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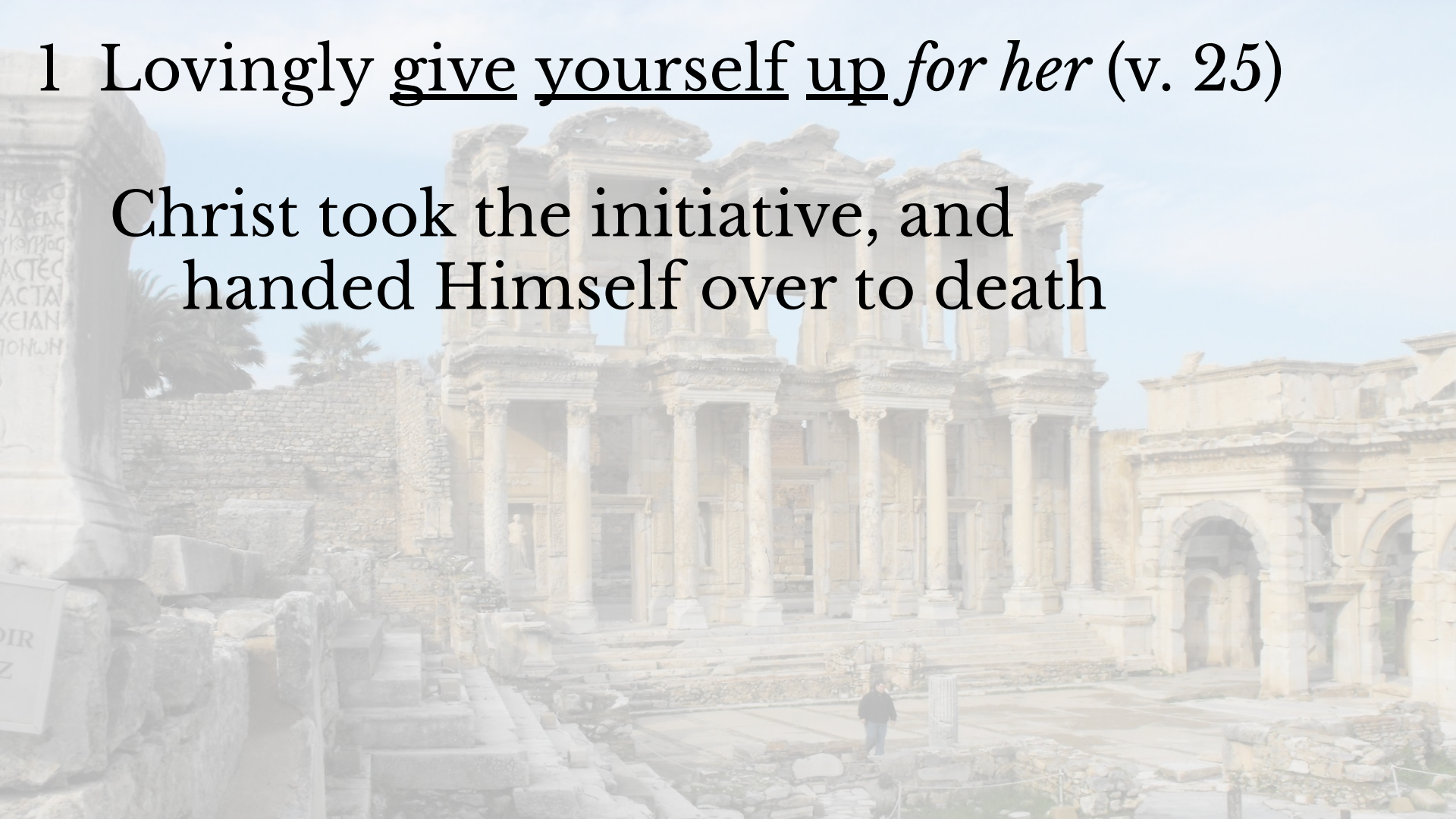


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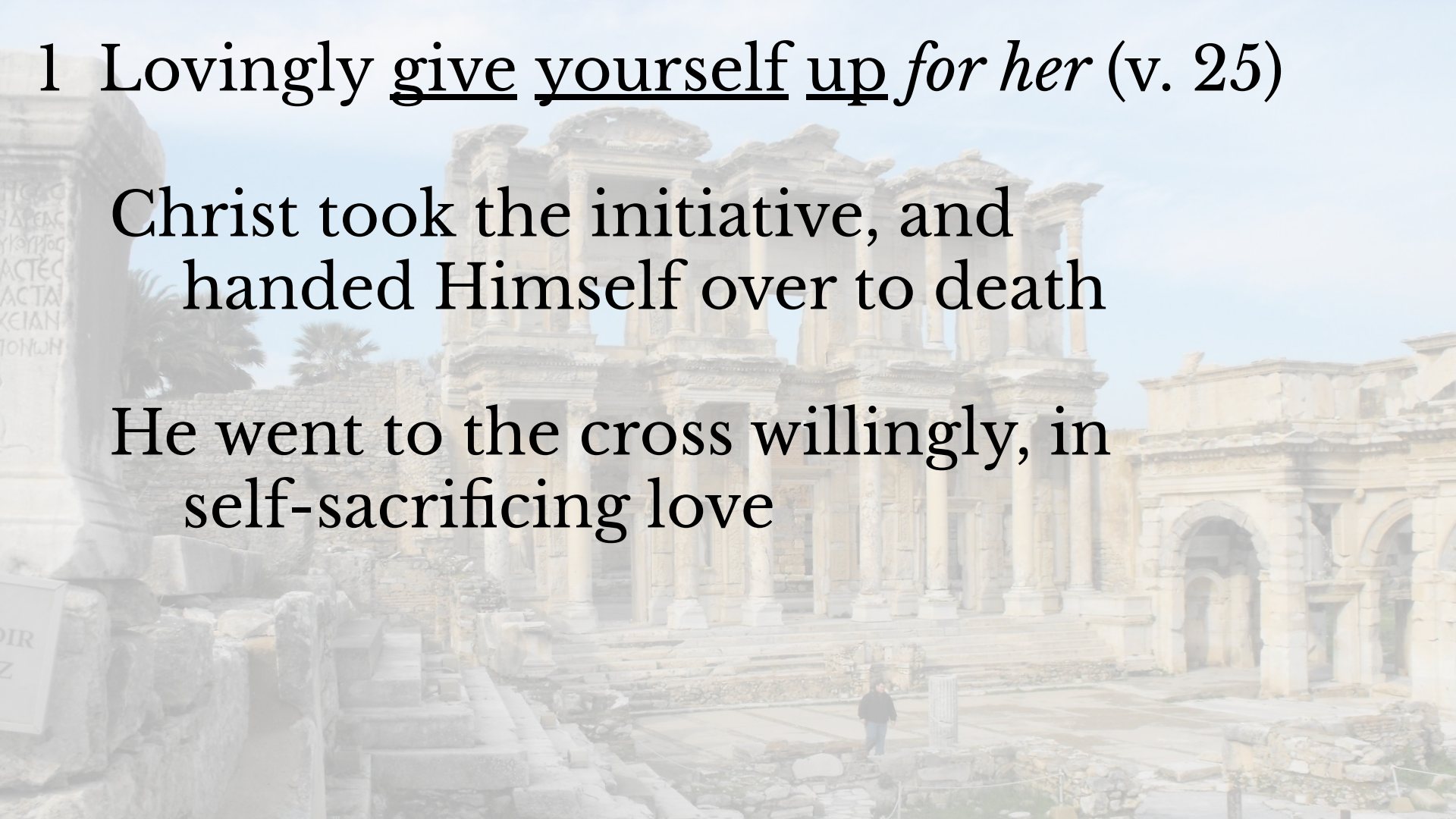




