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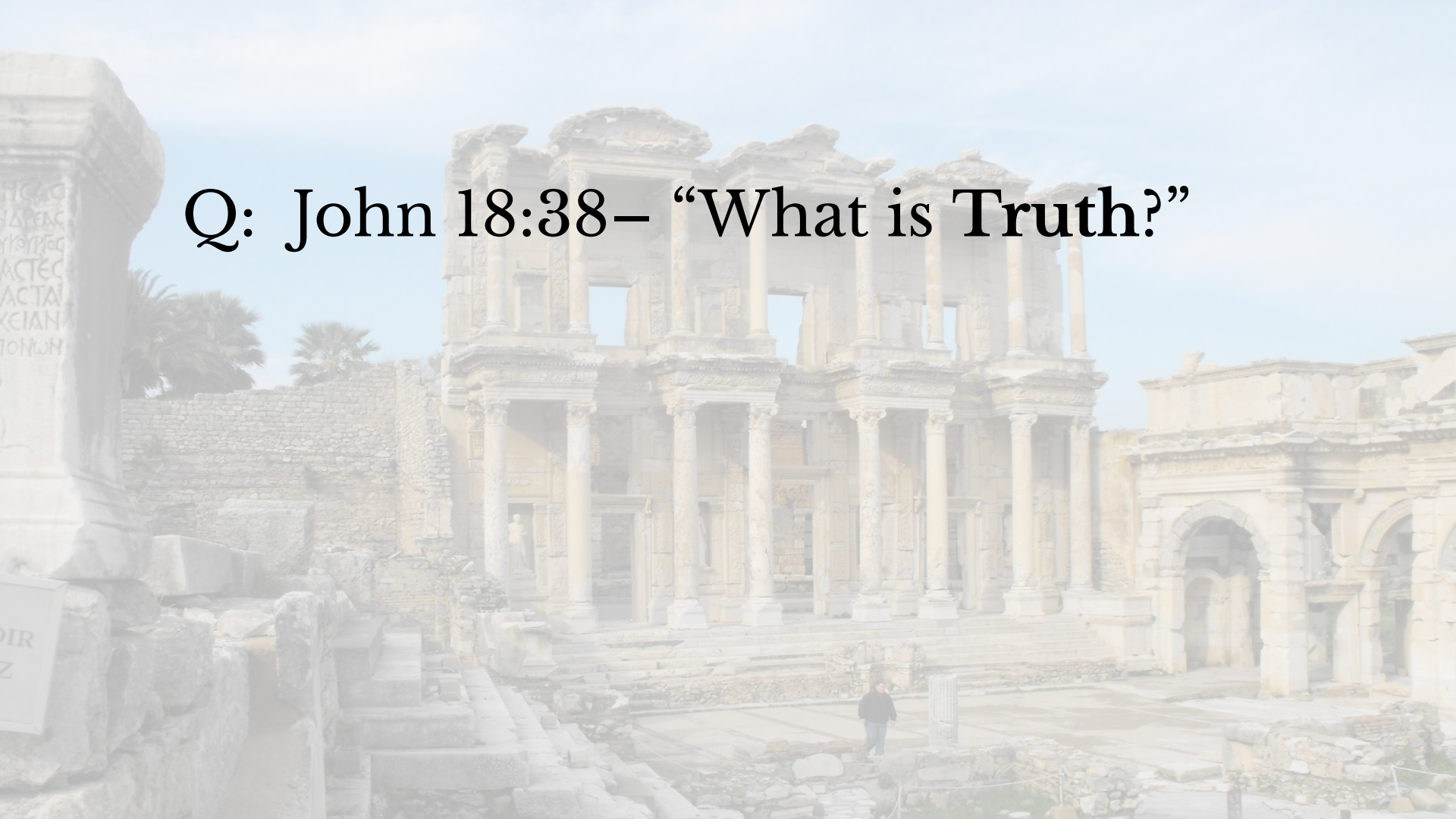
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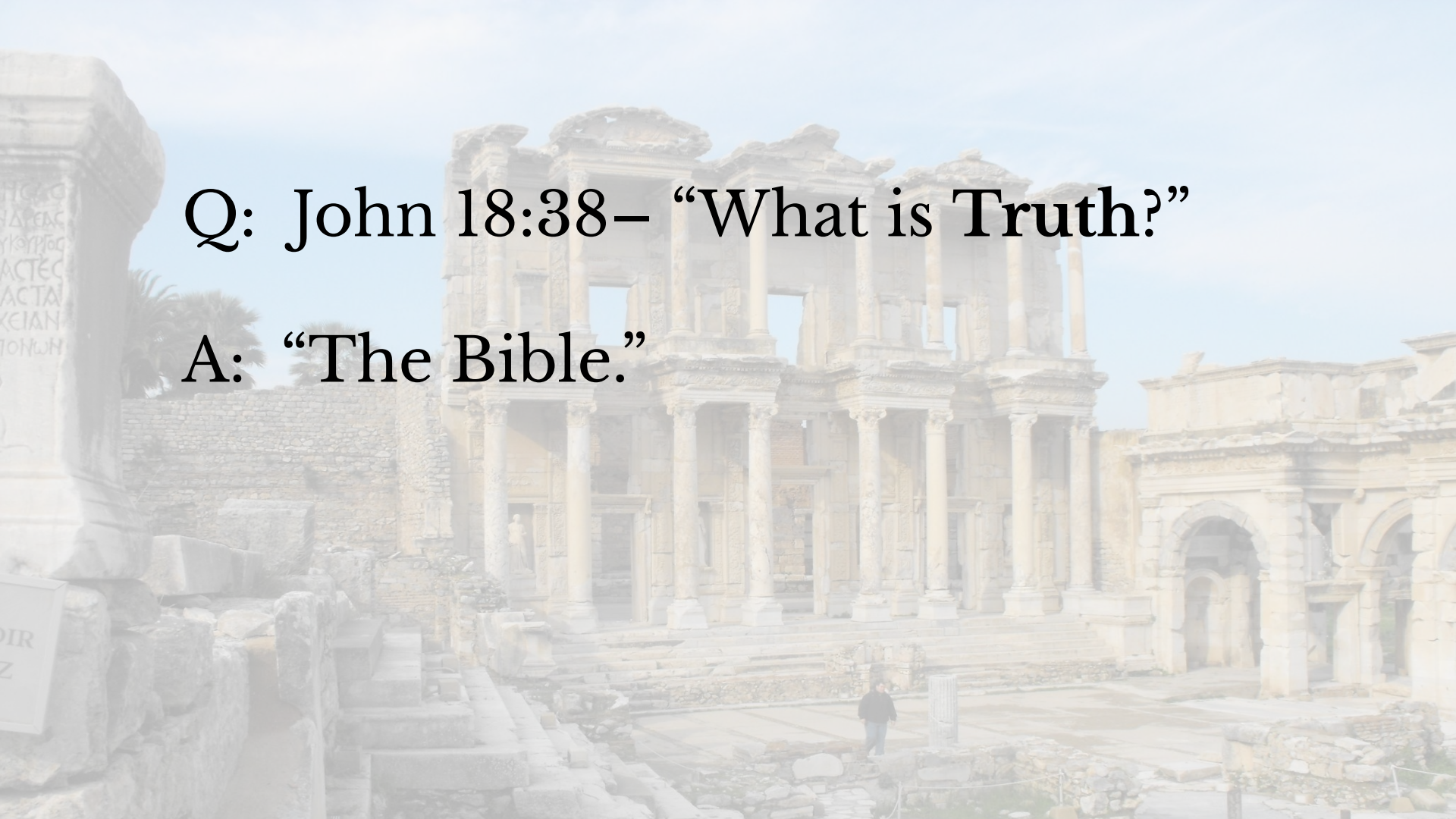


