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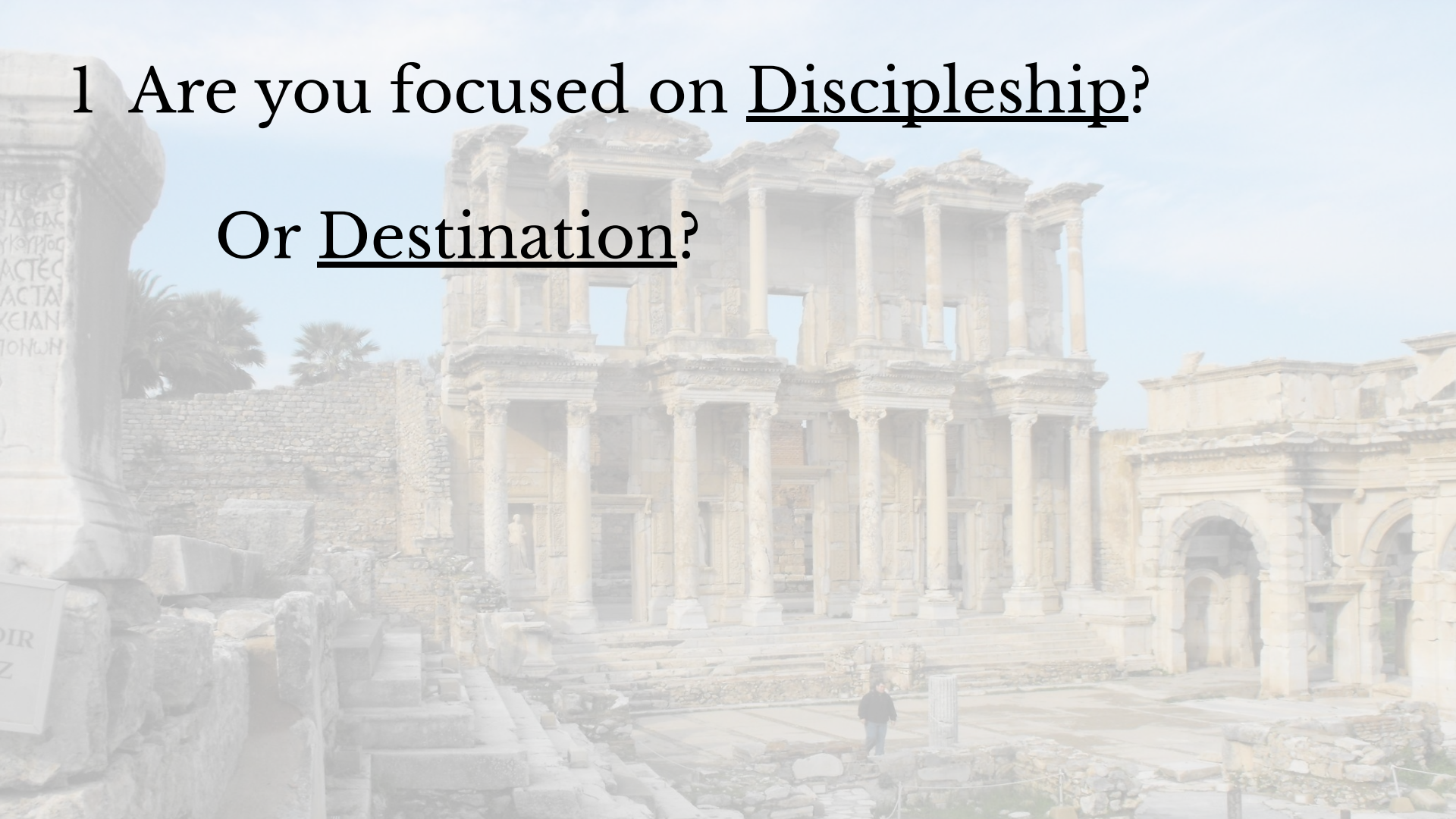


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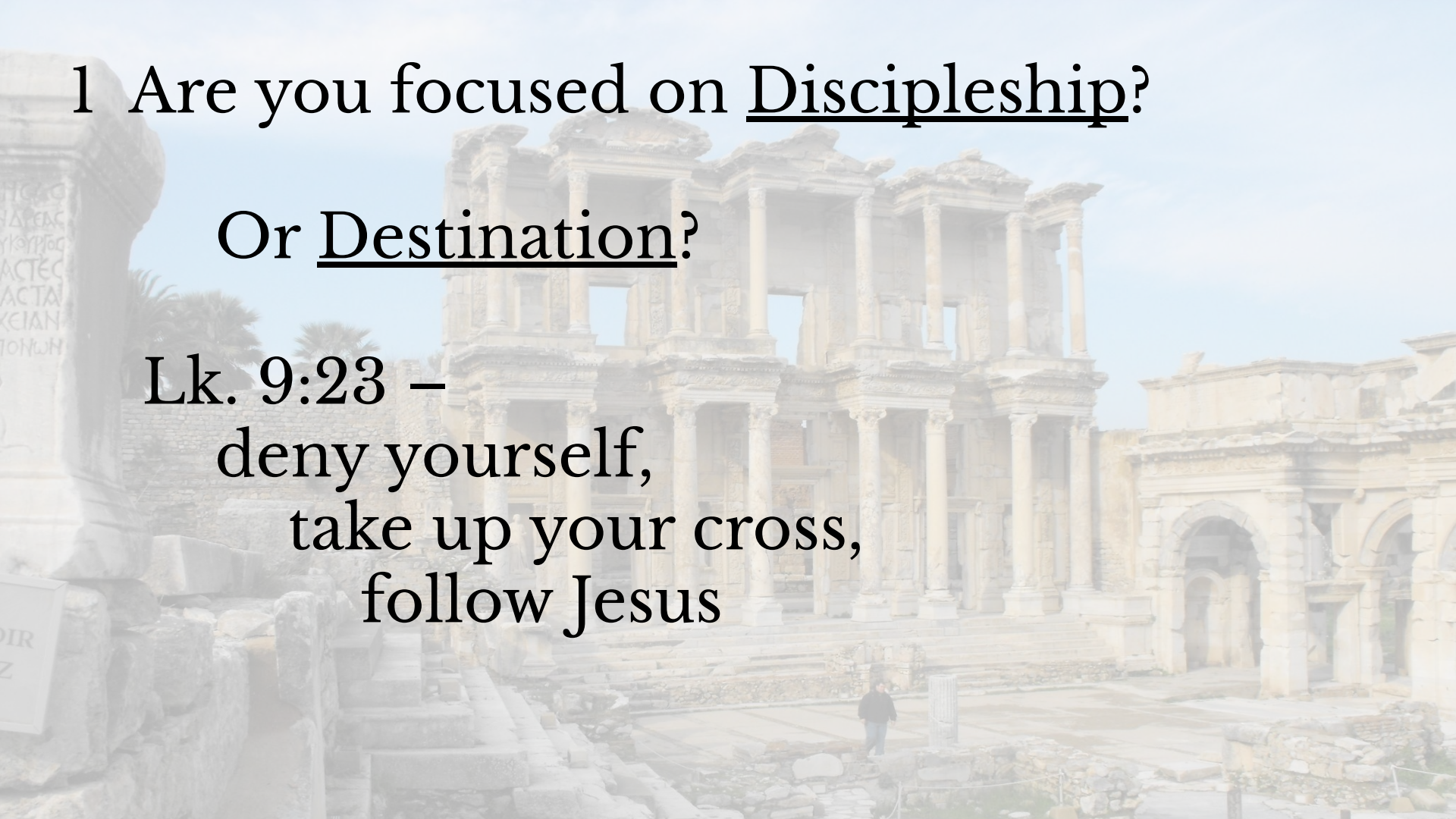


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Lk. 9:23 –

deny yourself,
take up your cross,
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What is your cross to bear?

Where are you dying to self?