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Husbands: sacrifice your own interests and willingly imitate Christ's model



# Who initiated Christ's love for the Church?



1 John 4:9-10

Romans 5:5-8

Ephesians 2:8-9

Titus 3:3-6

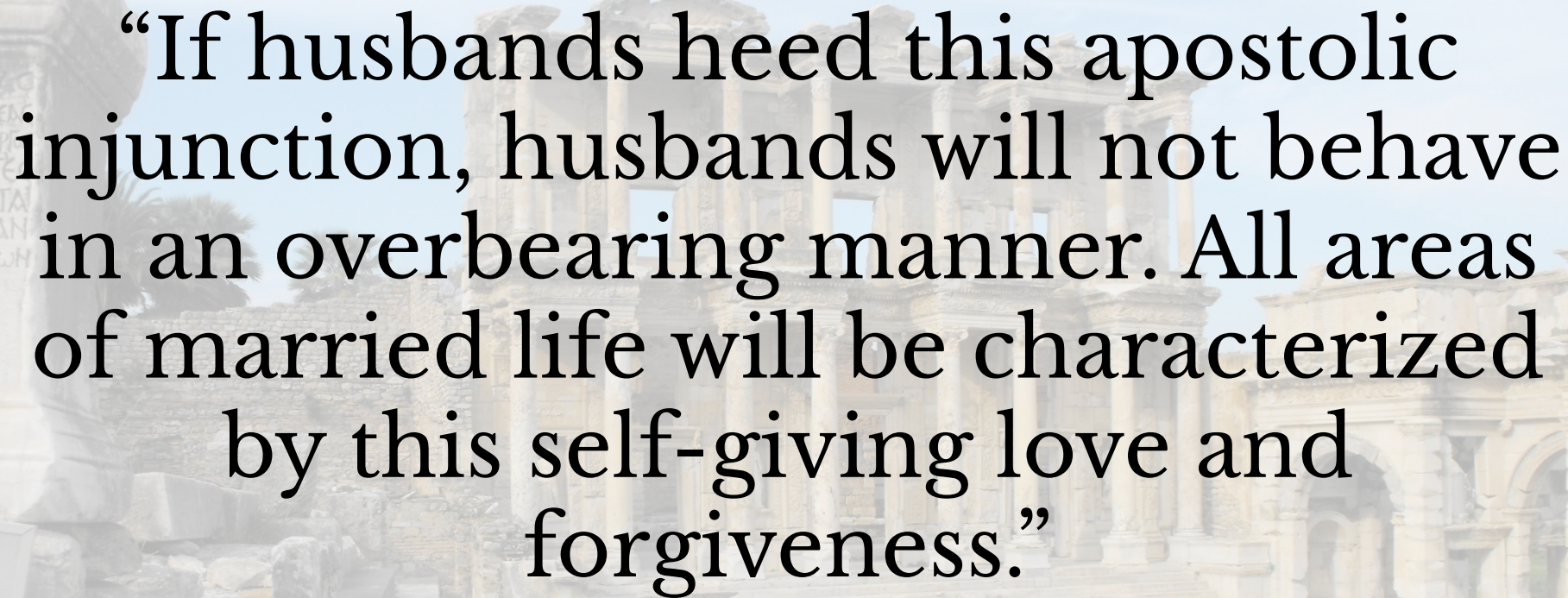
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Who should initiate love or the restoration  
of a loving relationship in marriage?

Who should make the first move?

Who has the Biblical responsibility to  
act in self-sacrificing  
“even-when-you-are-right” love?