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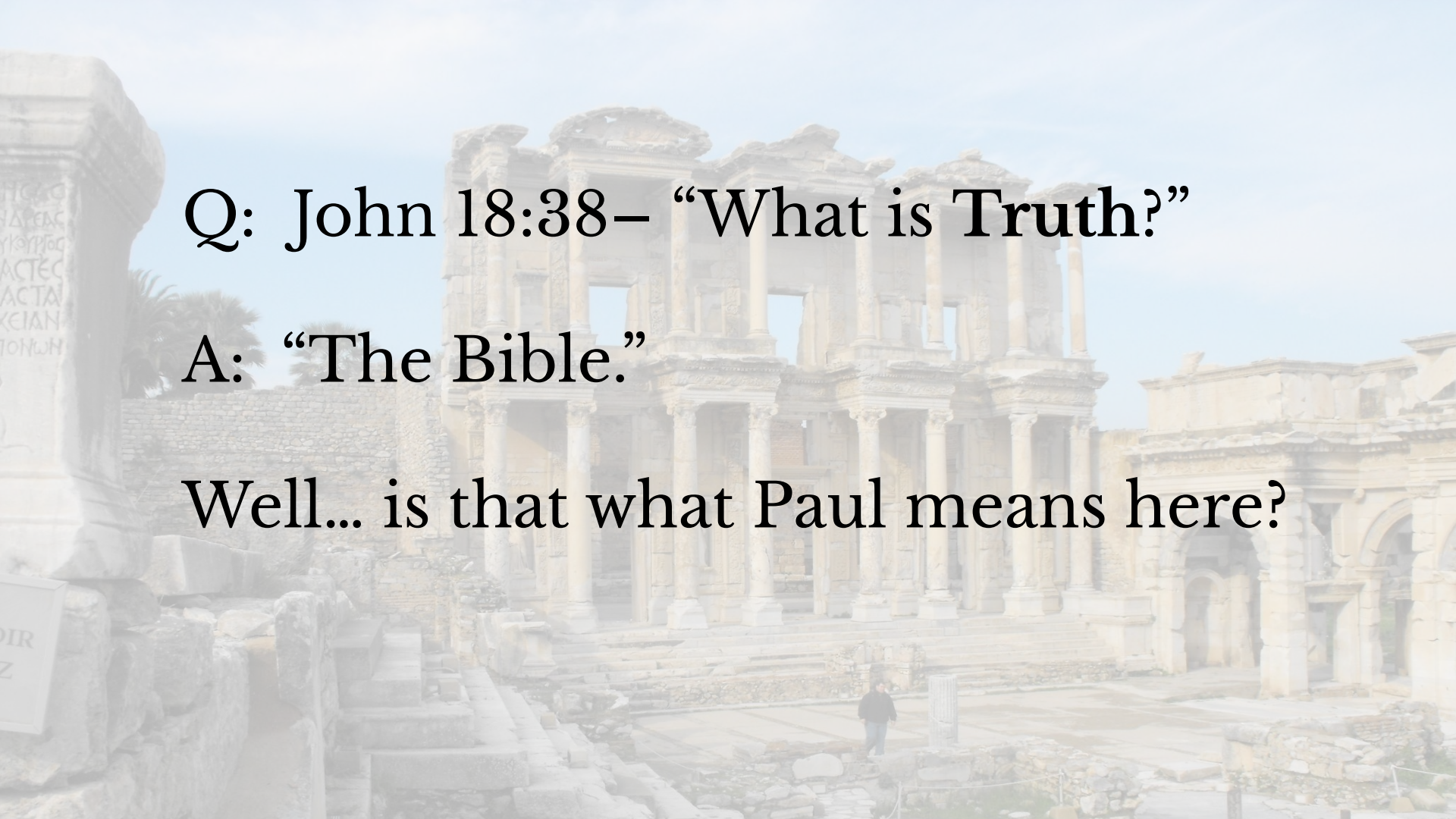
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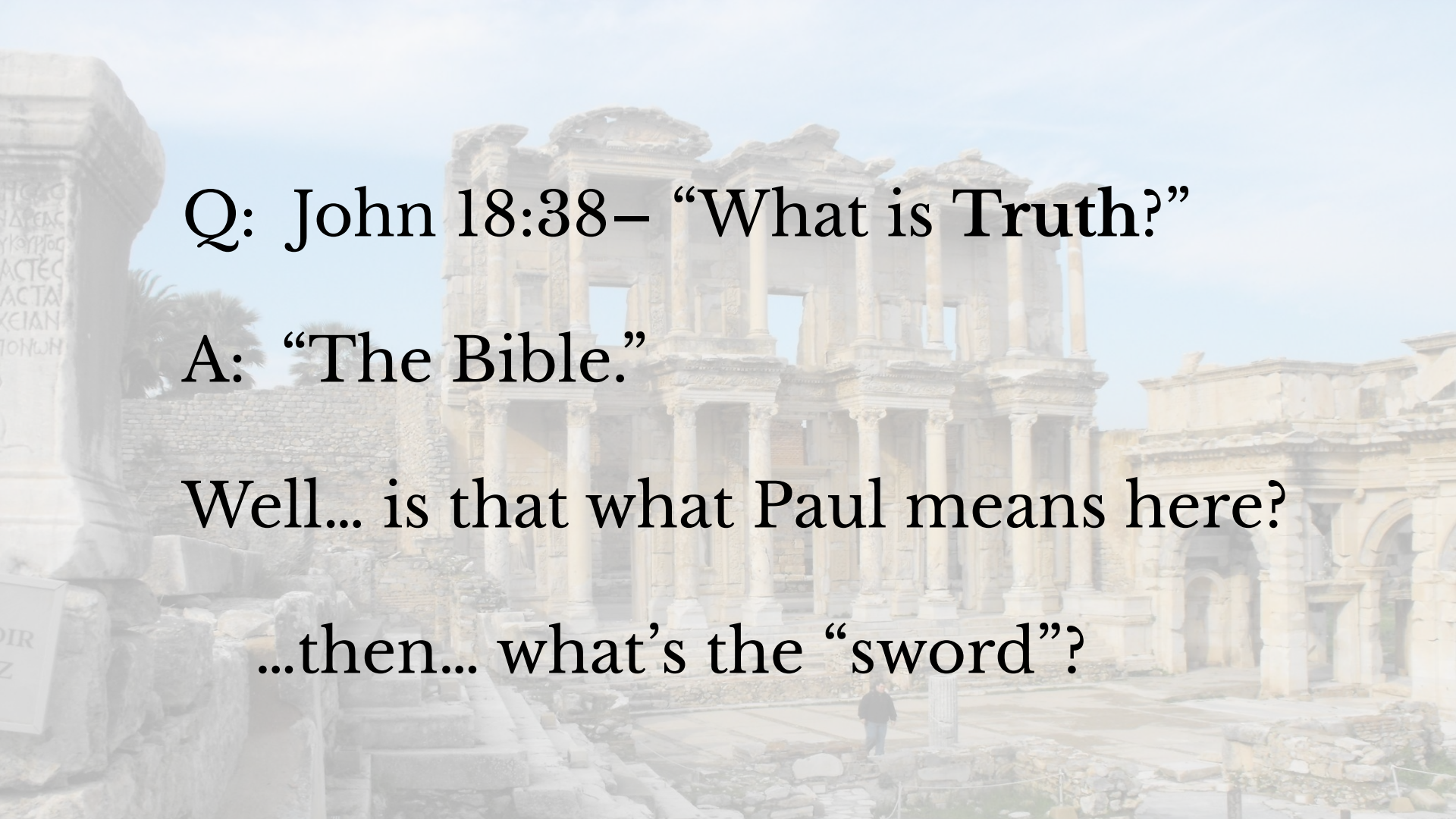
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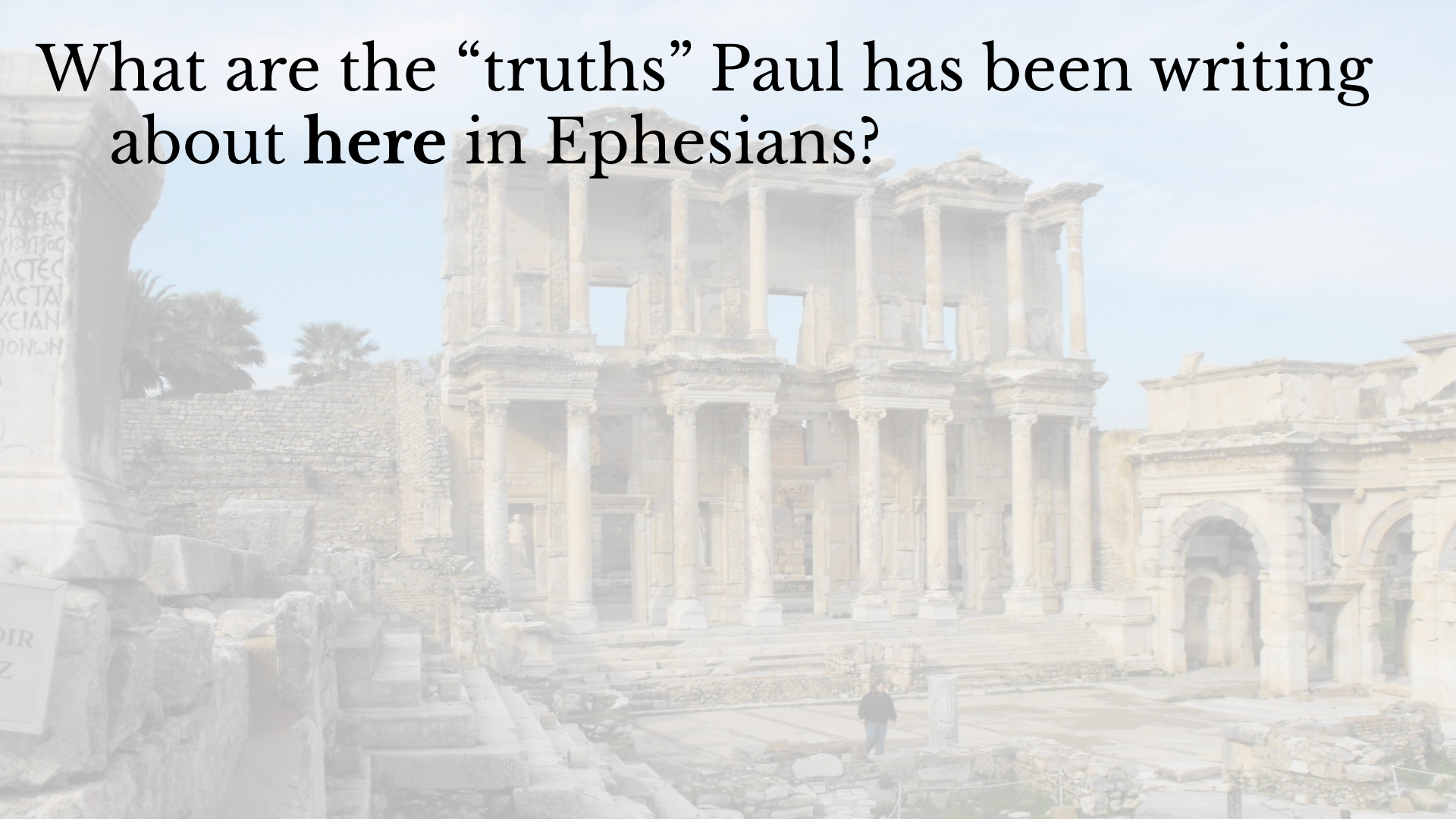
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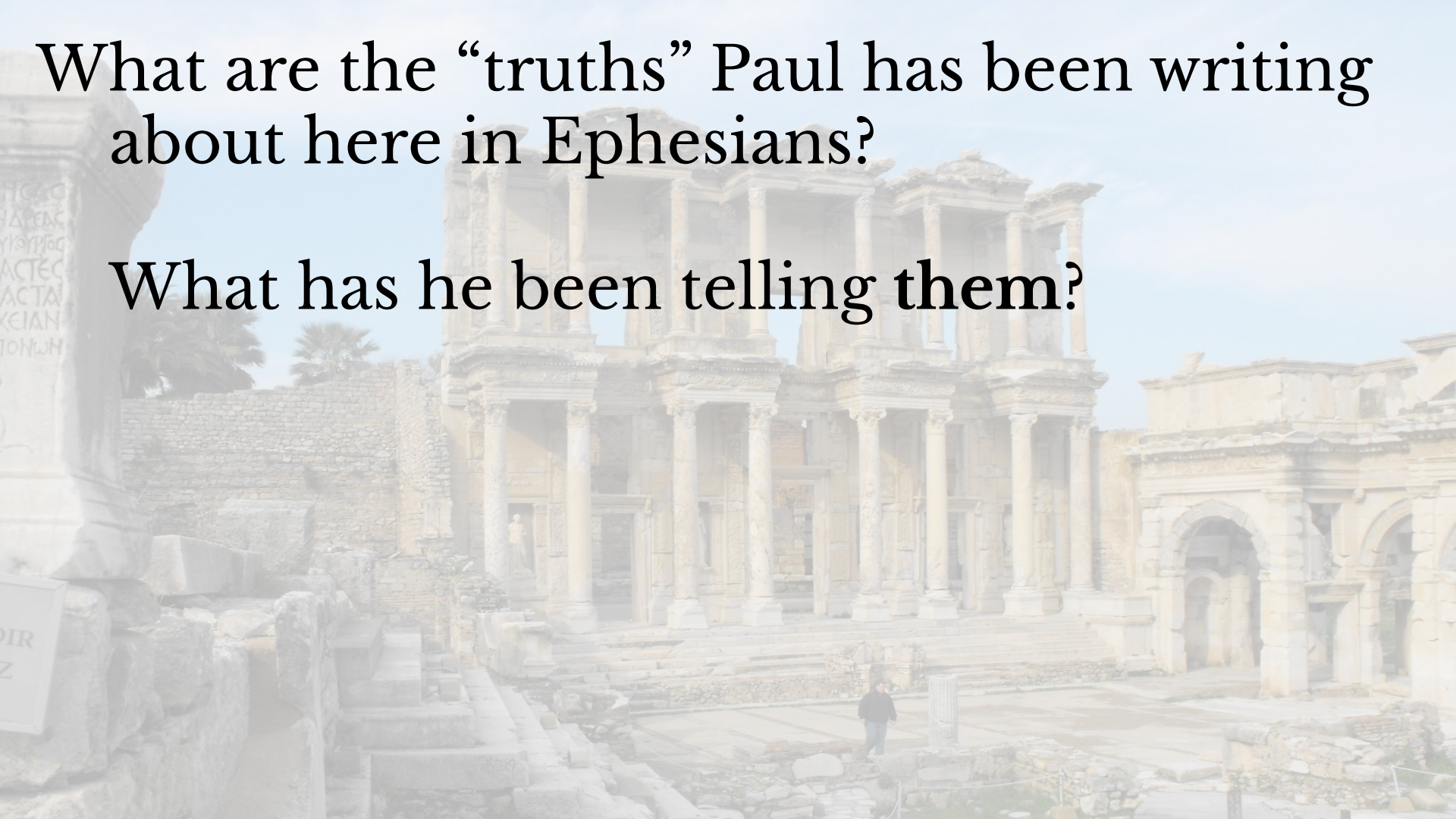
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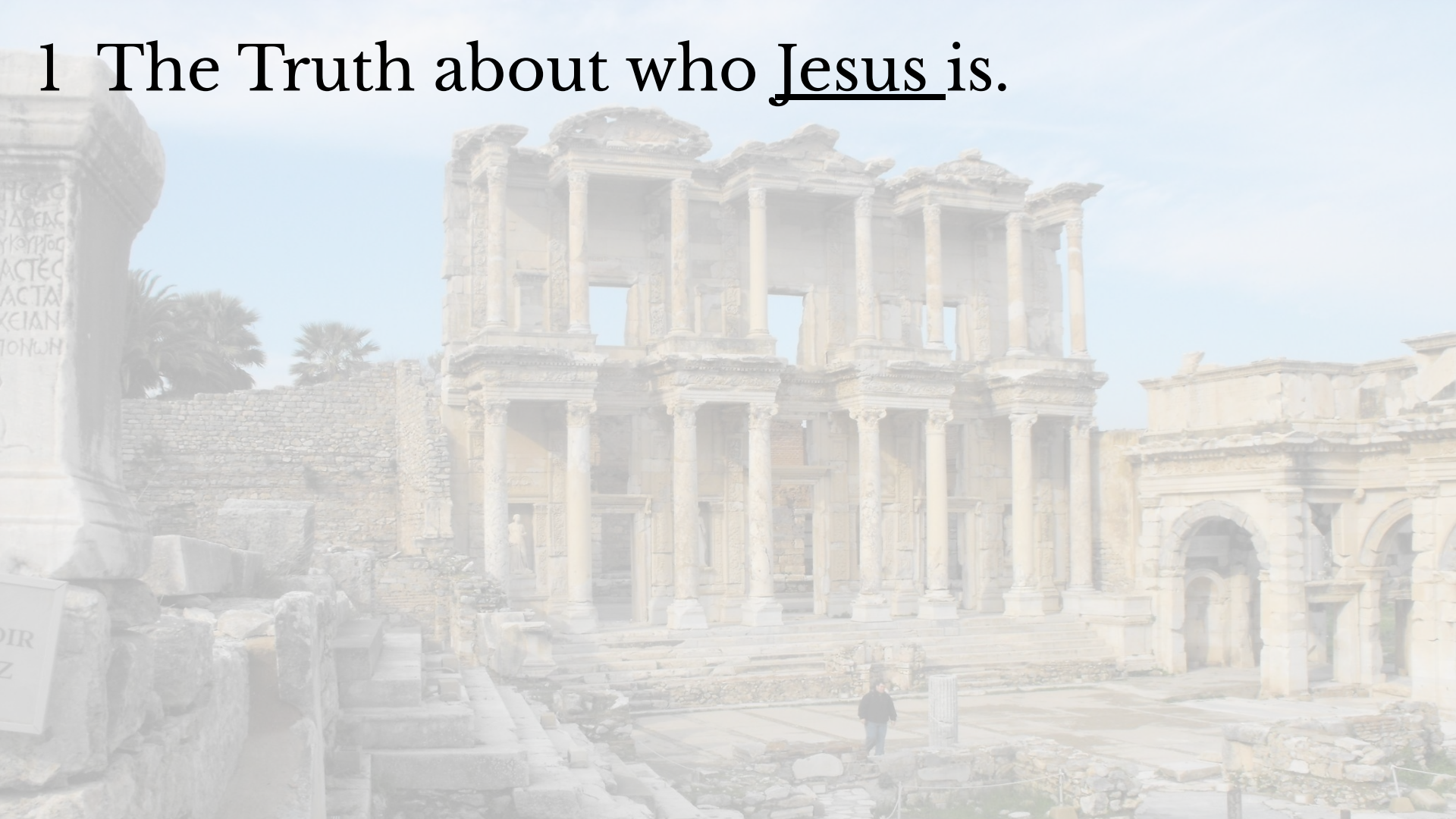