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Psalm 97:1-9

Ps. 99:1-5

Matt. 28:18

Col. 1:15-18



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He Himself exhibits Order and
Differentiation in Equality

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

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One of the fallacies of much egalitarian theology today is the belief that for two people to be “equal” they must do the same things. There is an assumption that you cannot have differentiation and order without also having inferiority and superiority of dignity or worth. But you can, and this is what we find in God’s Word!

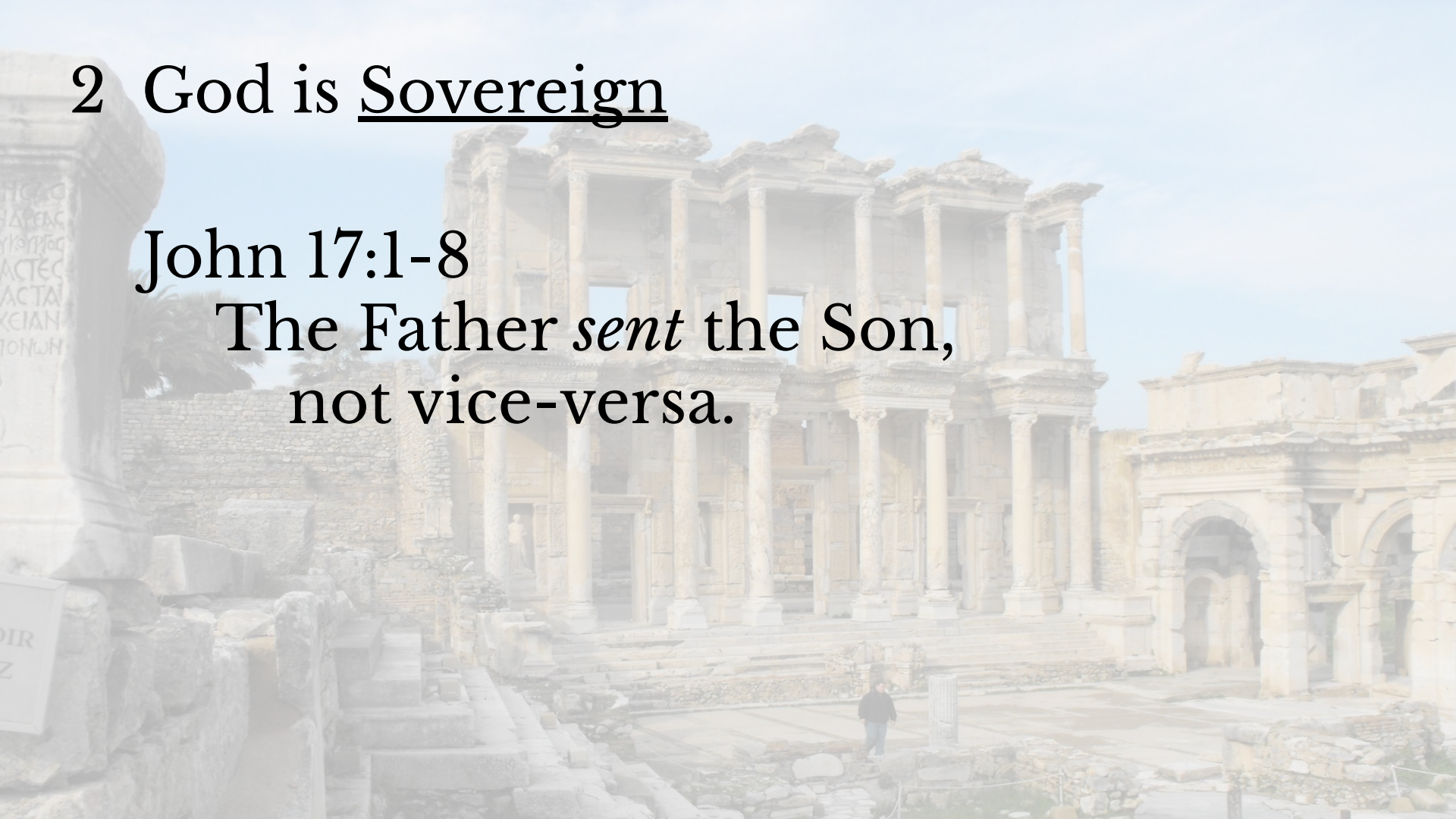
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All three persons of the Godhead share in the same divine nature, yet there is an asymmetry within the divine relationships. There is sameness and equality *alongside* functional or relational order and subordination. It is not a case of *either* equality *or* order, but *both* equality and sameness, *and* order and difference.

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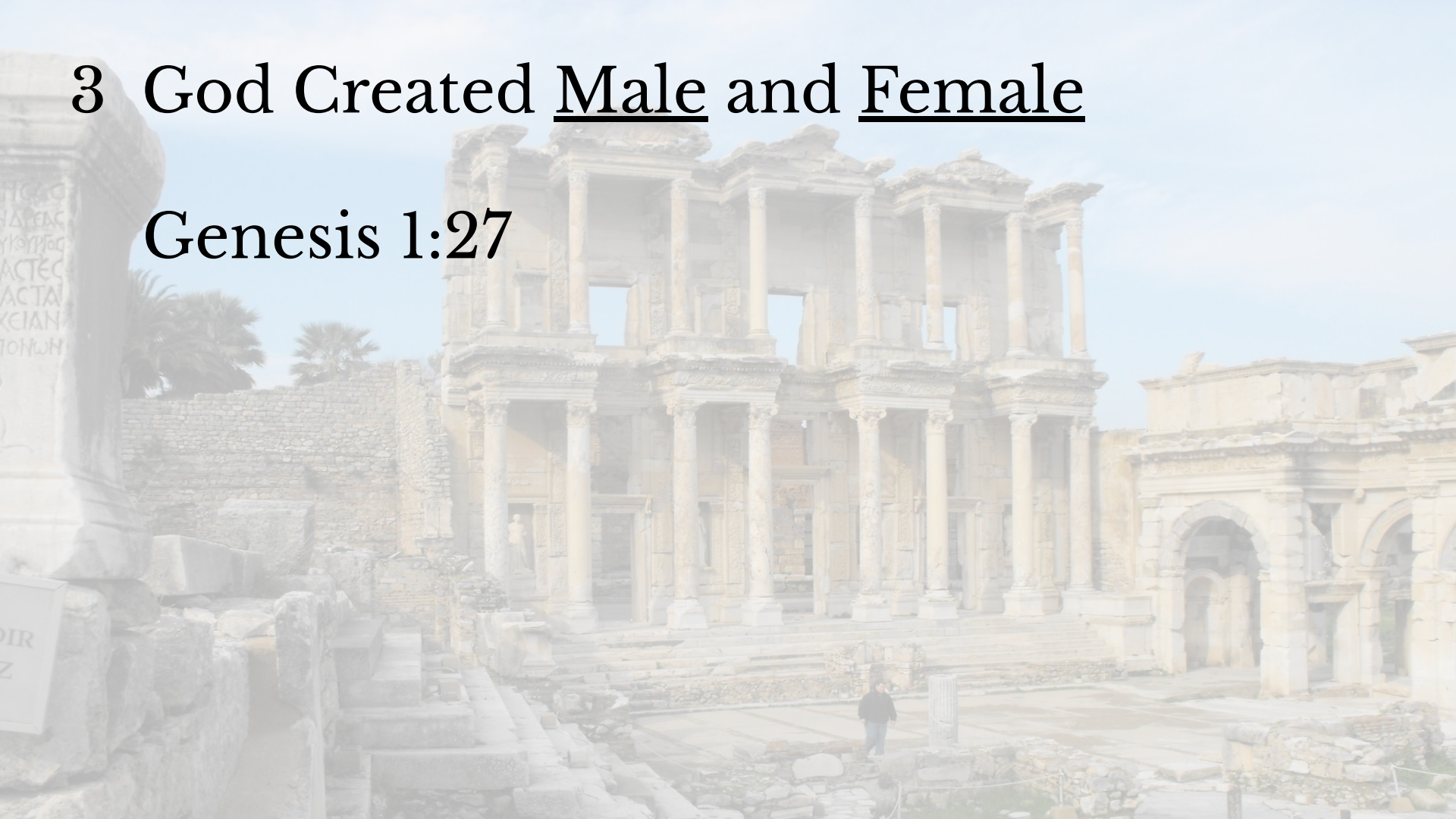
Though the world is fallen,
He still maintains order amidst the chaos.