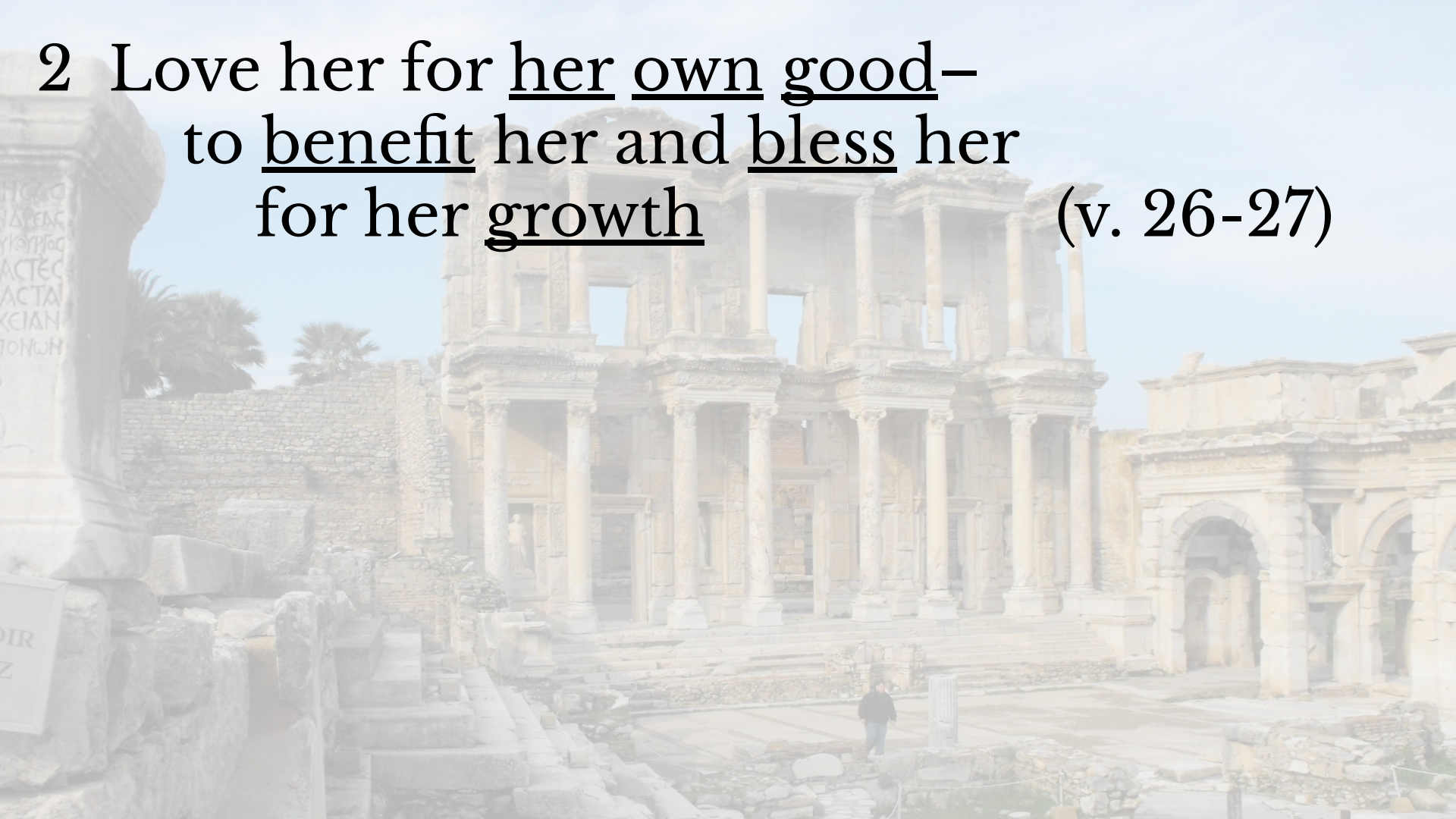




“If husbands heed this apostolic injunction, husbands will not behave in an overbearing manner. All areas of married life will be characterized by this self-giving love and forgiveness.”