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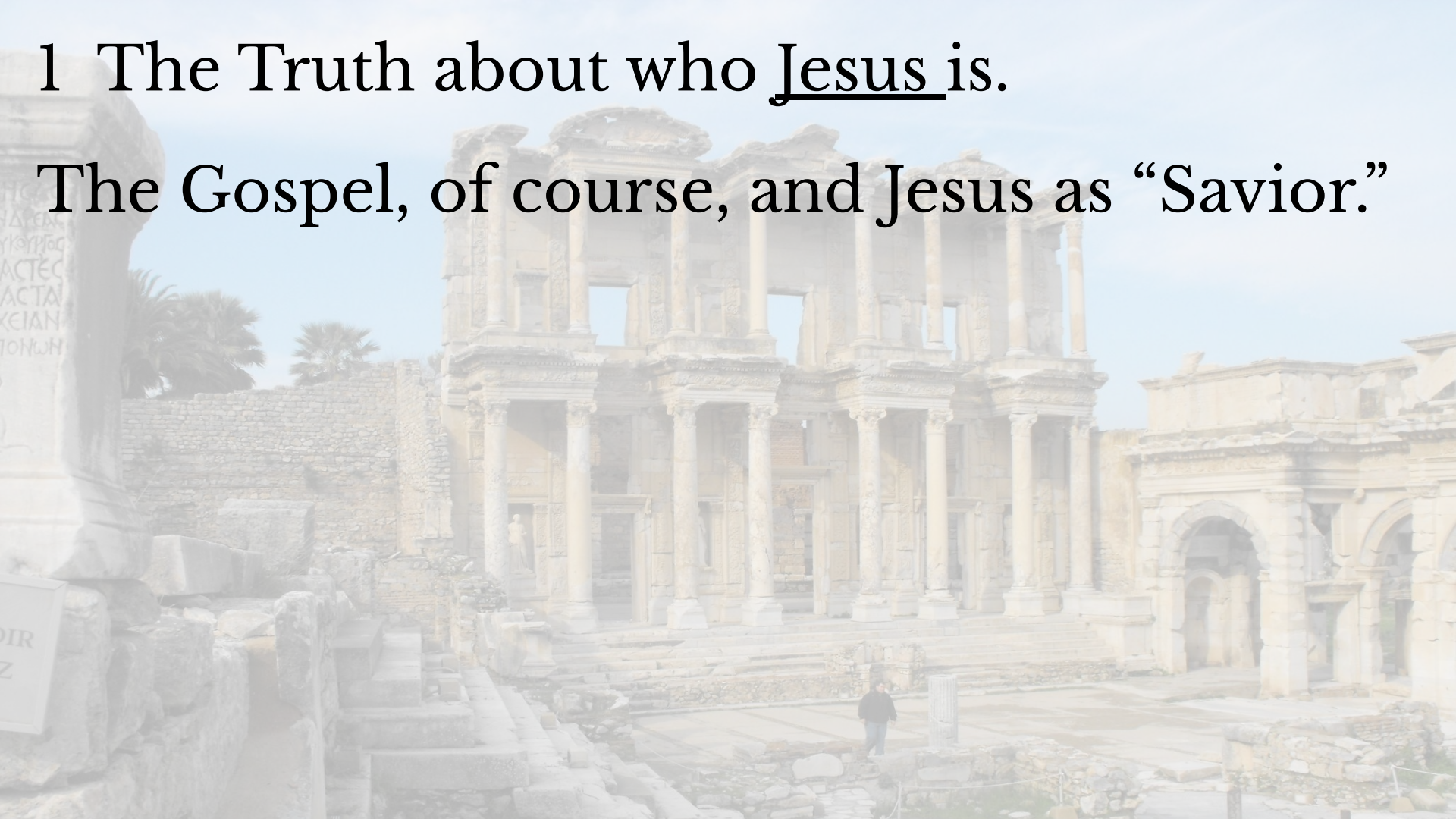


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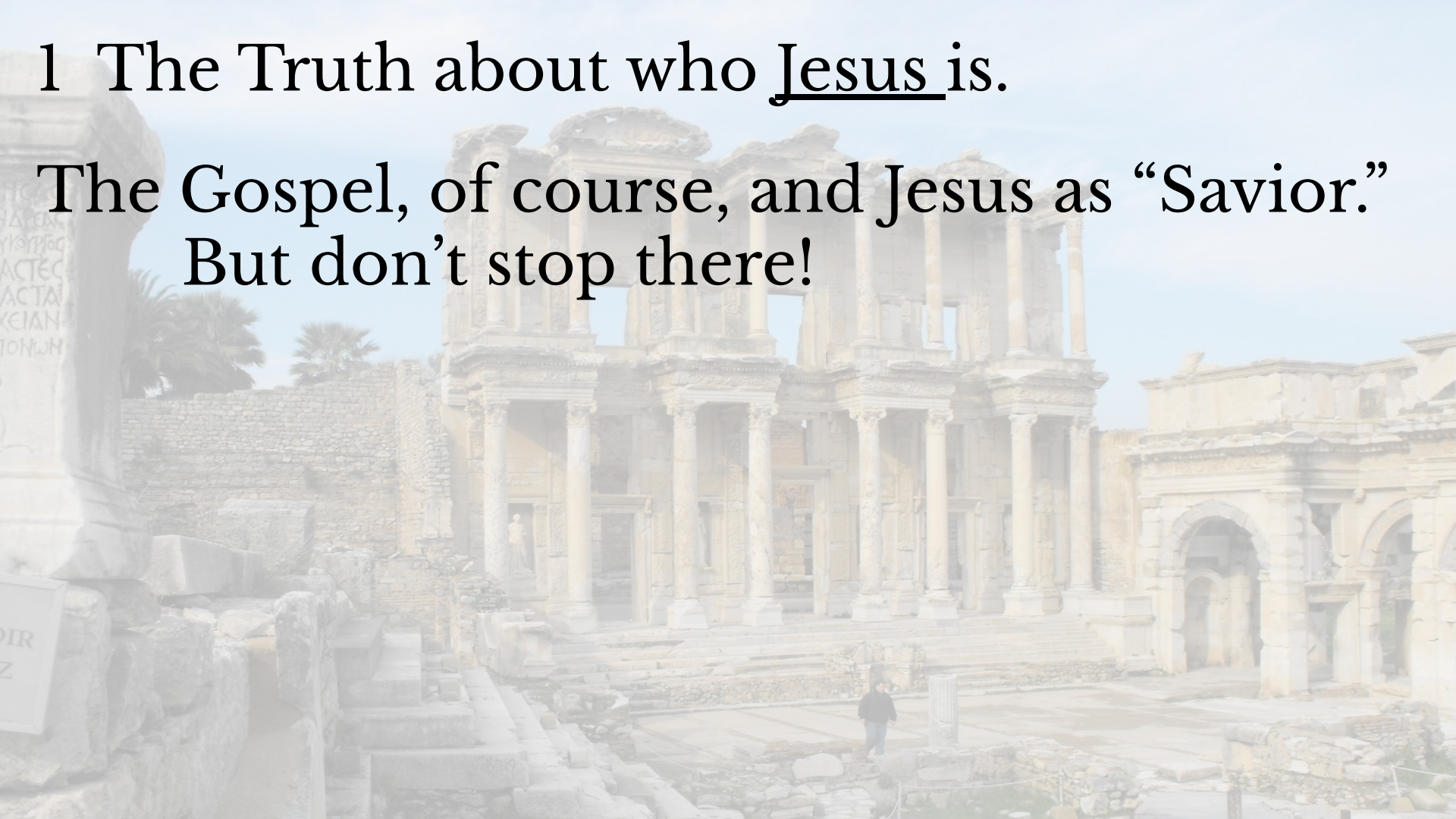
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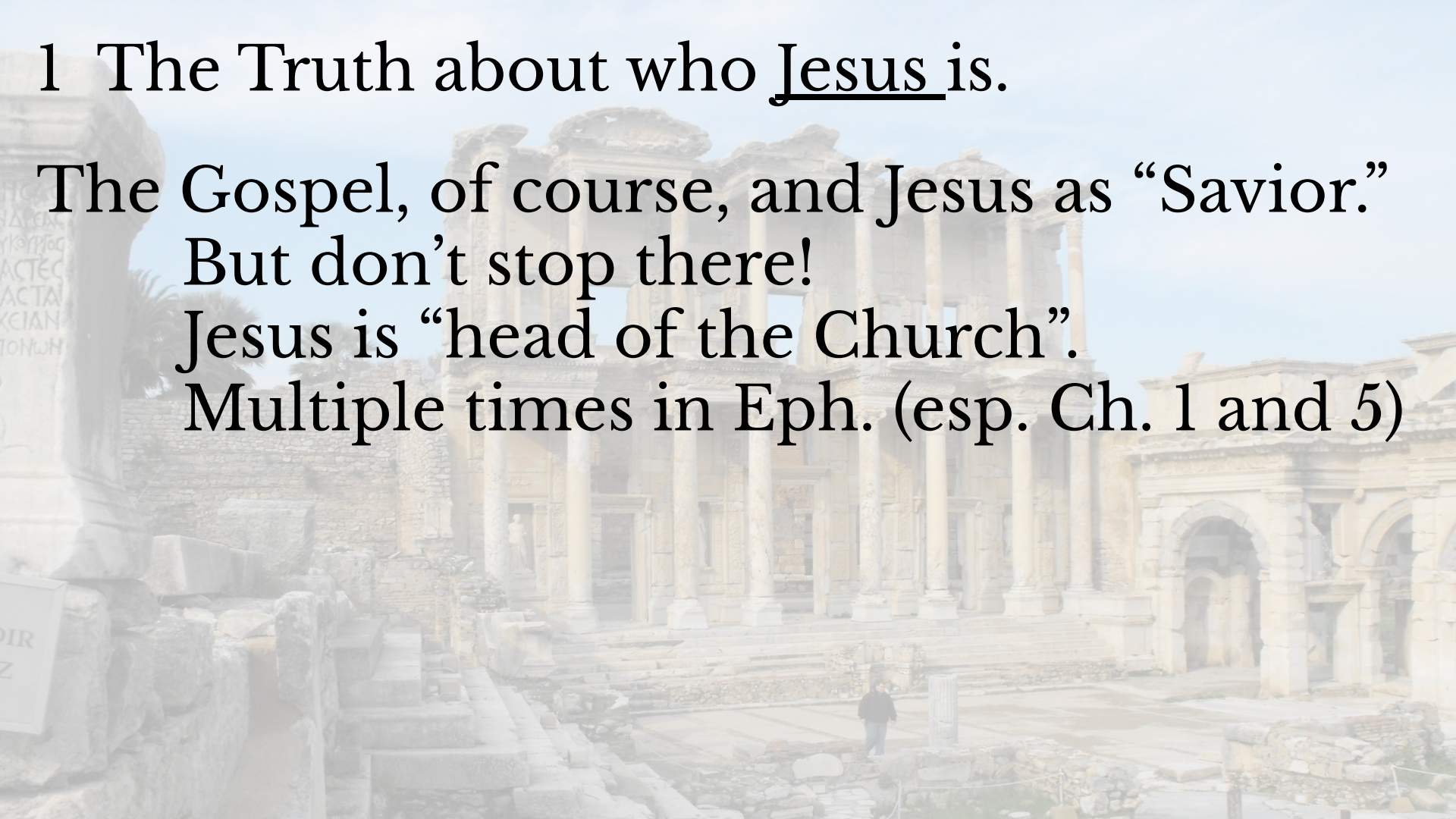
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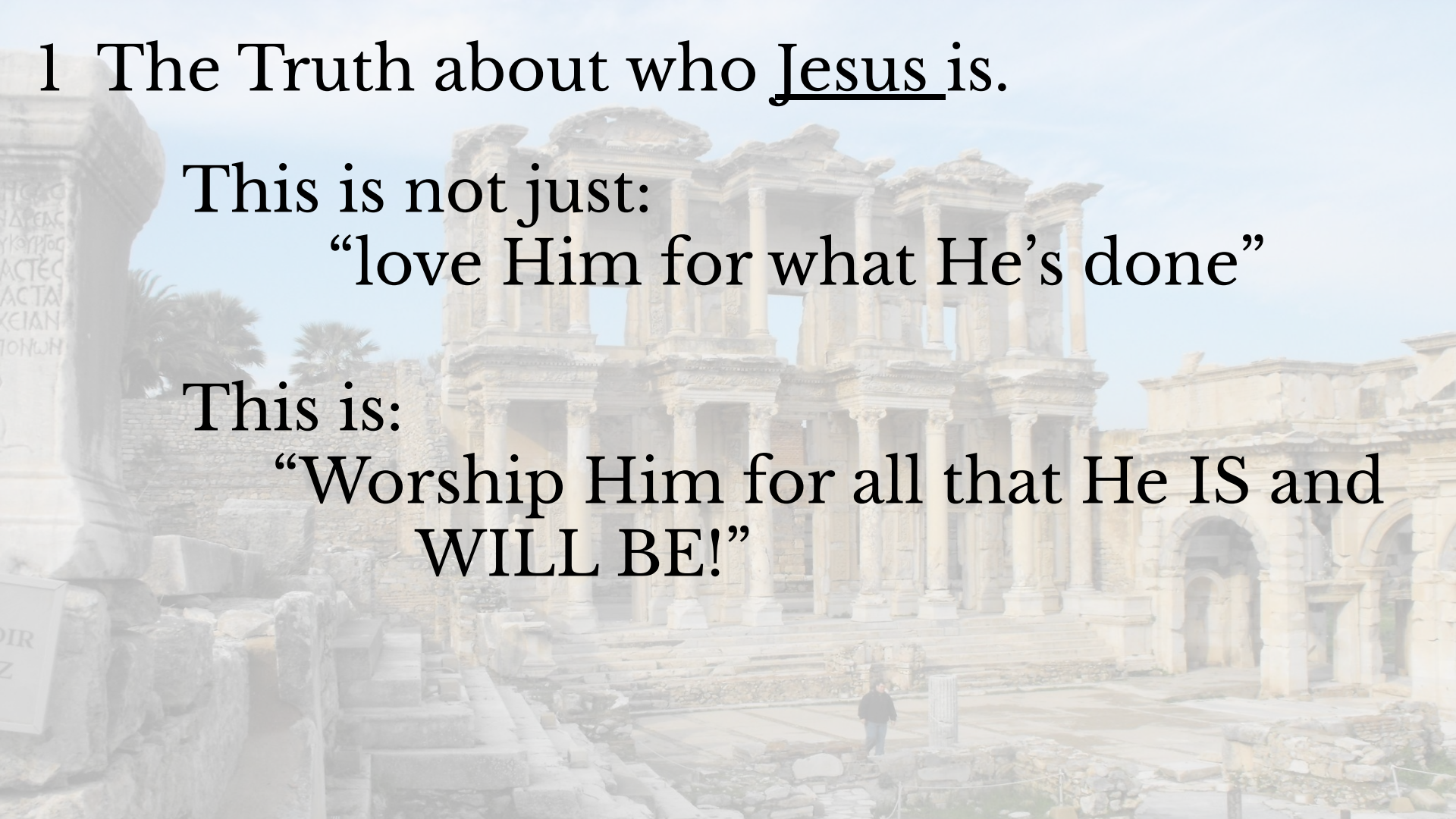
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This is not just:

“love Him for what He’s done”

This is:

“Worship Him for all that He IS and
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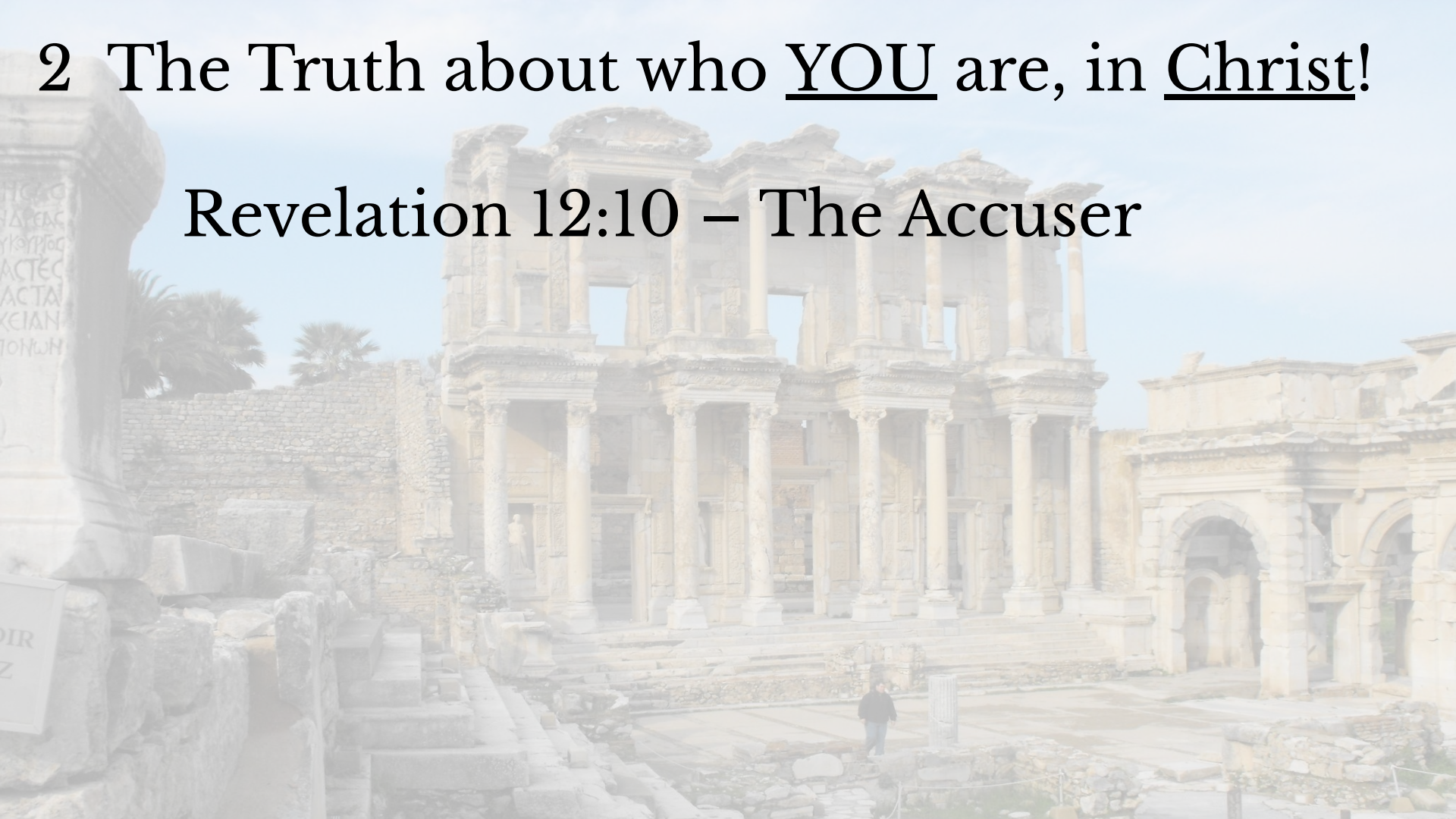


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Revelation 12:10 – The Accuser