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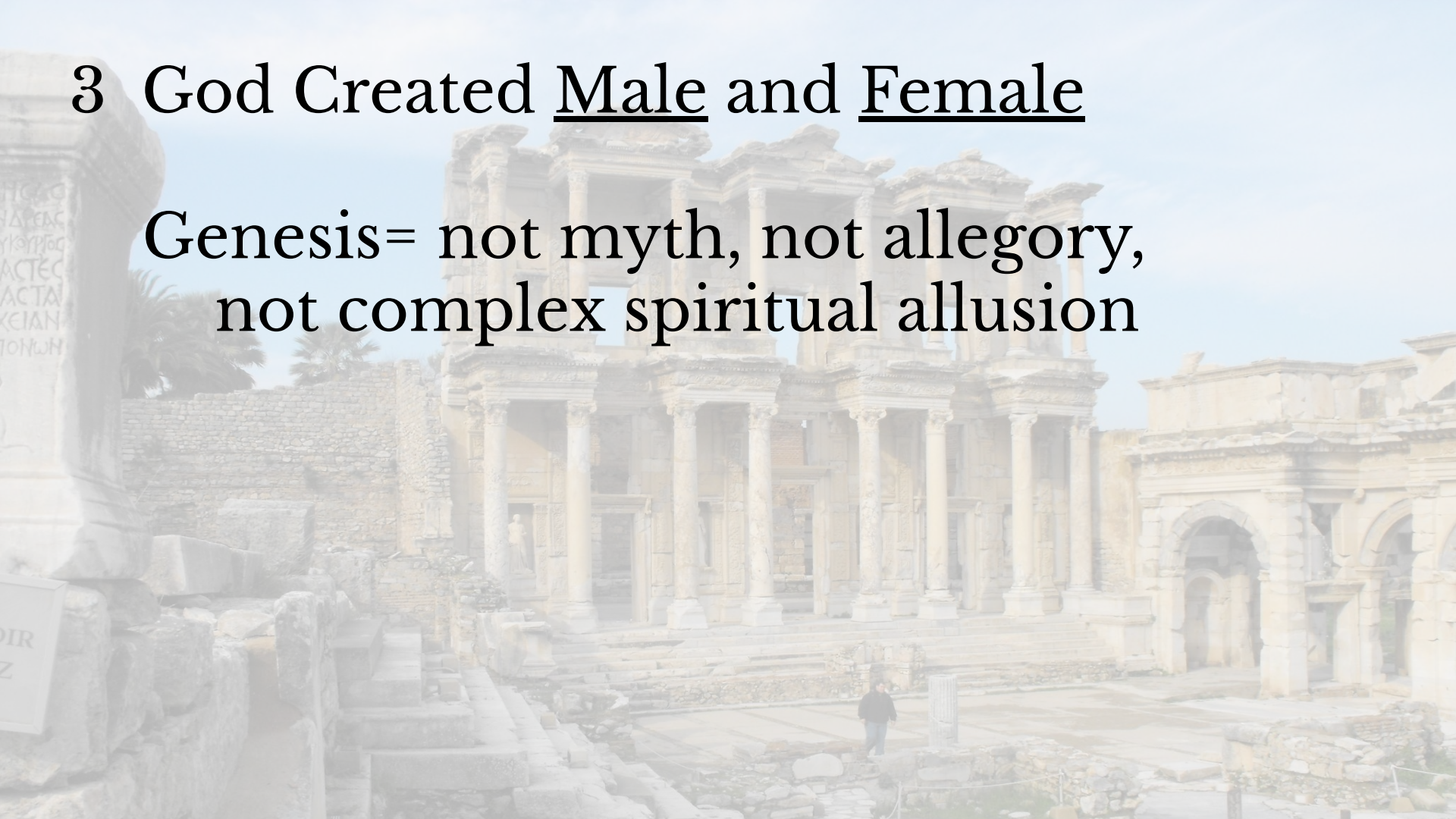
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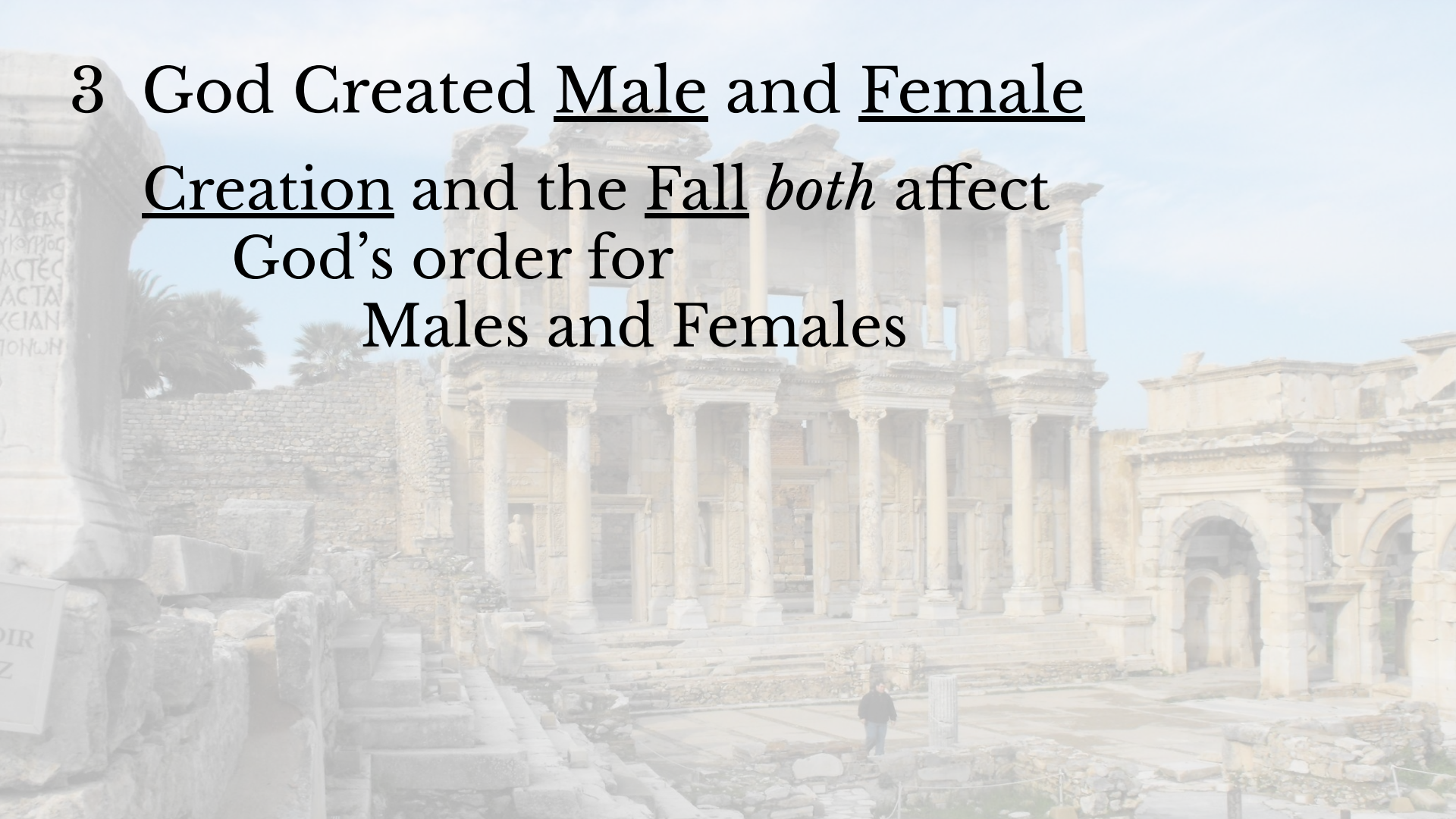


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Could Moses have ever guessed
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“gender”?