- O'Brien, p.421

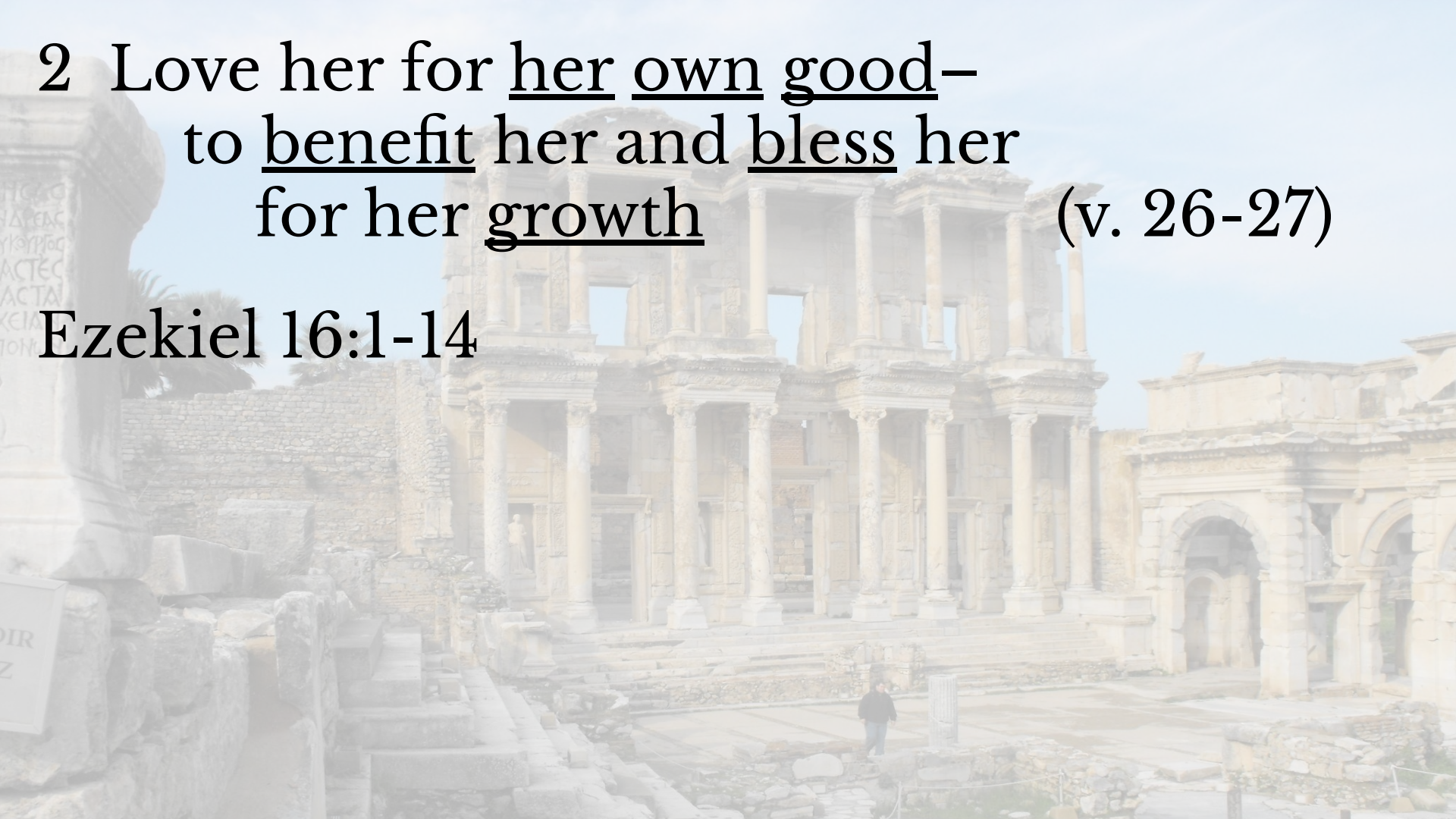
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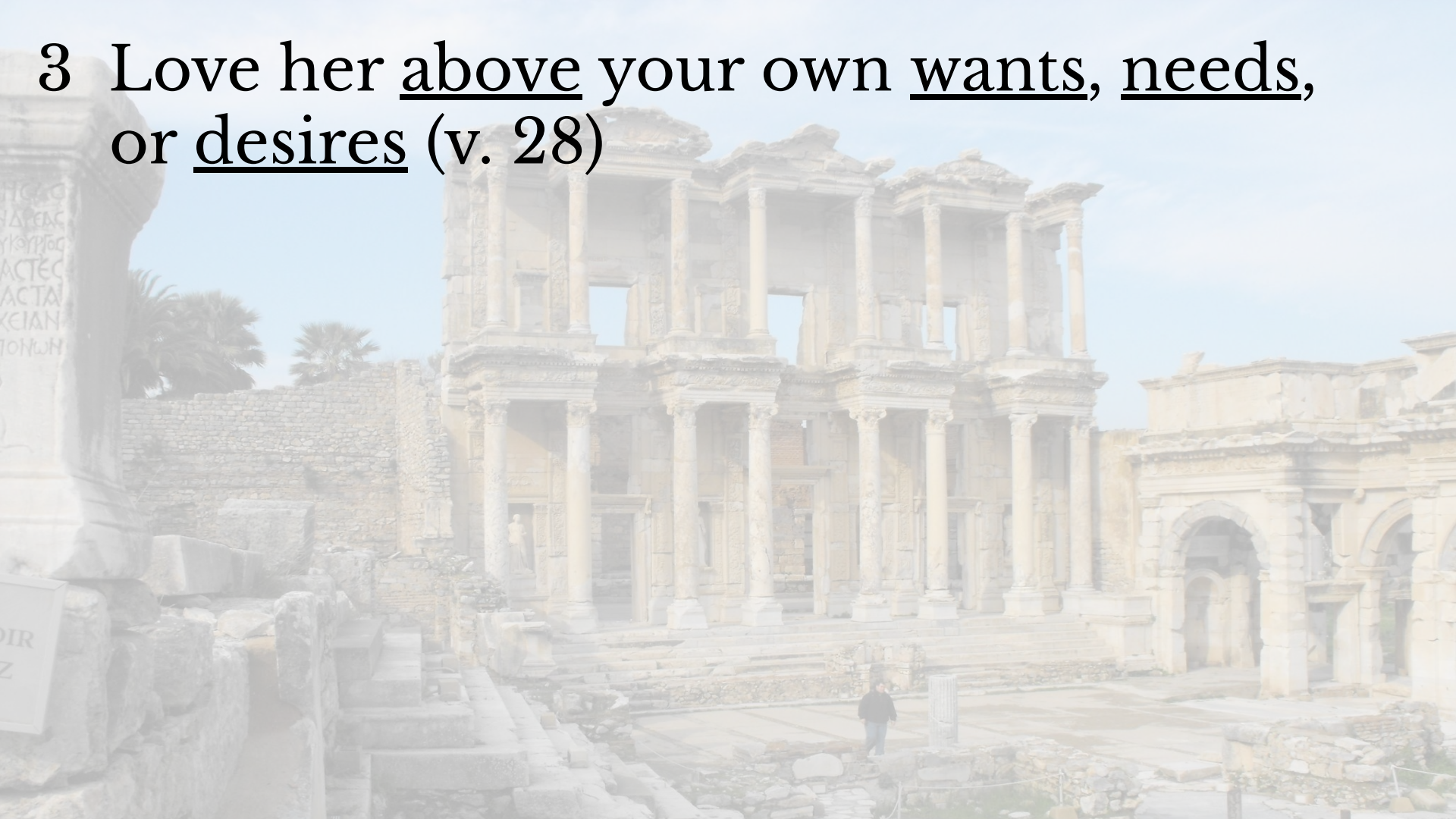
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Husbands should be utterly committed to the total well-being of their wives, and especially their spiritual welfare. They must separate themselves and their marriage from all that is unclean and evil, and consecrate themselves to God and His will.