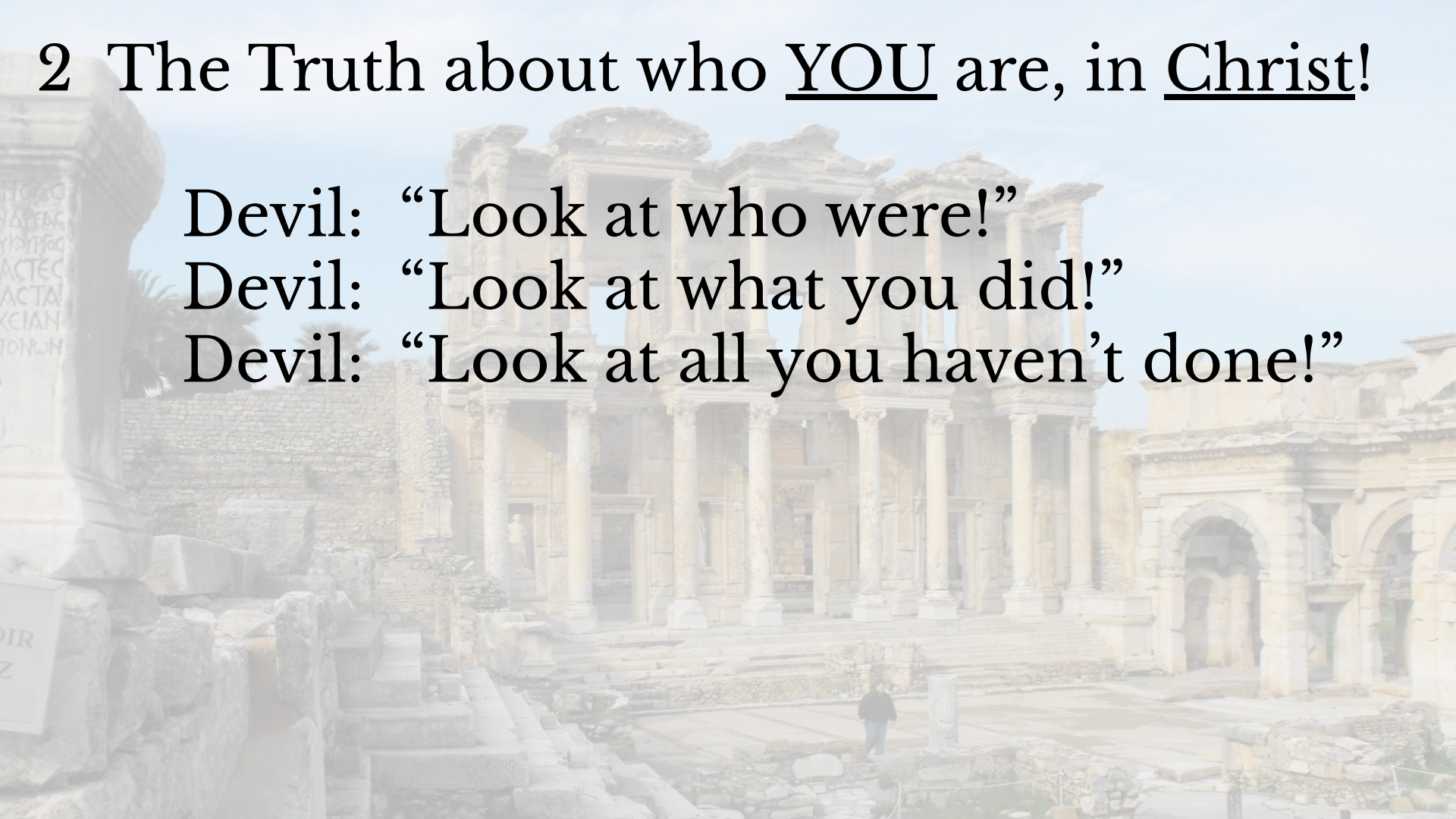


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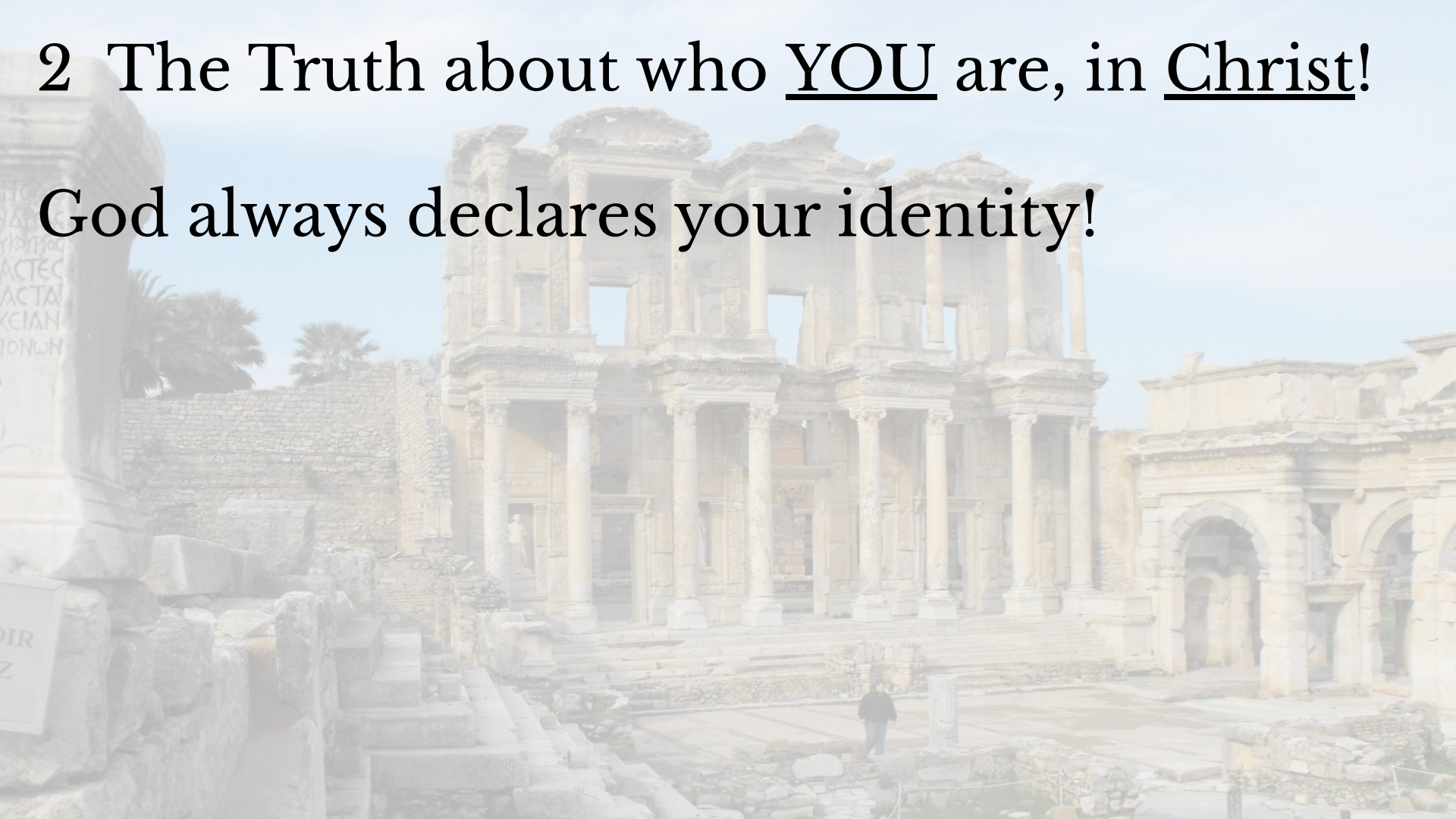
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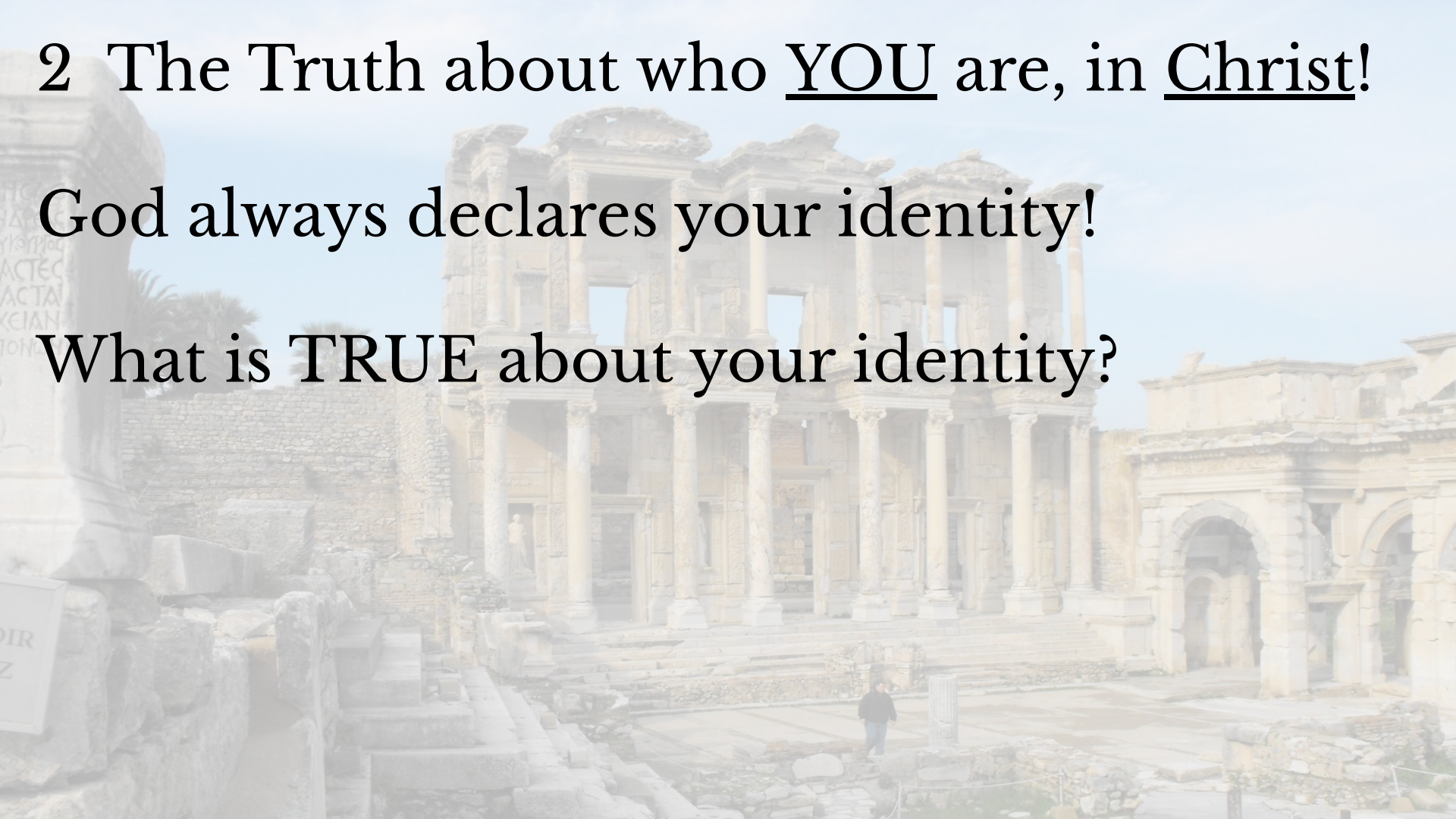
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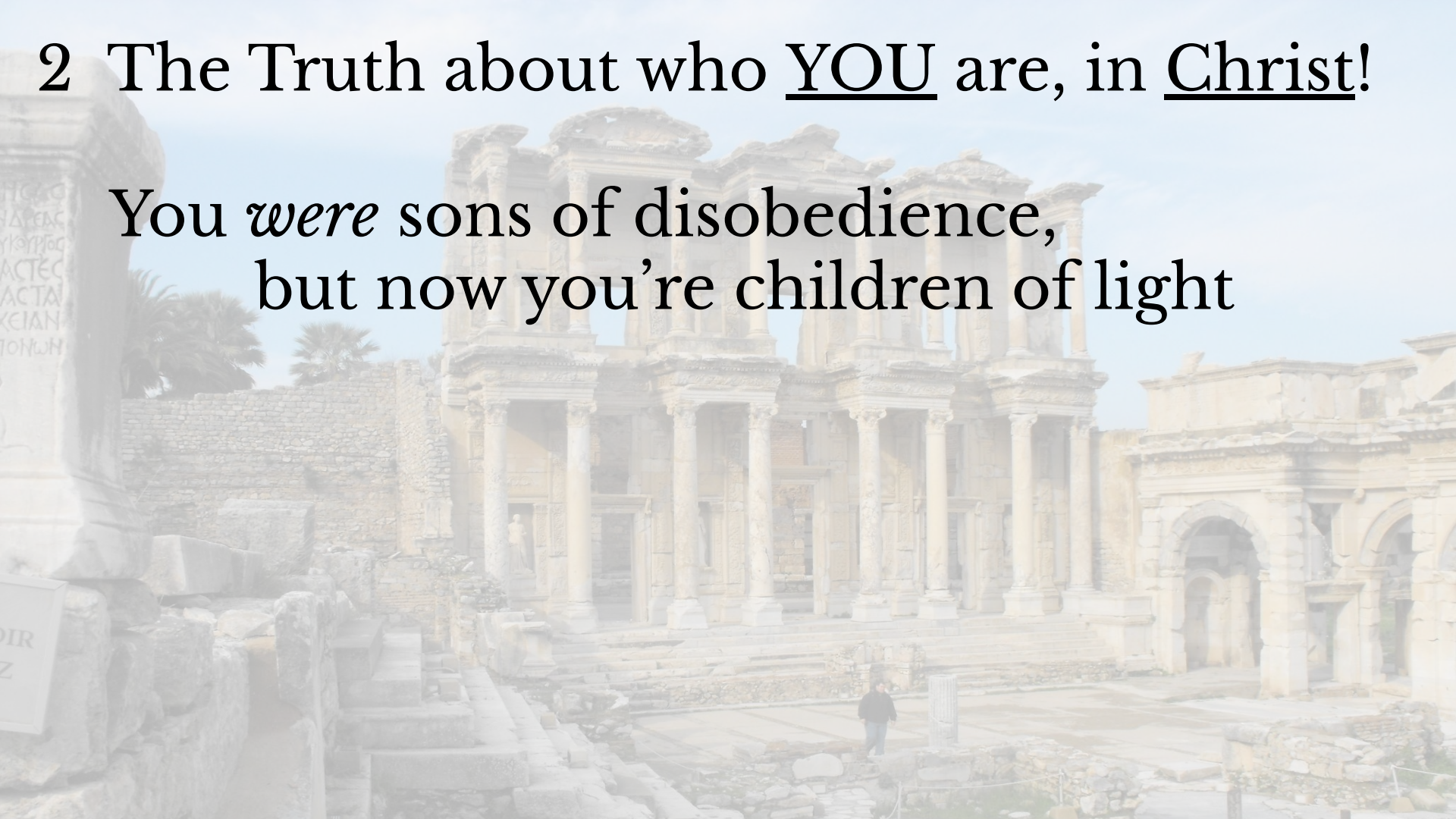
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What is TRUE about your identity?



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German Proverb:

“It’s dark at the foot of the lighthouse.”

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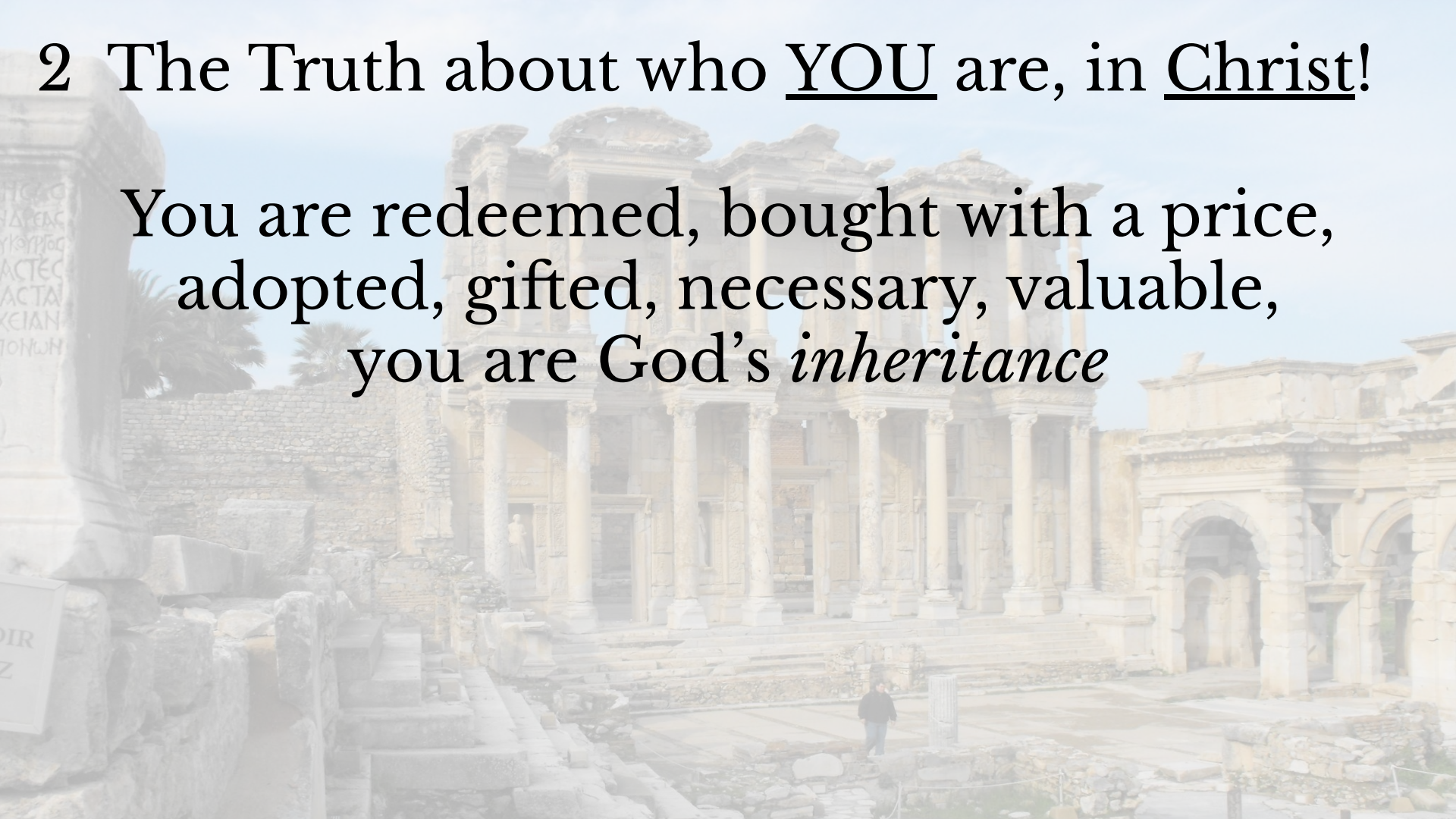
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Anybody here today need to know that???