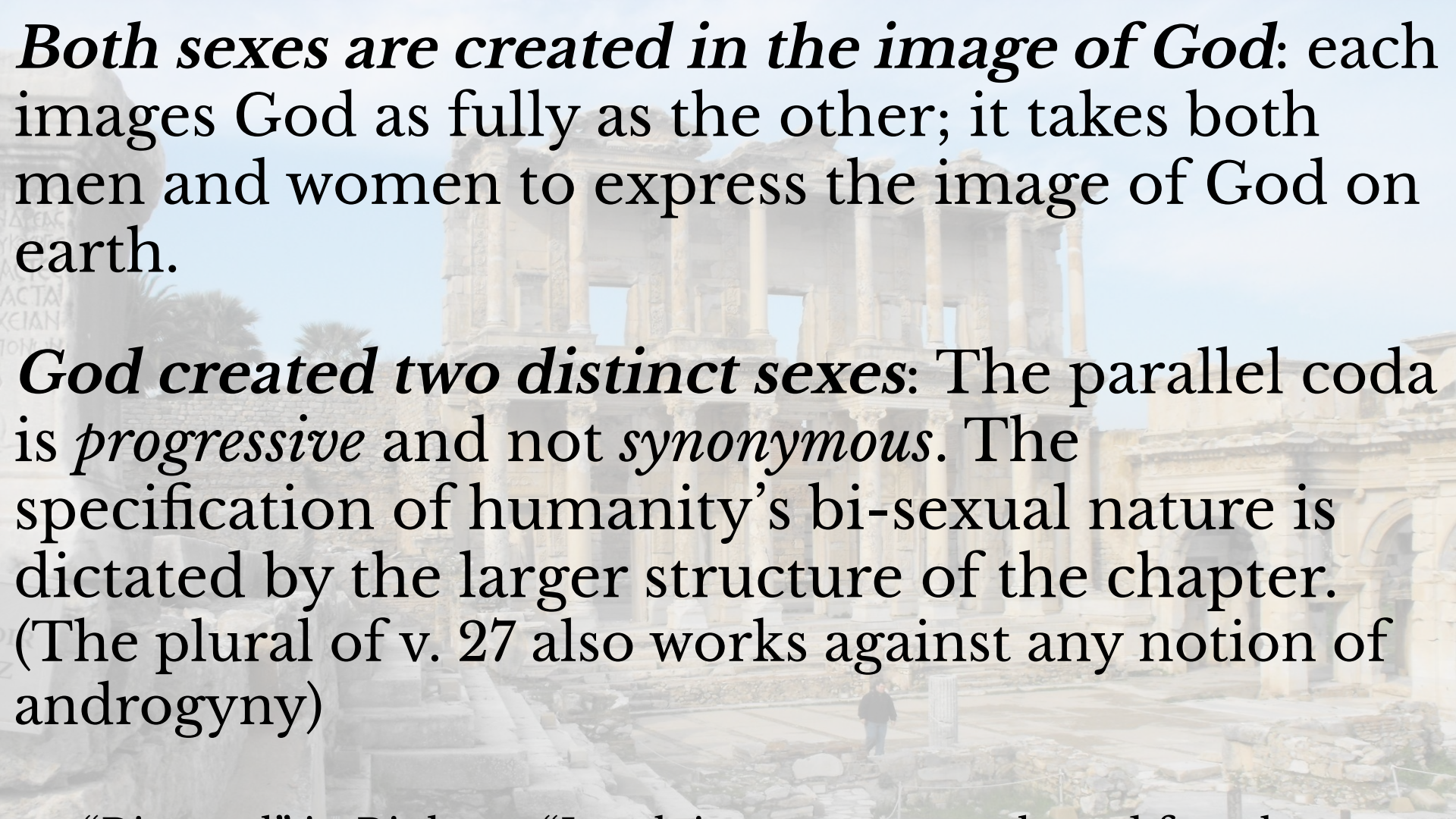
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There are two key statements in Genesis 1:27–

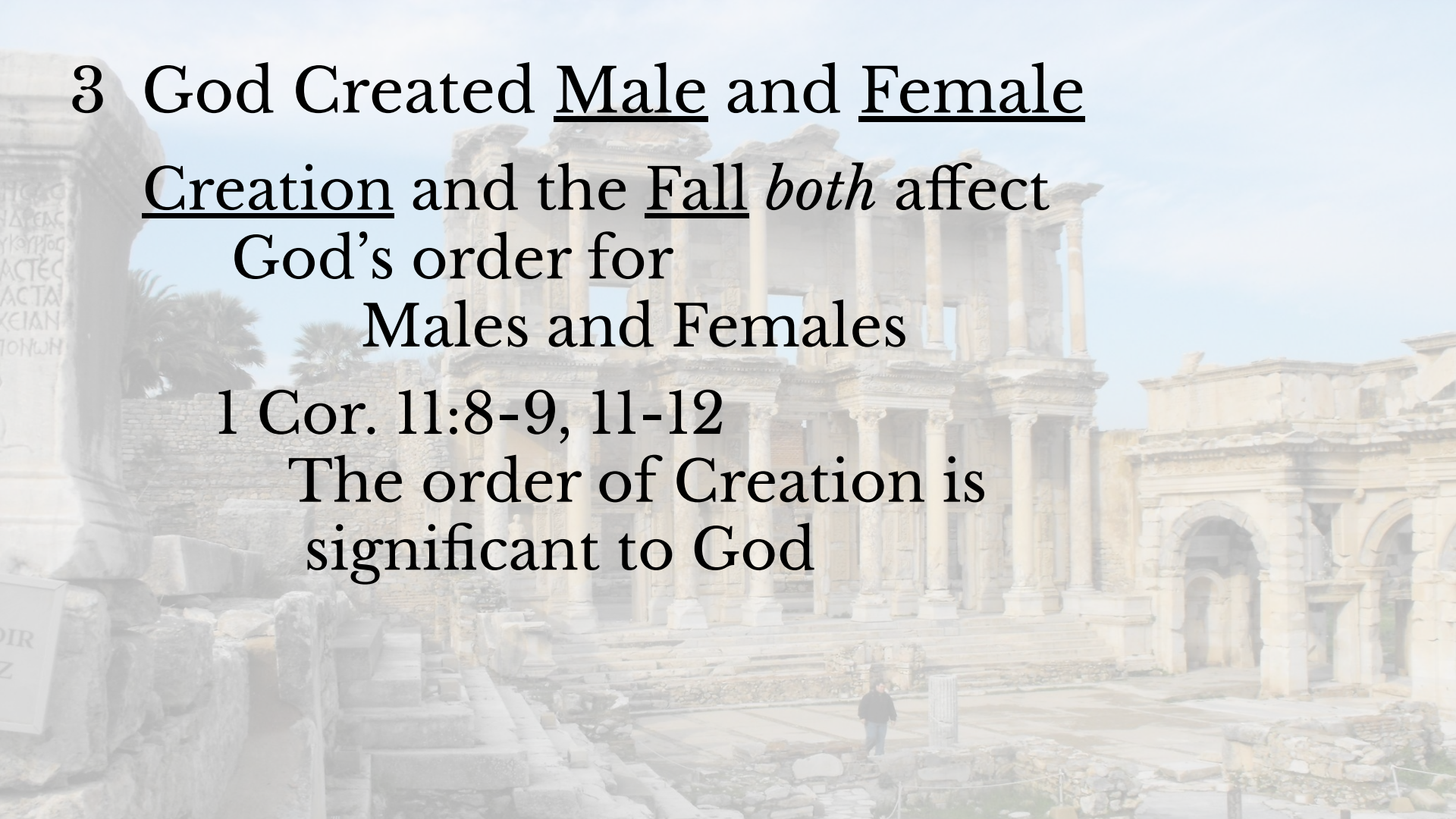
“God created man in his own image, in the image of God He created him”, and “male and female He created them.”