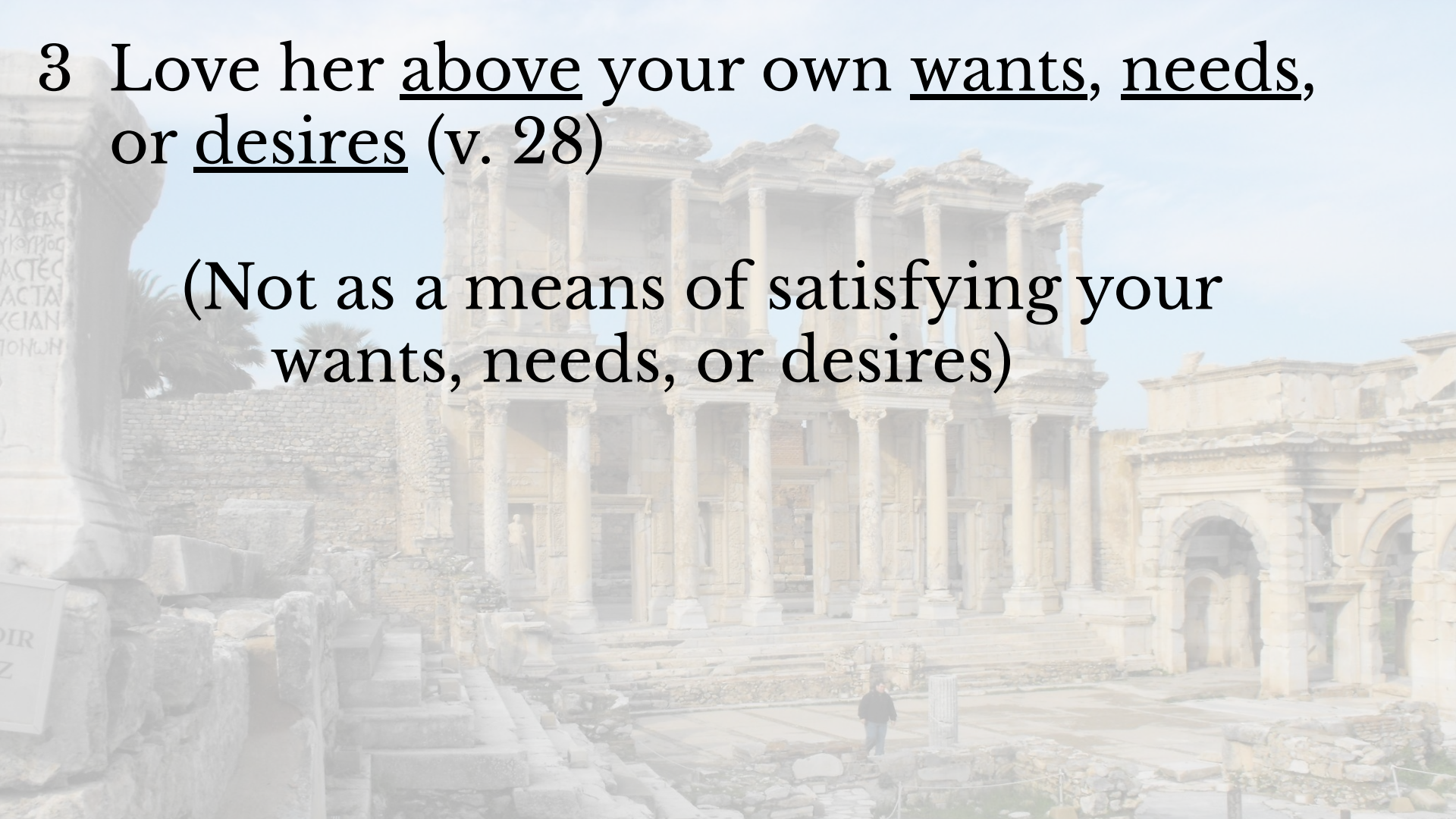


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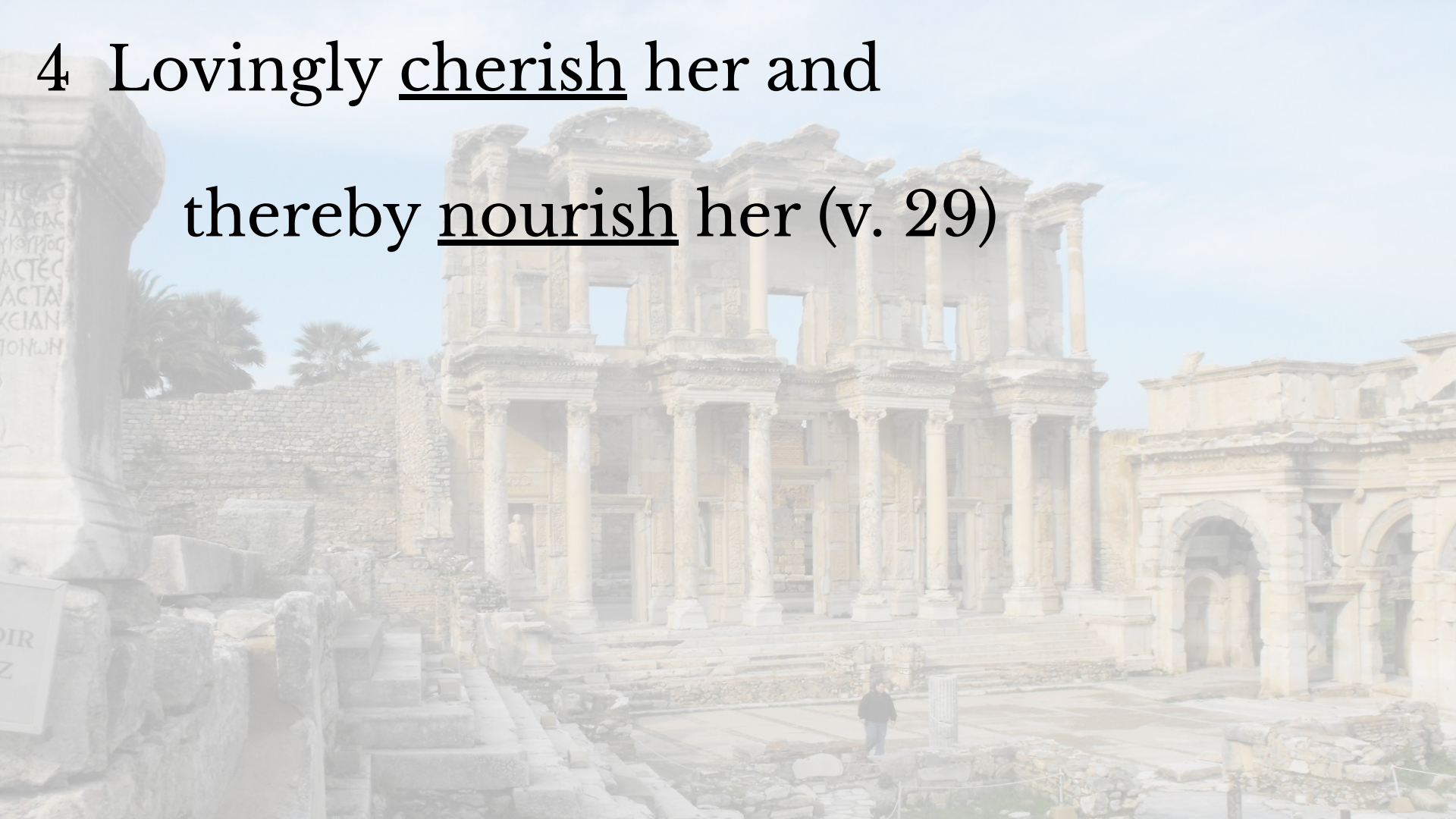
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