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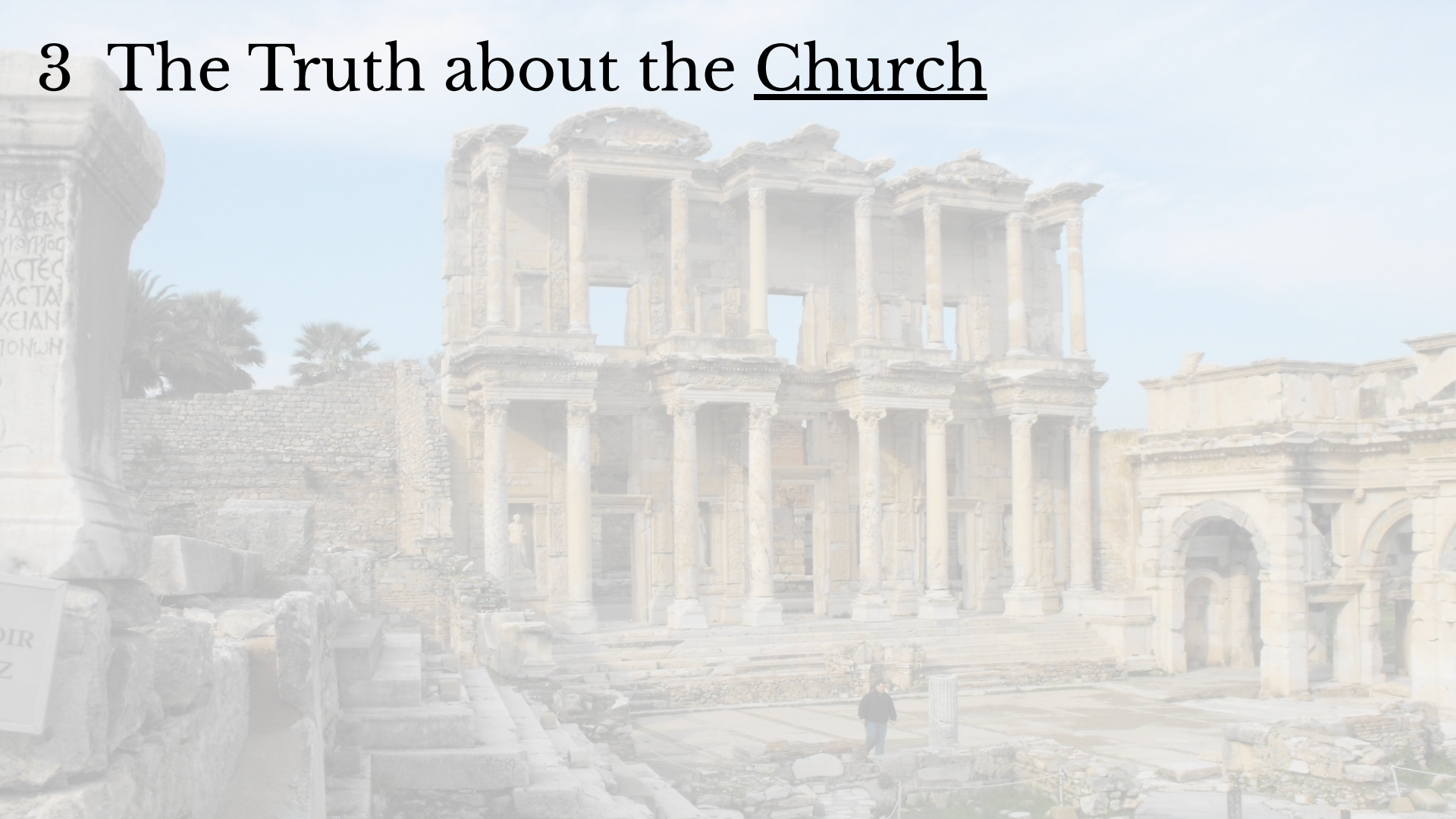
**WE'RE NOT FIGHTING FOR VICTORY;
WE'RE FIGHTING FROM VICTORY**





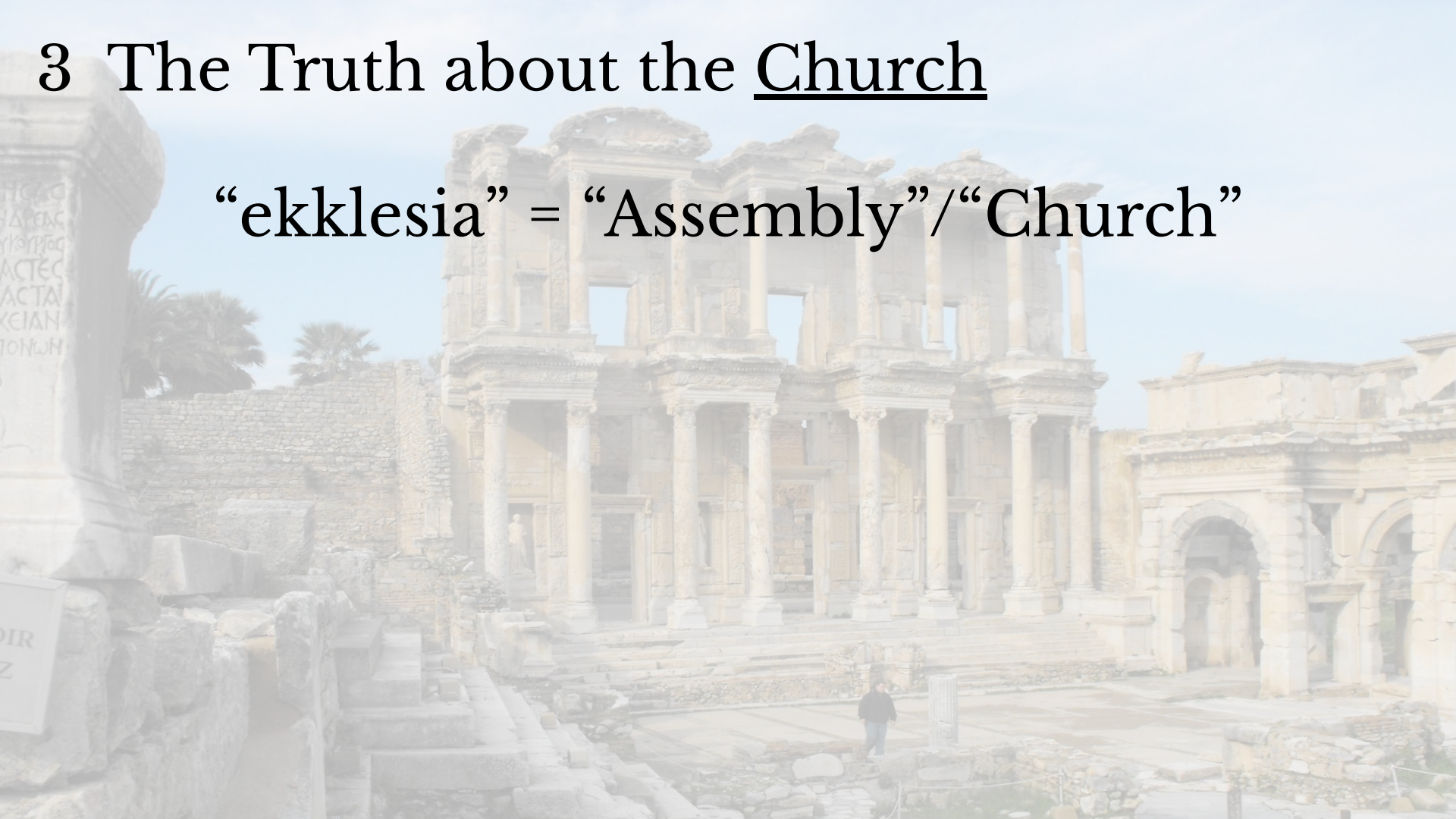
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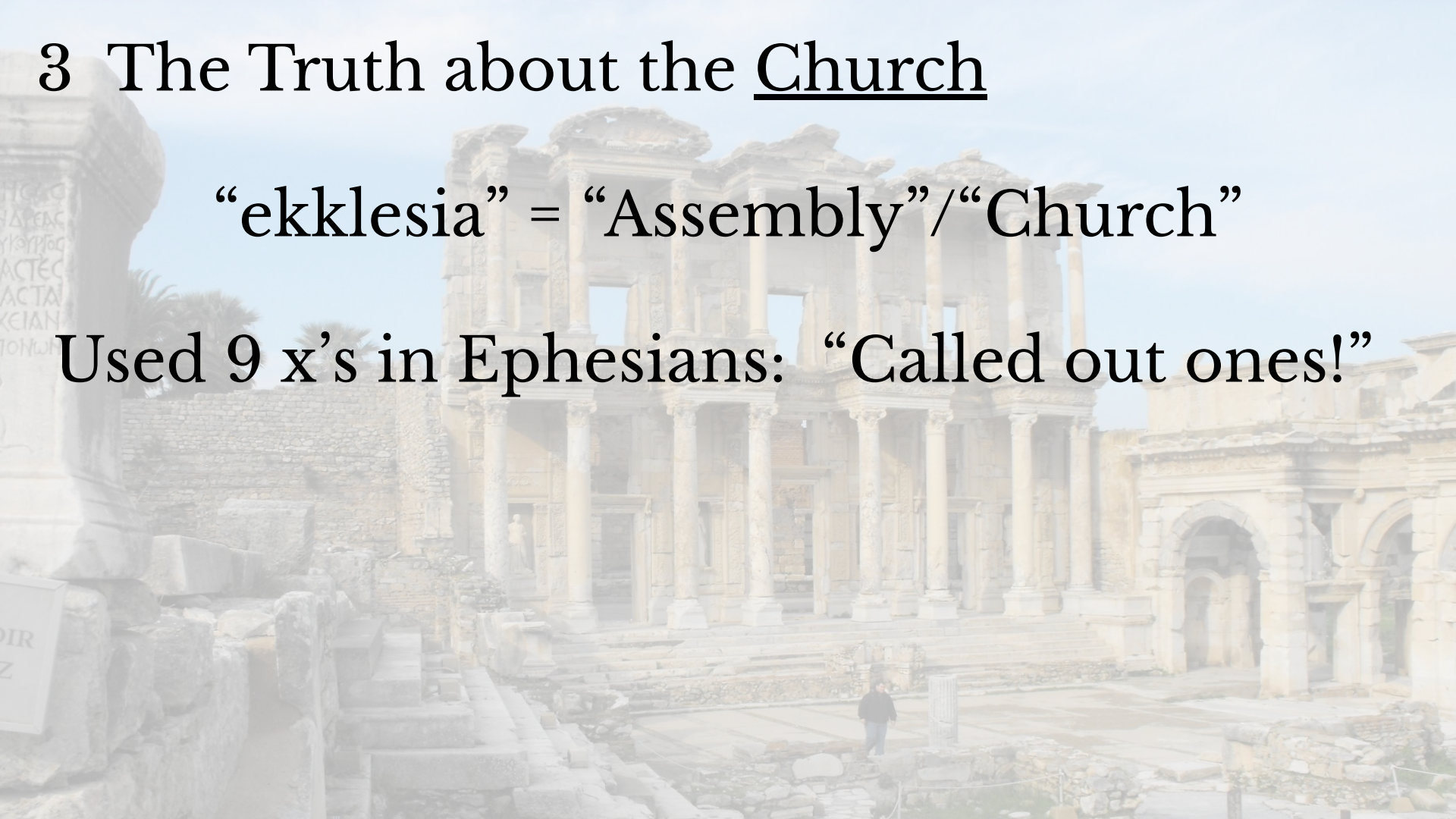
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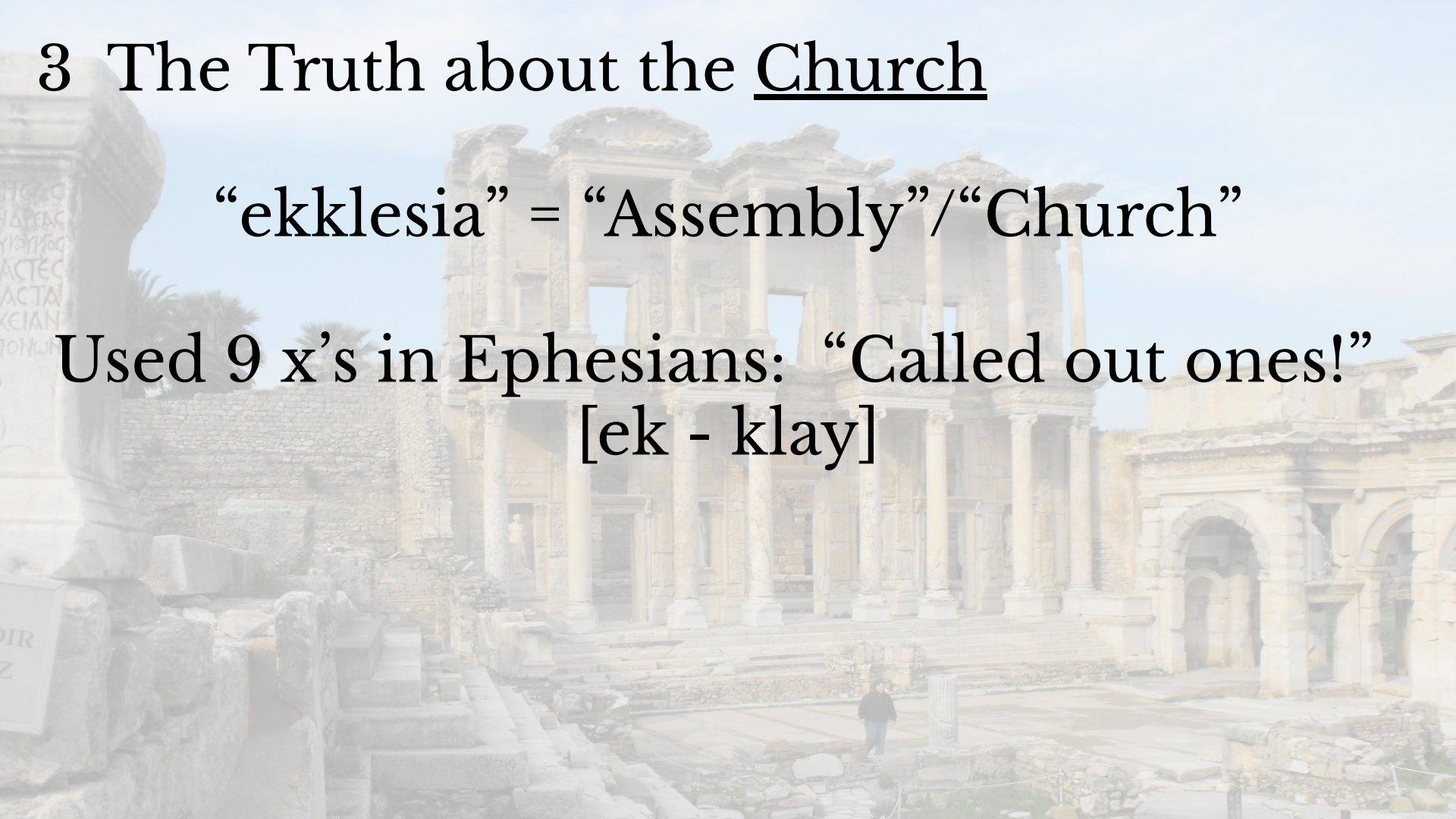
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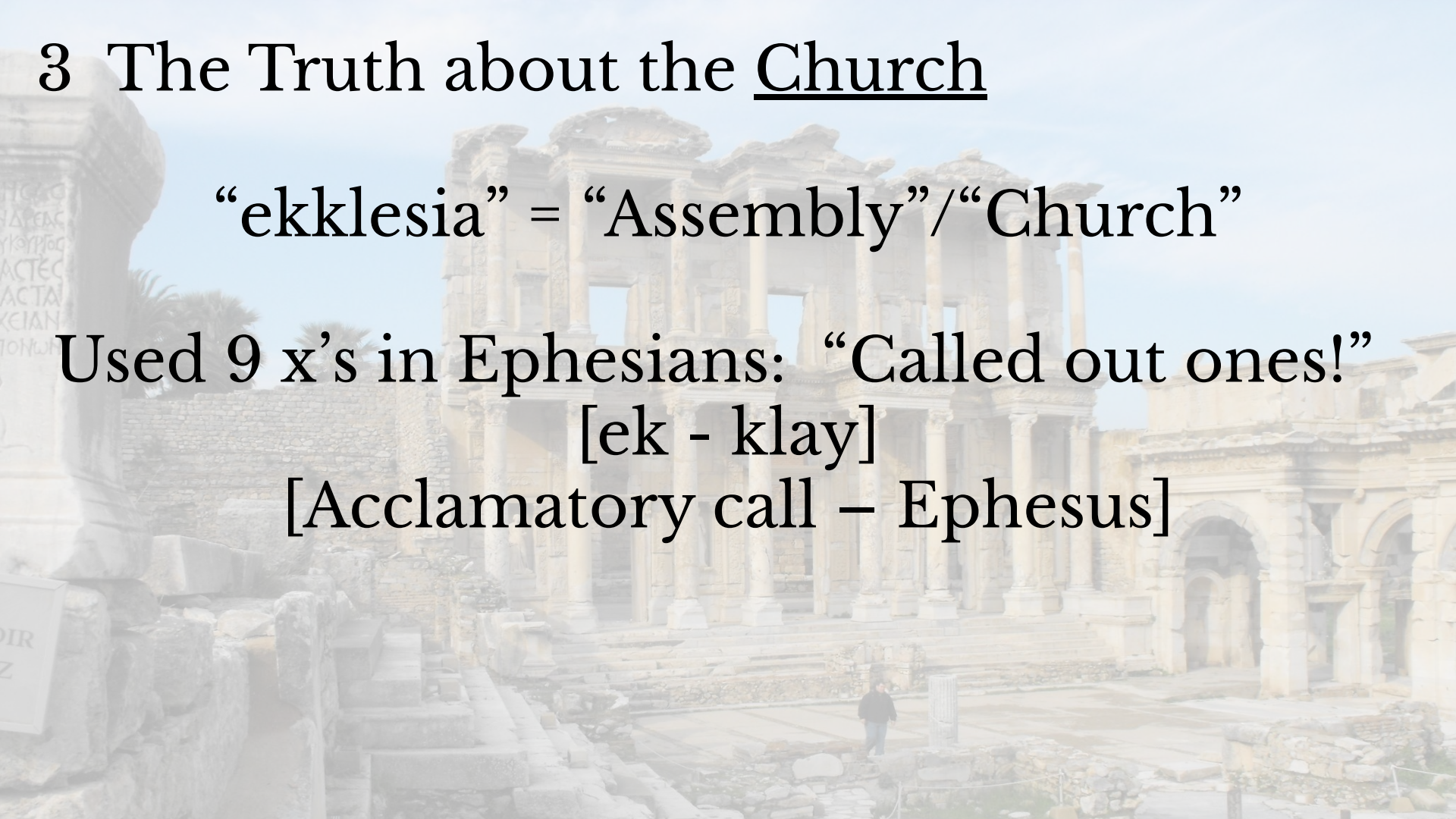
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Called out *from* the world and *to* God.

