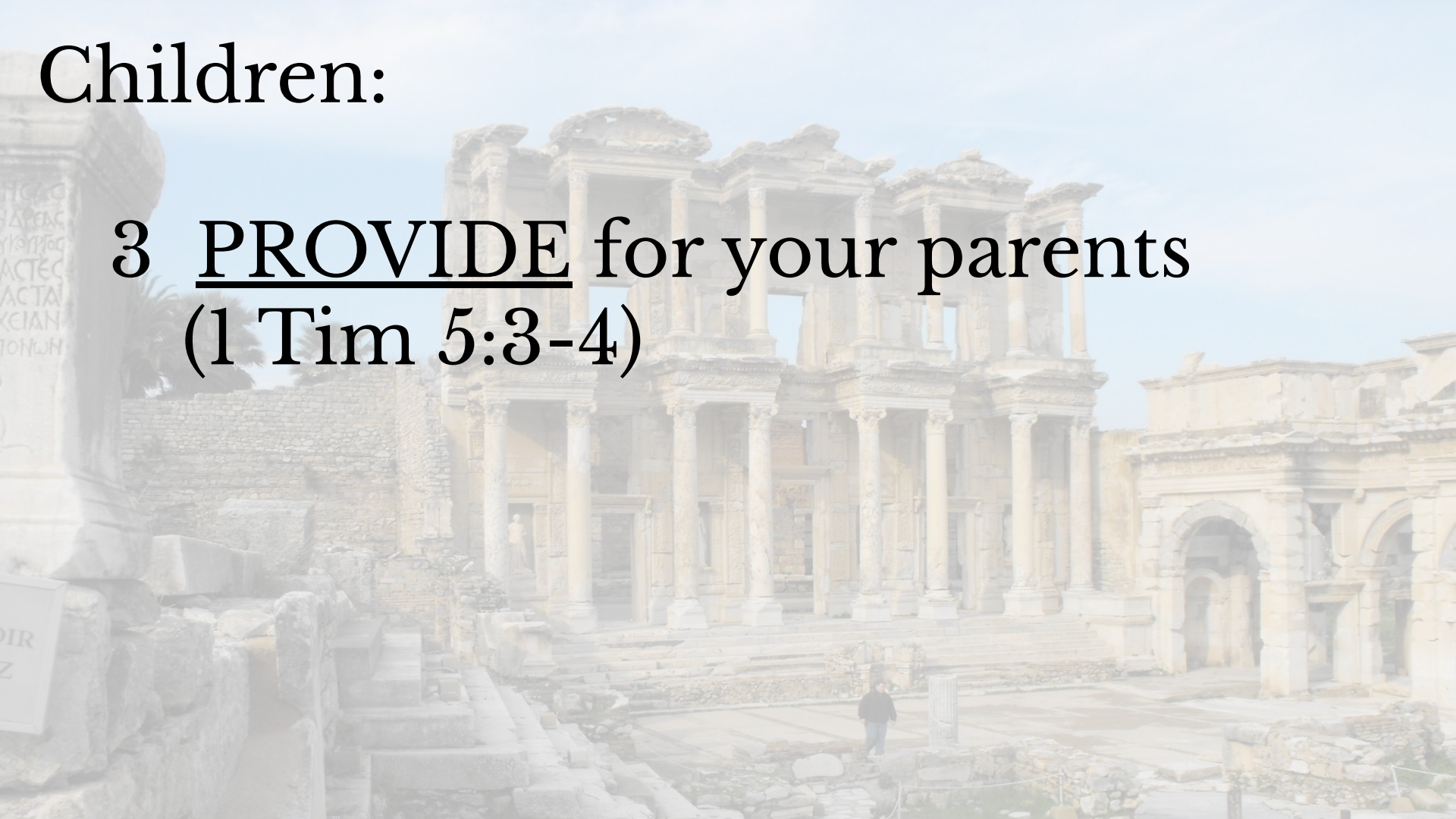
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What a “Dual Quad” Wildcat 465  
can teach about “honor”



Children:

3 PROVIDE for your parents  
(1 Tim 5:3-4)

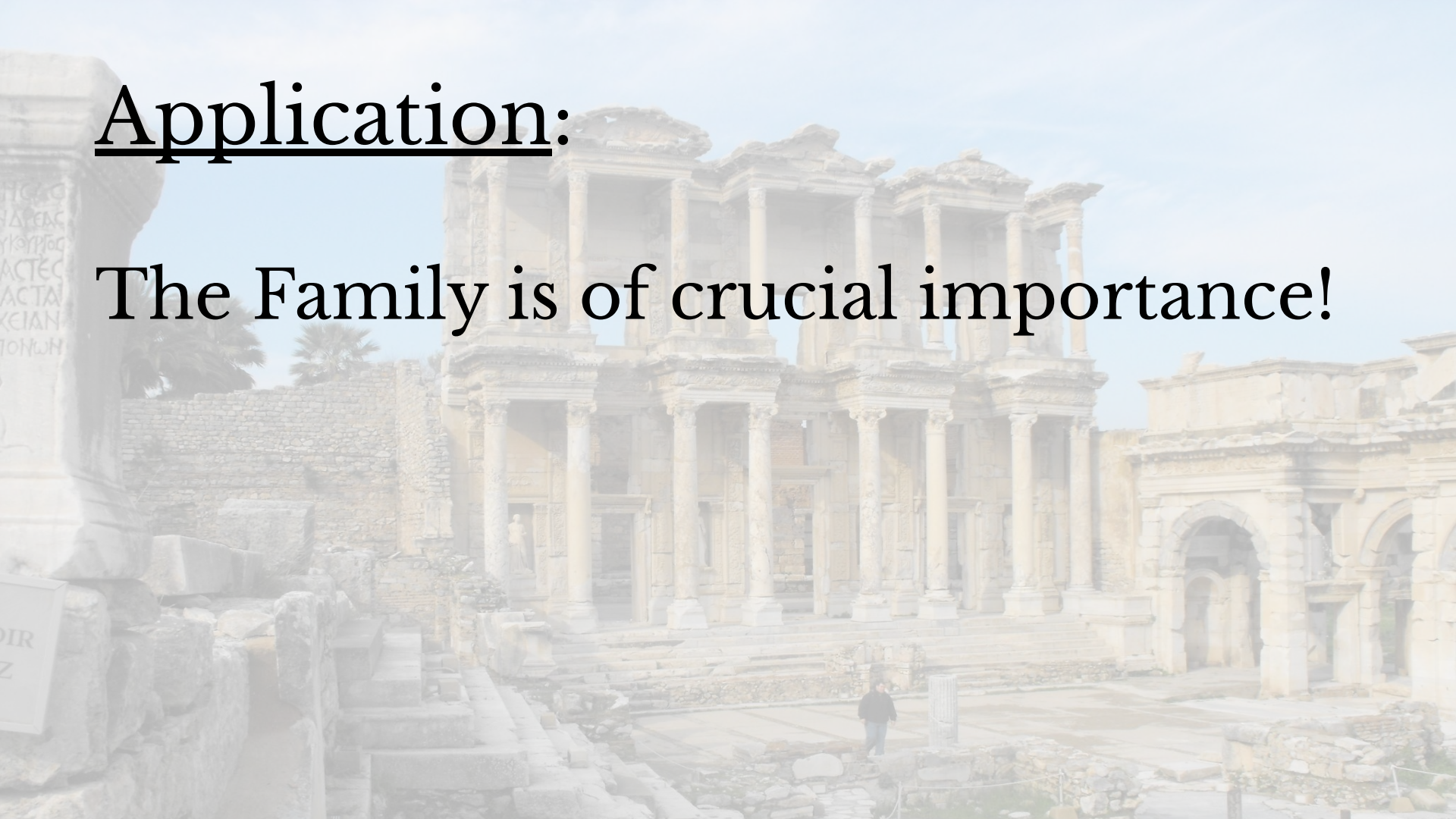


# Application:



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To you: So be intentional

The background of the slide is a faded, light-colored image of ancient ruins, likely the Temple of Apollo in Side, Turkey. The ruins feature several classical columns and a pedimented structure. The text is overlaid on this background.

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The Family is of crucial importance!

To you: So be intentional

To Grace Fellowship:  
So let's be intentional!