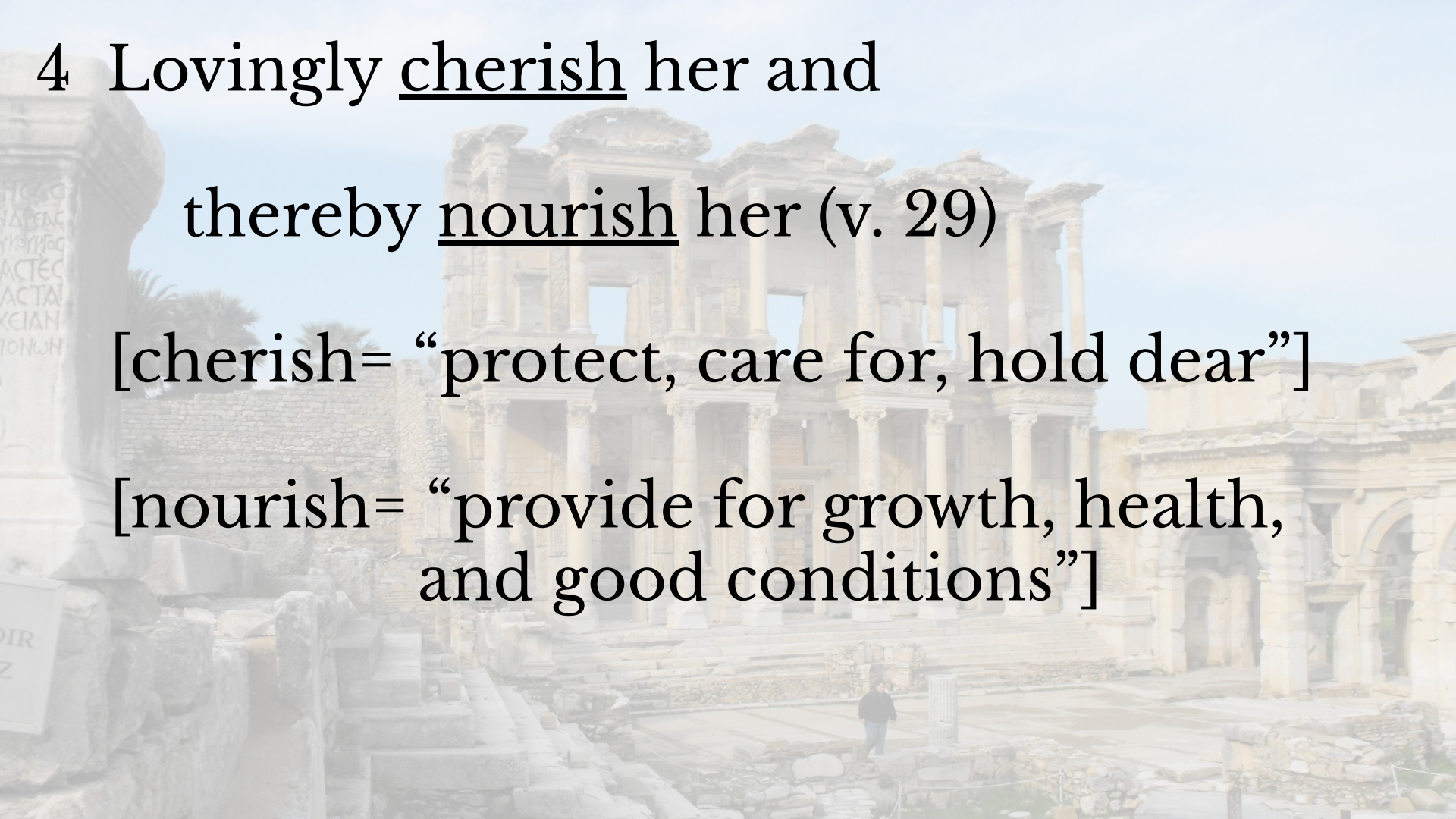


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[cherish= “protect, care for, hold dear”]