The juxtaposition of these two statements has consequences for theological anthropology and specifically for a theology of sexuality.



Both sexes are created in the image of God: each images God as fully as the other; it takes both men and women to express the image of God on earth.

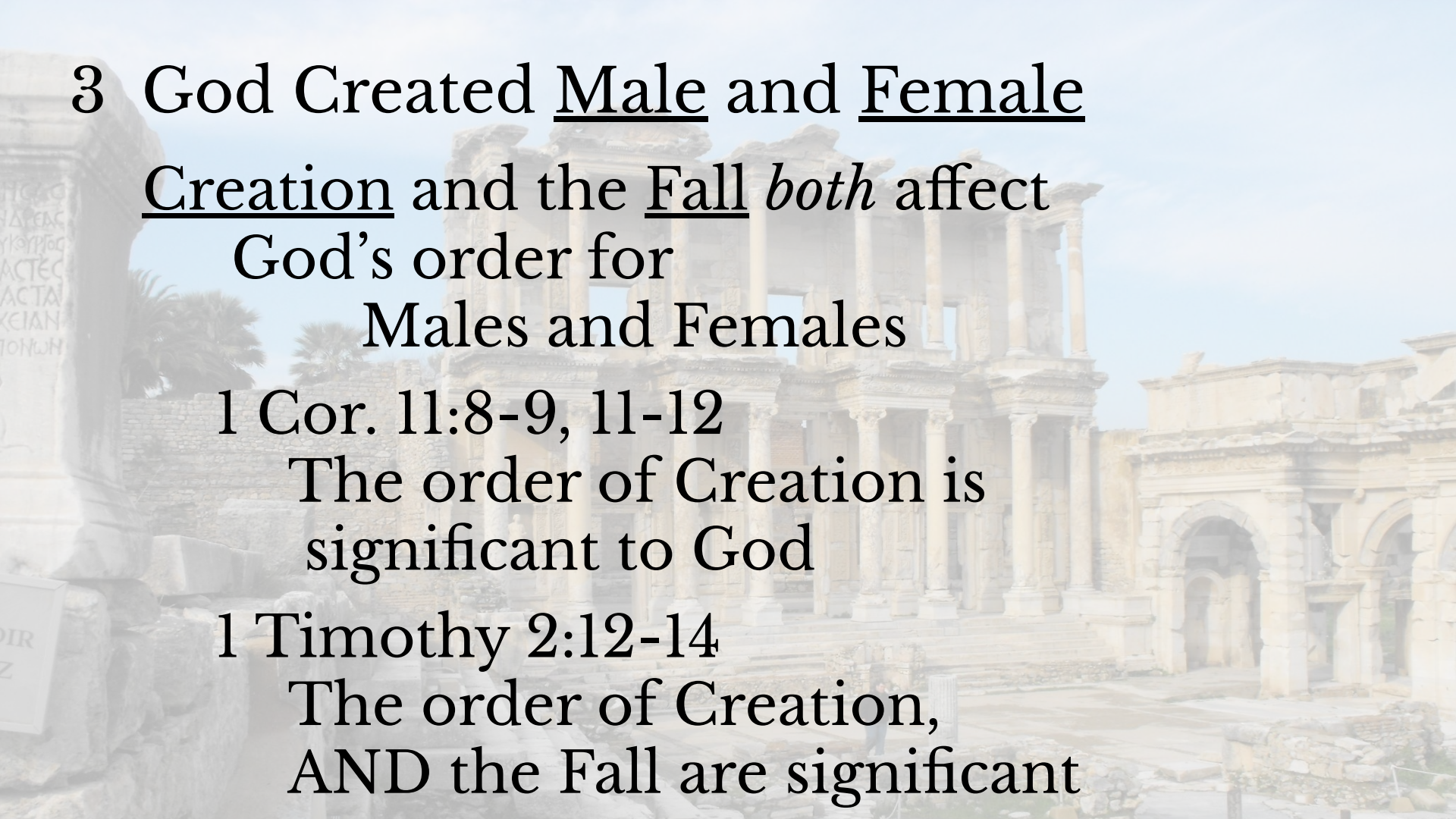
God created two distinct sexes: The parallel coda is *progressive* and not *synonymous*. The specification of humanity's bi-sexual nature is dictated by the larger structure of the chapter. (The plural of v. 27 also works against any notion of androgyny)



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1 Timothy 2:12-14

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4 God Established Marriage



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Genesis 2:18-25

Matthew 19:3-6

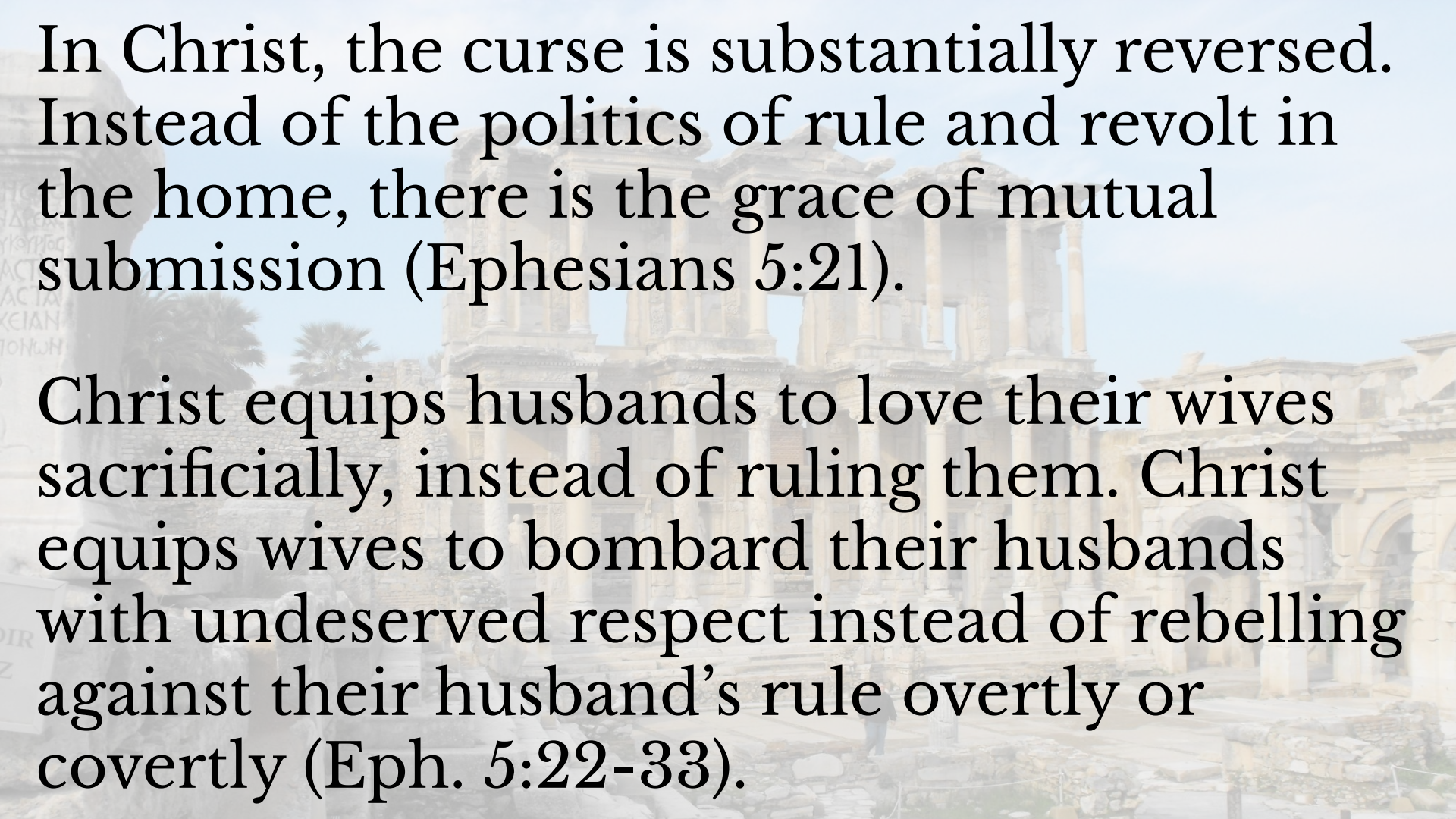
Ephesians 5:31-33



Genesis 3:16– The curse of sin was negative for both the man and the woman. One result of sin is that man will now rule his wife, instead of being the side-by-side companion of 2:18–25.

The woman will desire to overthrow that rule: as signalled by the curse, ‘your desire will be for your husband’. [The etymology of the word ‘desire’ supports a non-sexual understanding of the word (similar to its use in 4:7 for the desire of sin to overmaster Cain.)]

Men desire to rule; women desire to revolt. Sometimes the rebellion is overt, sometimes it is covert. Both are the result of sin.



In Christ, the curse is substantially reversed. Instead of the politics of rule and revolt in the home, there is the grace of mutual submission (Ephesians 5:21).

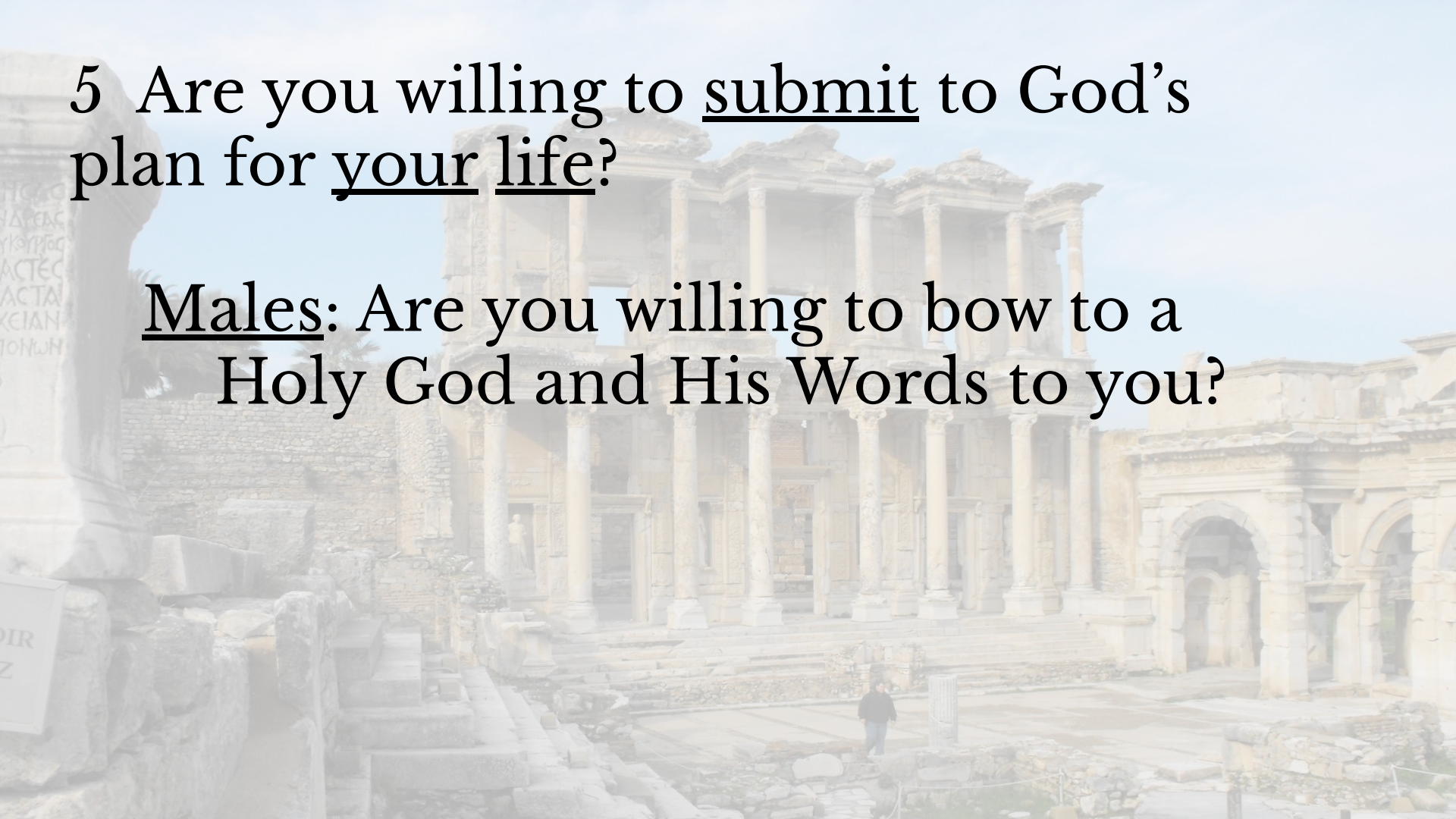
Christ equips husbands to love their wives sacrificially, instead of ruling them. Christ equips wives to bombard their husbands with undeserved respect instead of rebelling against their husband's rule overtly or covertly (Eph. 5:22-33).