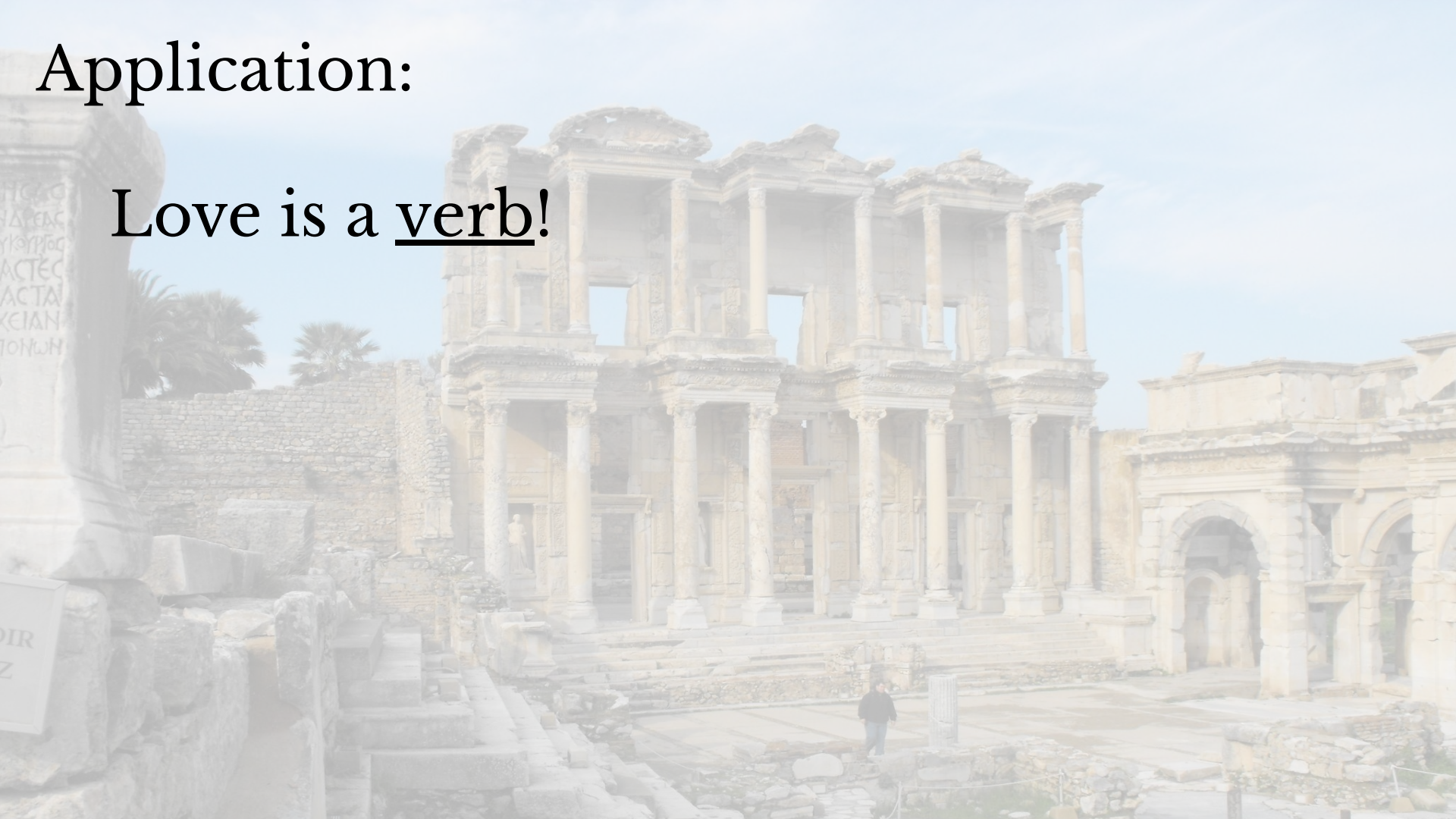
[nourish= “provide for growth, health,  
and good conditions”]