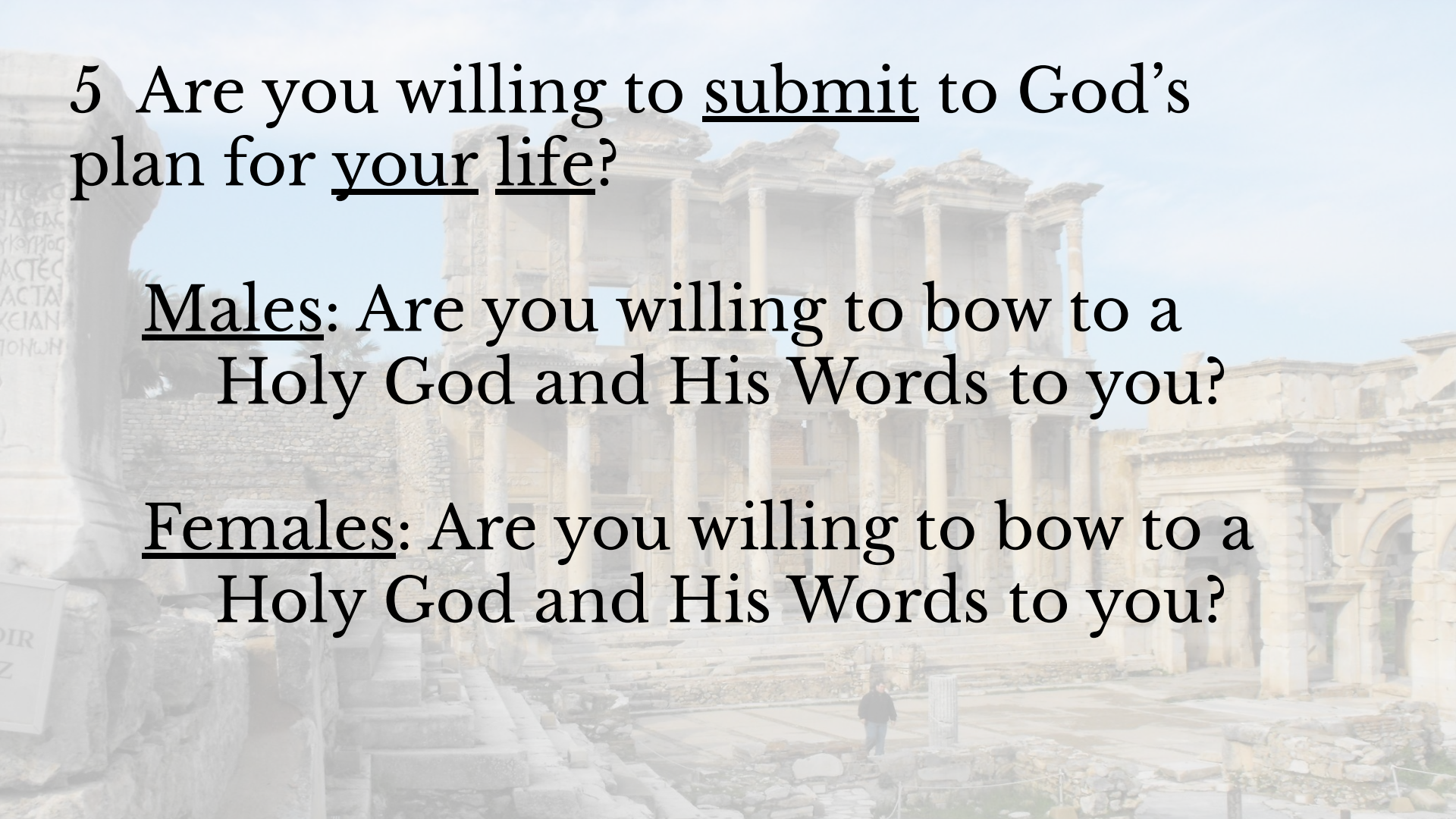
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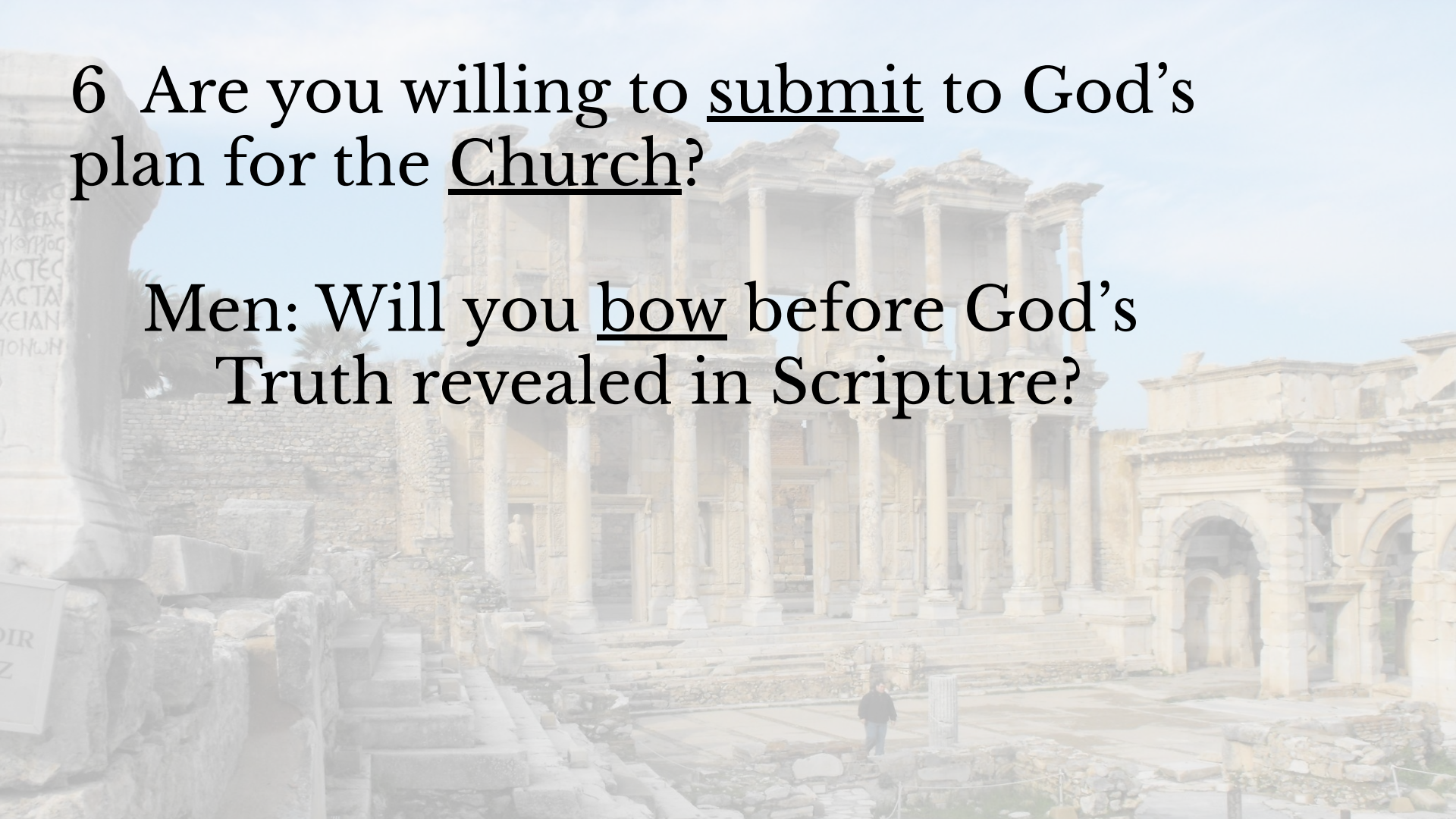
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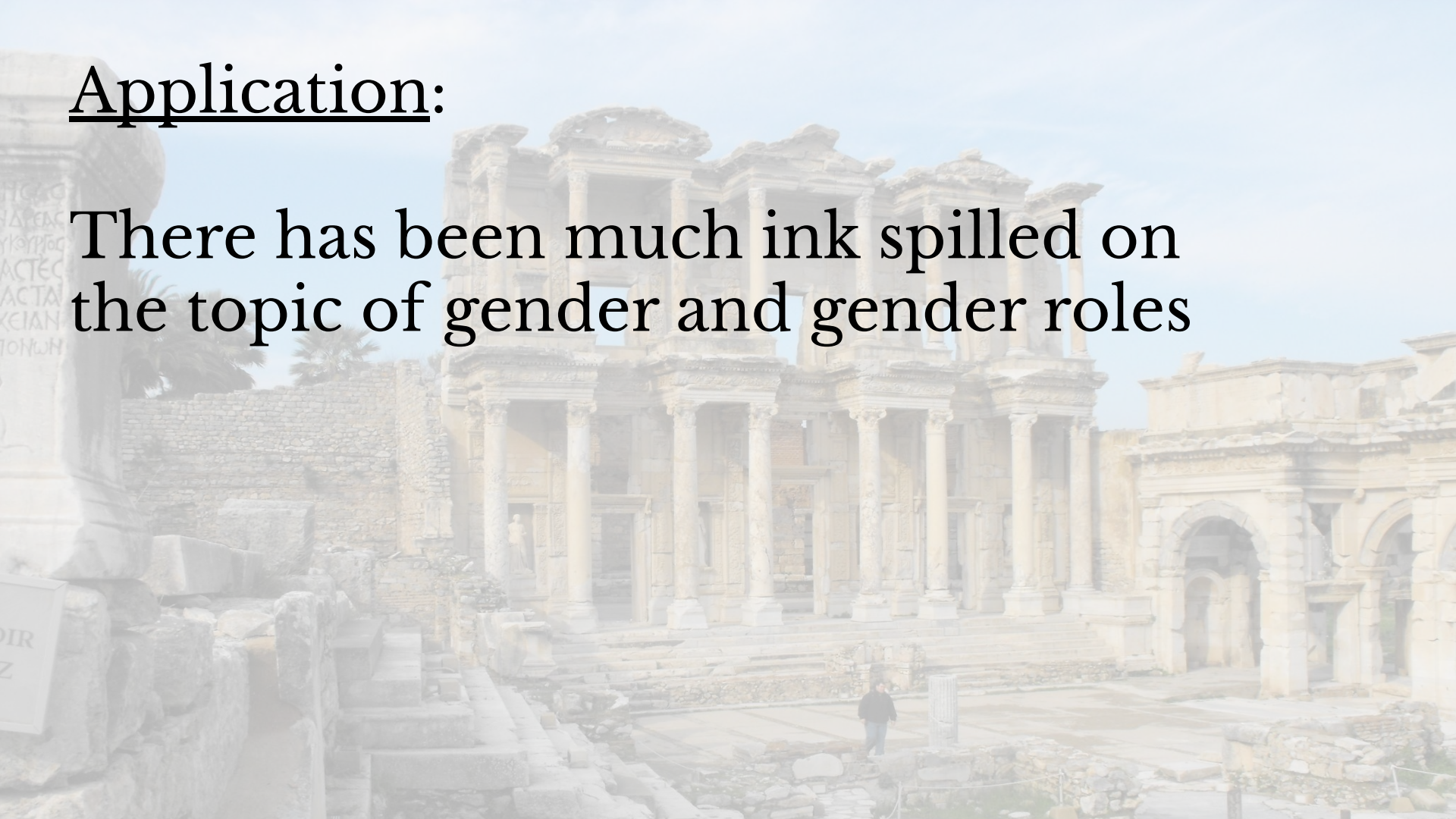
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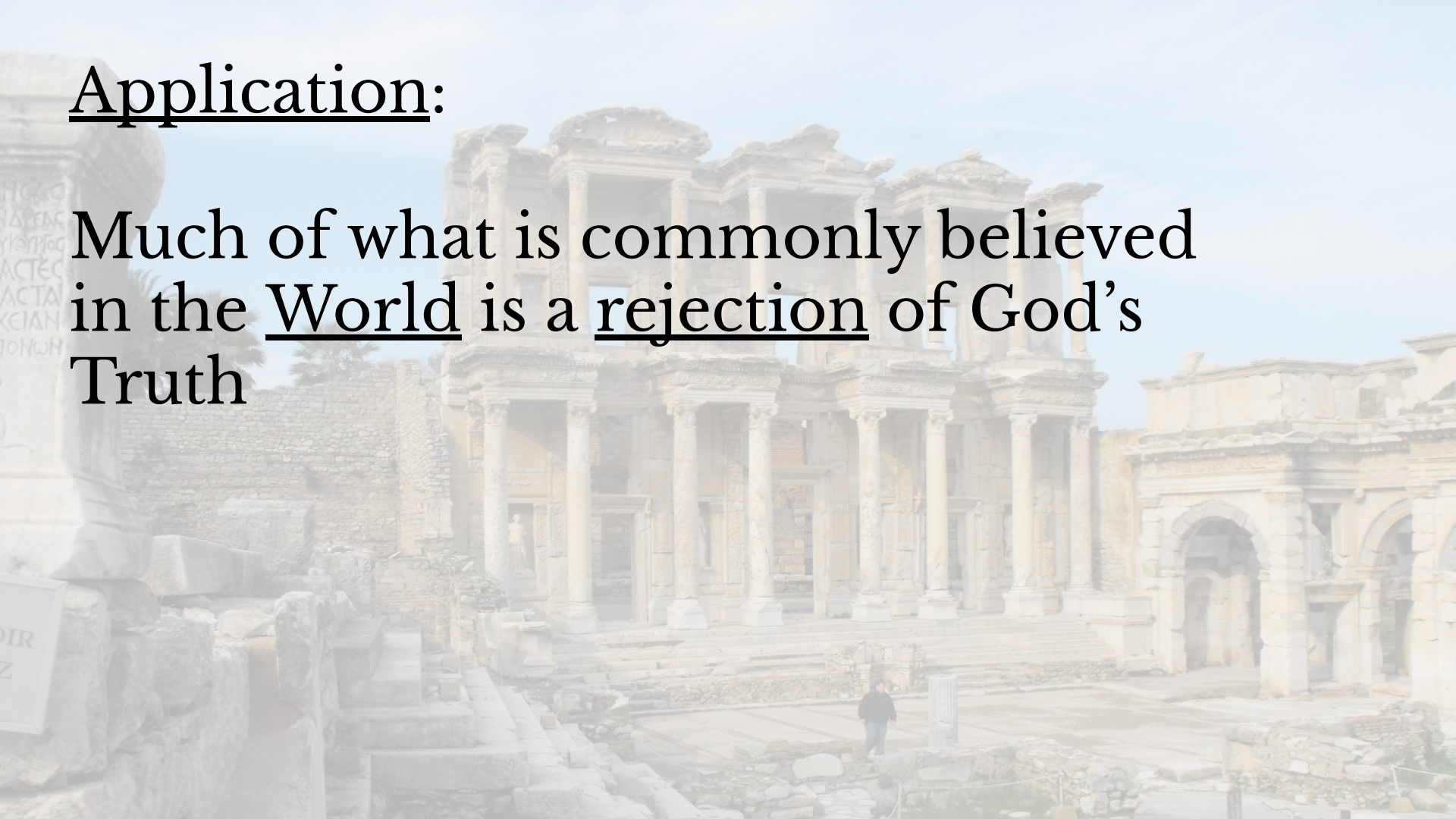
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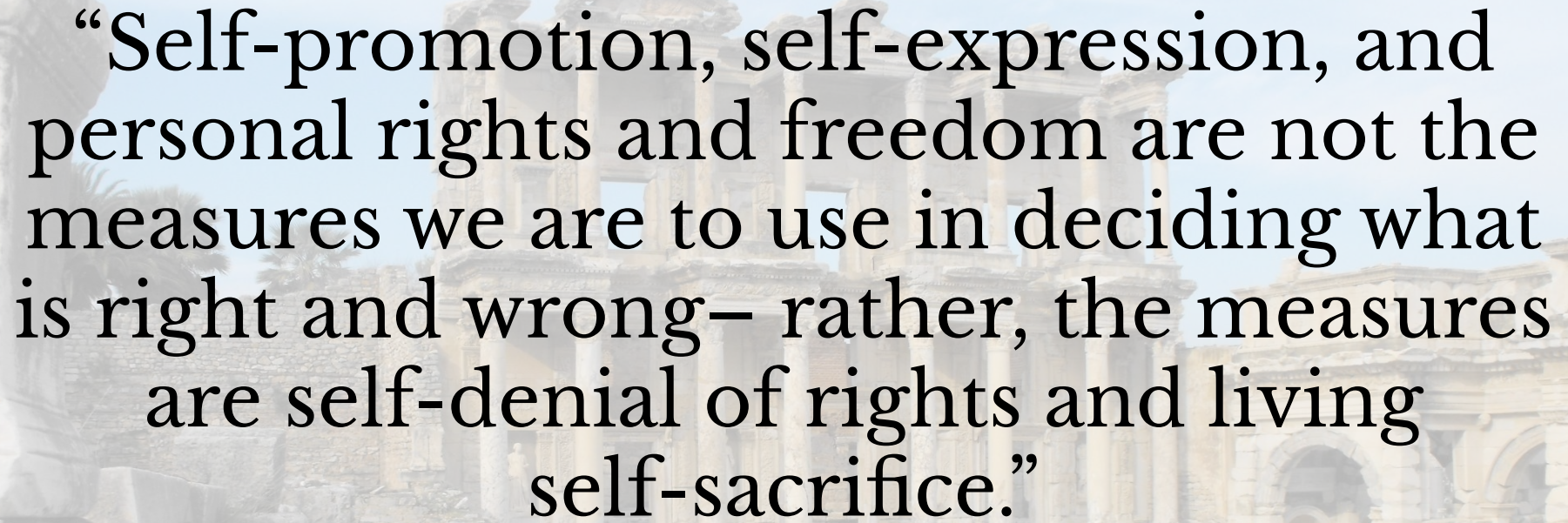
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Application:

Where will you take a stand?





“Self-promotion, self-expression, and personal rights and freedom are not the measures we are to use in deciding what is right and wrong— rather, the measures are self-denial of rights and living self-sacrifice.”

– Claire Smith, *God’s Good Design*, p. 60