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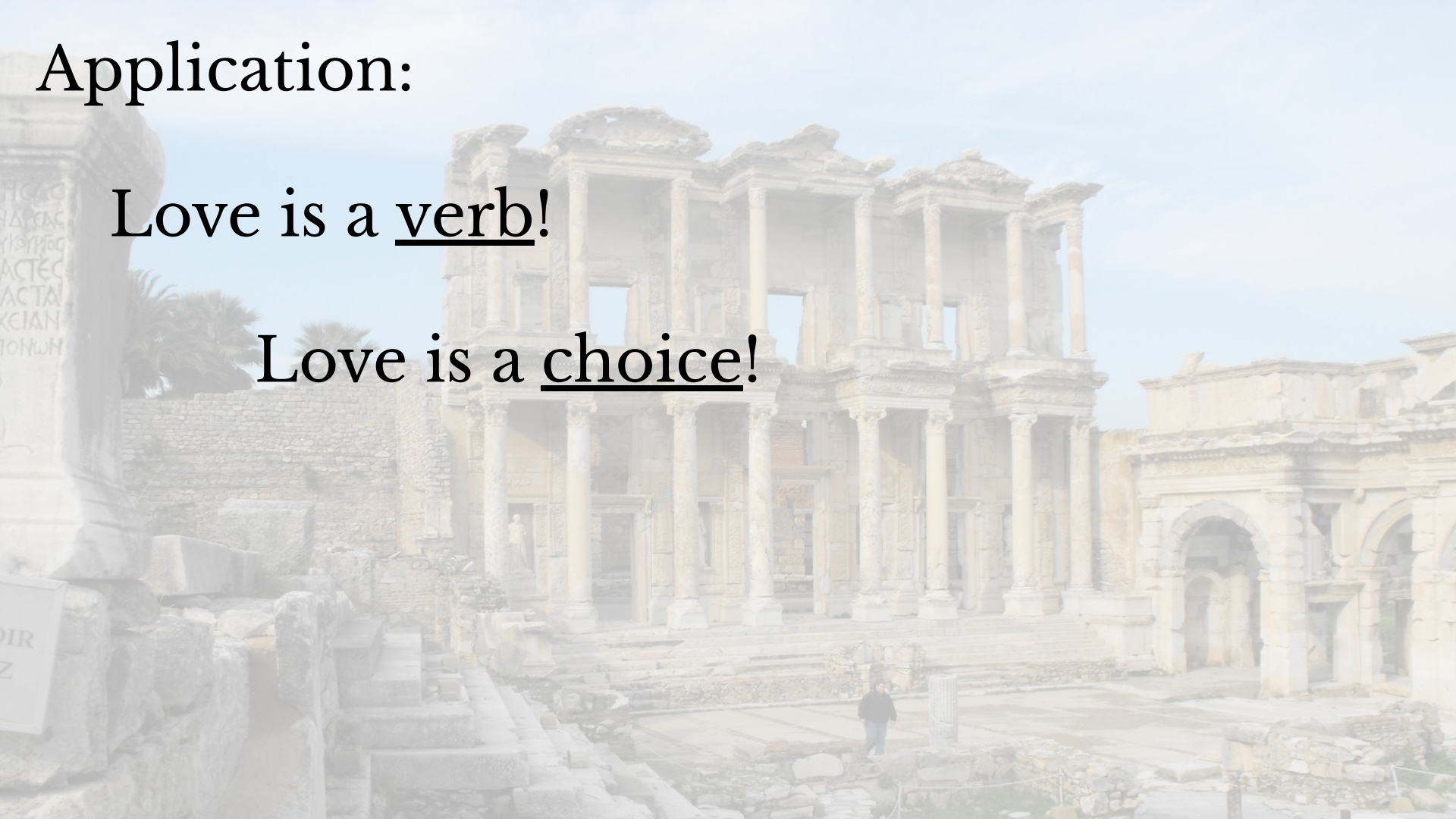
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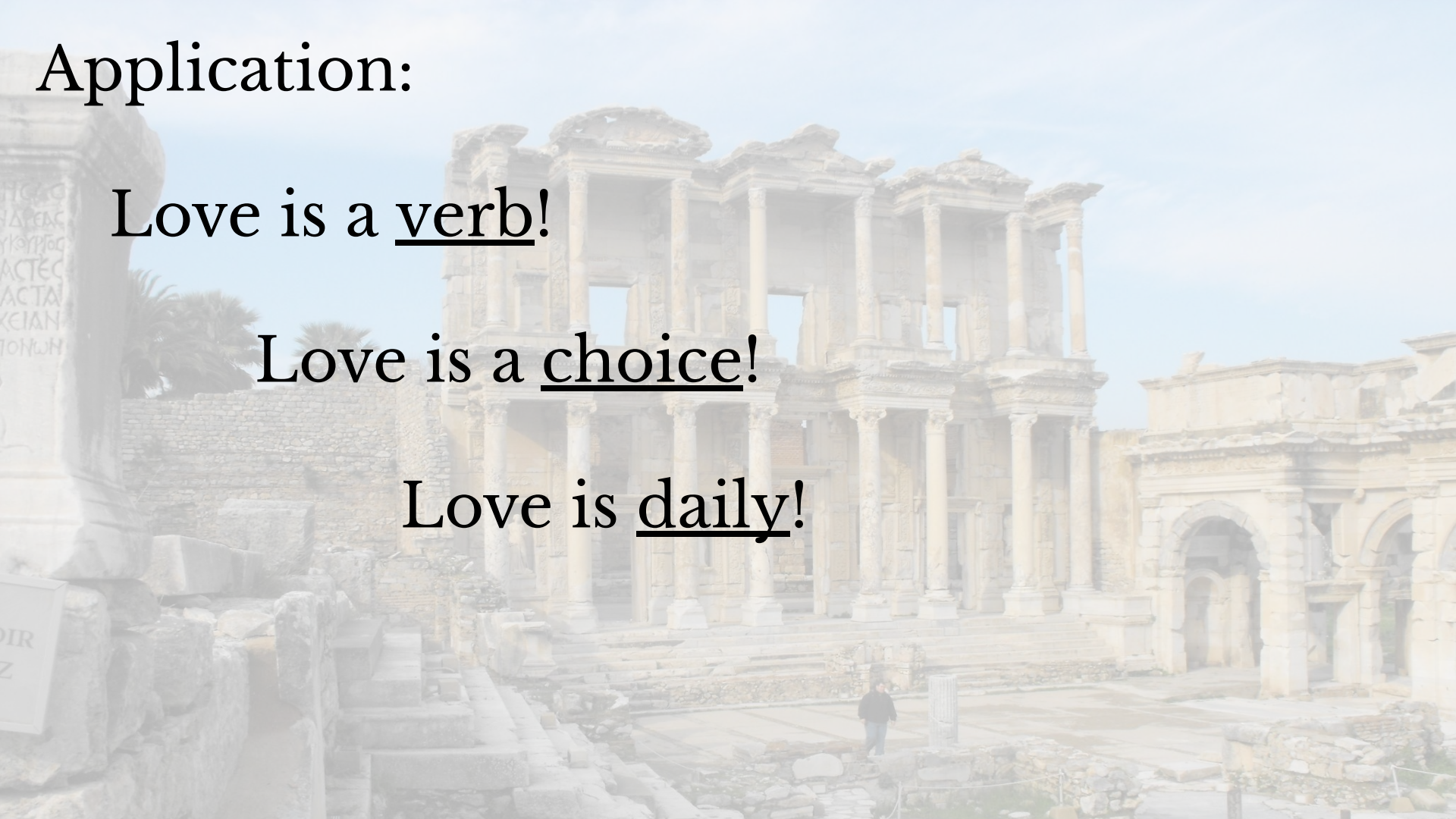


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