A “Changed Assembly.”

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Matt. 16:18– I will build my Church!

1 Cor. 1:2 – To the church of God... to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling, with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their *Lord* and ours...

1 Tim. 3:15-16 – ... the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the Truth!

Eph. 1:22 – He gave Him as Head over all things *to the Church*.

Eph. 5:29 – He nourishes and cherishes the Church

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What the Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice taught me about the Church...

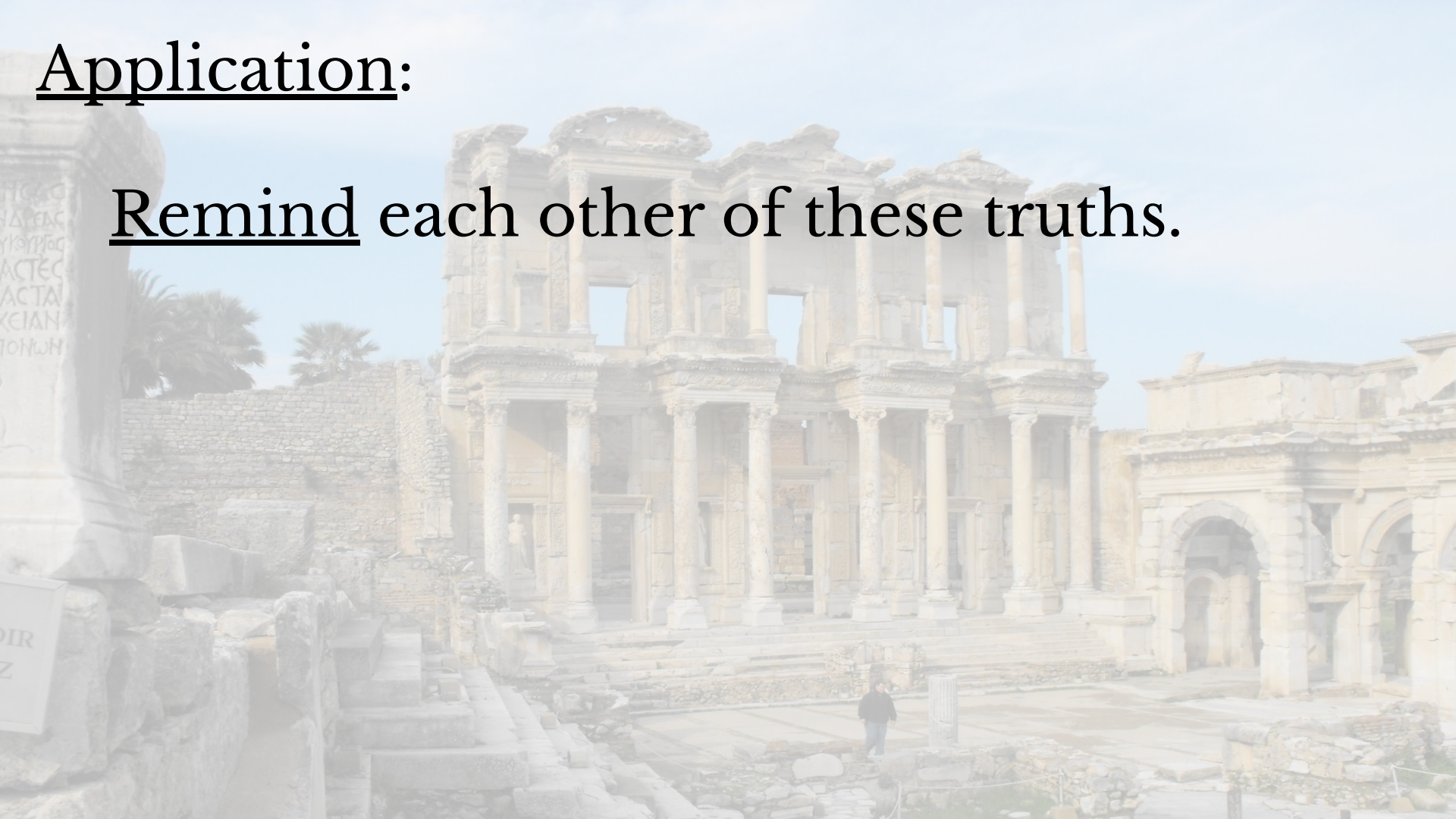


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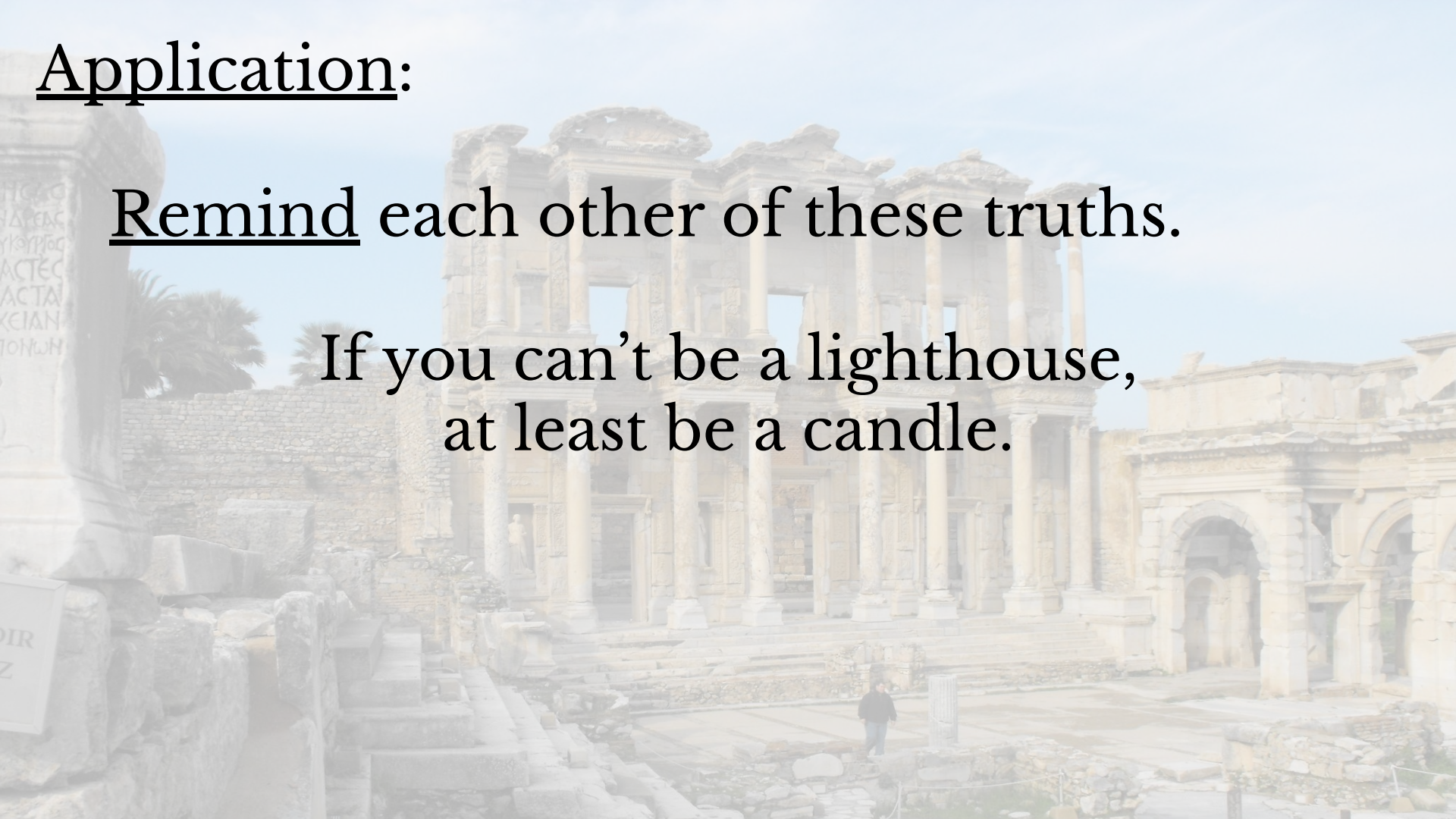
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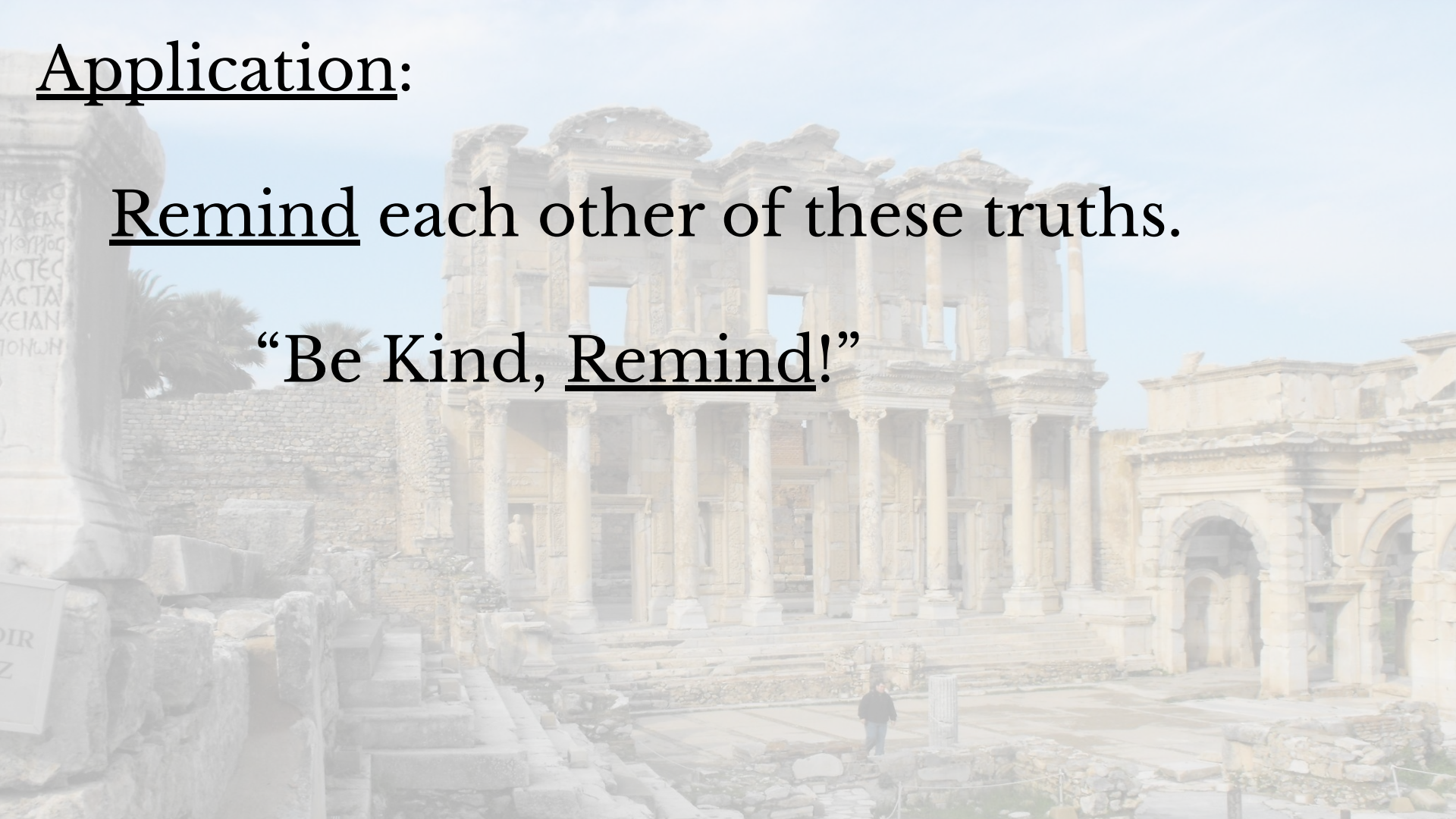
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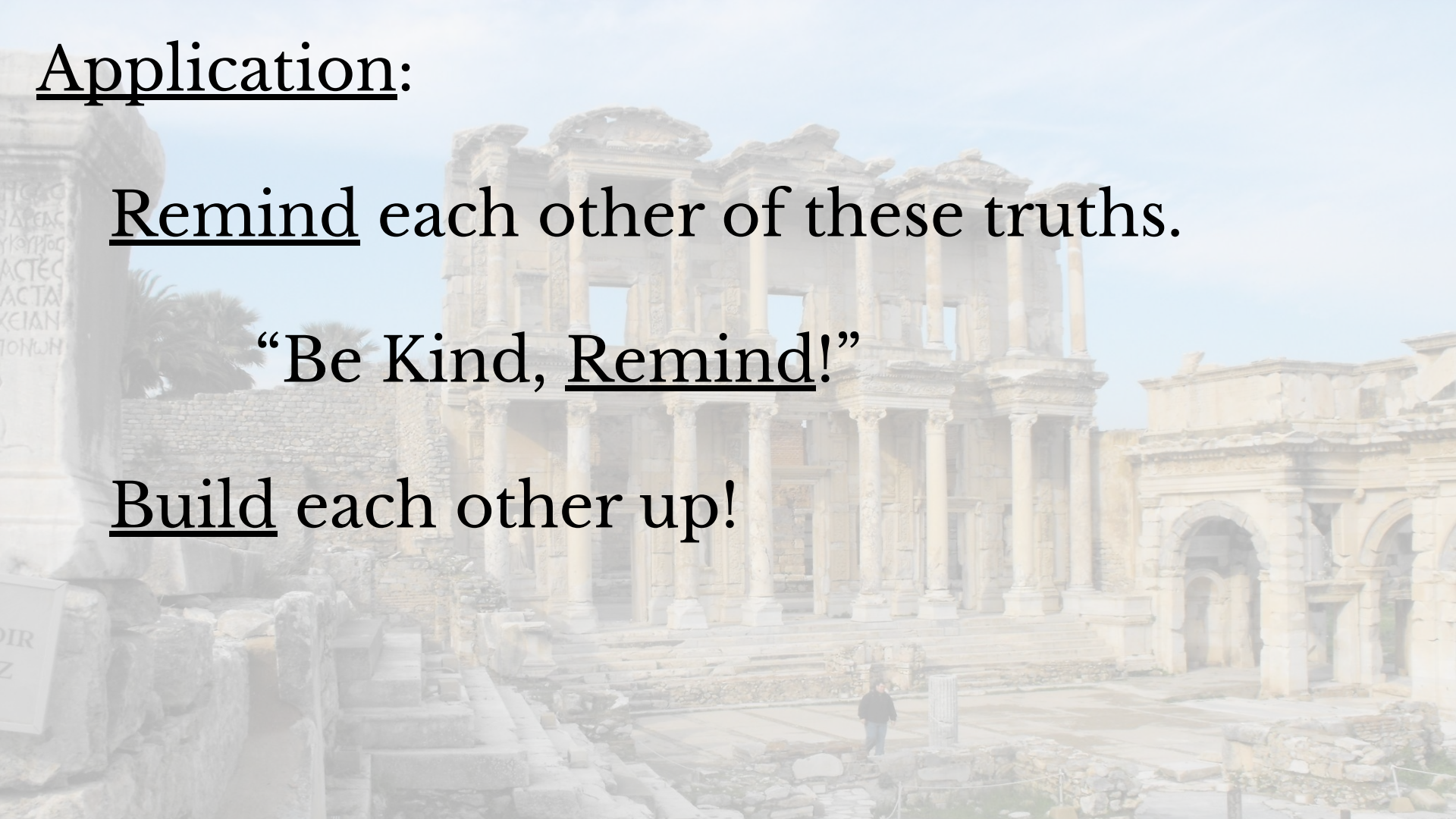


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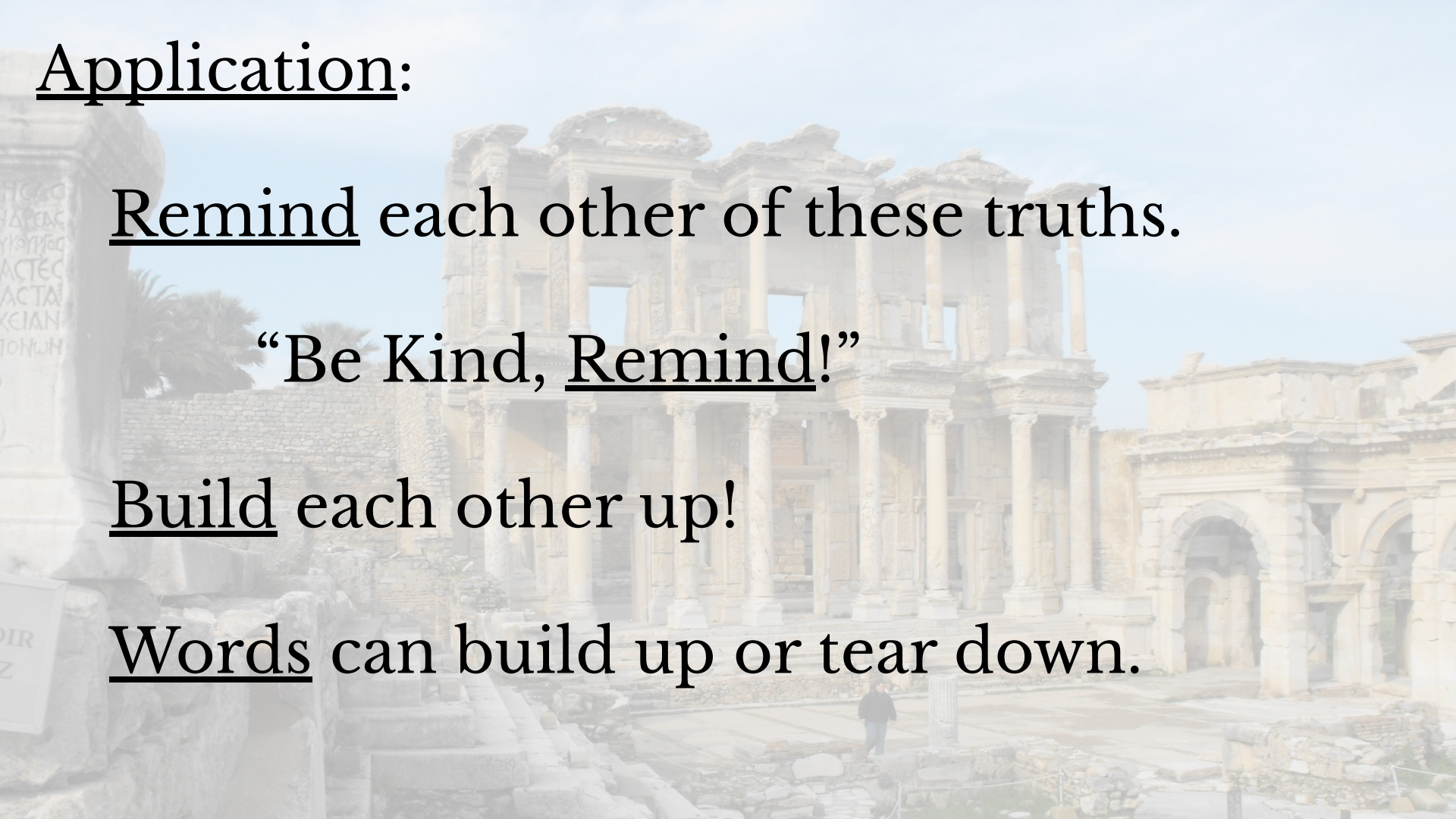
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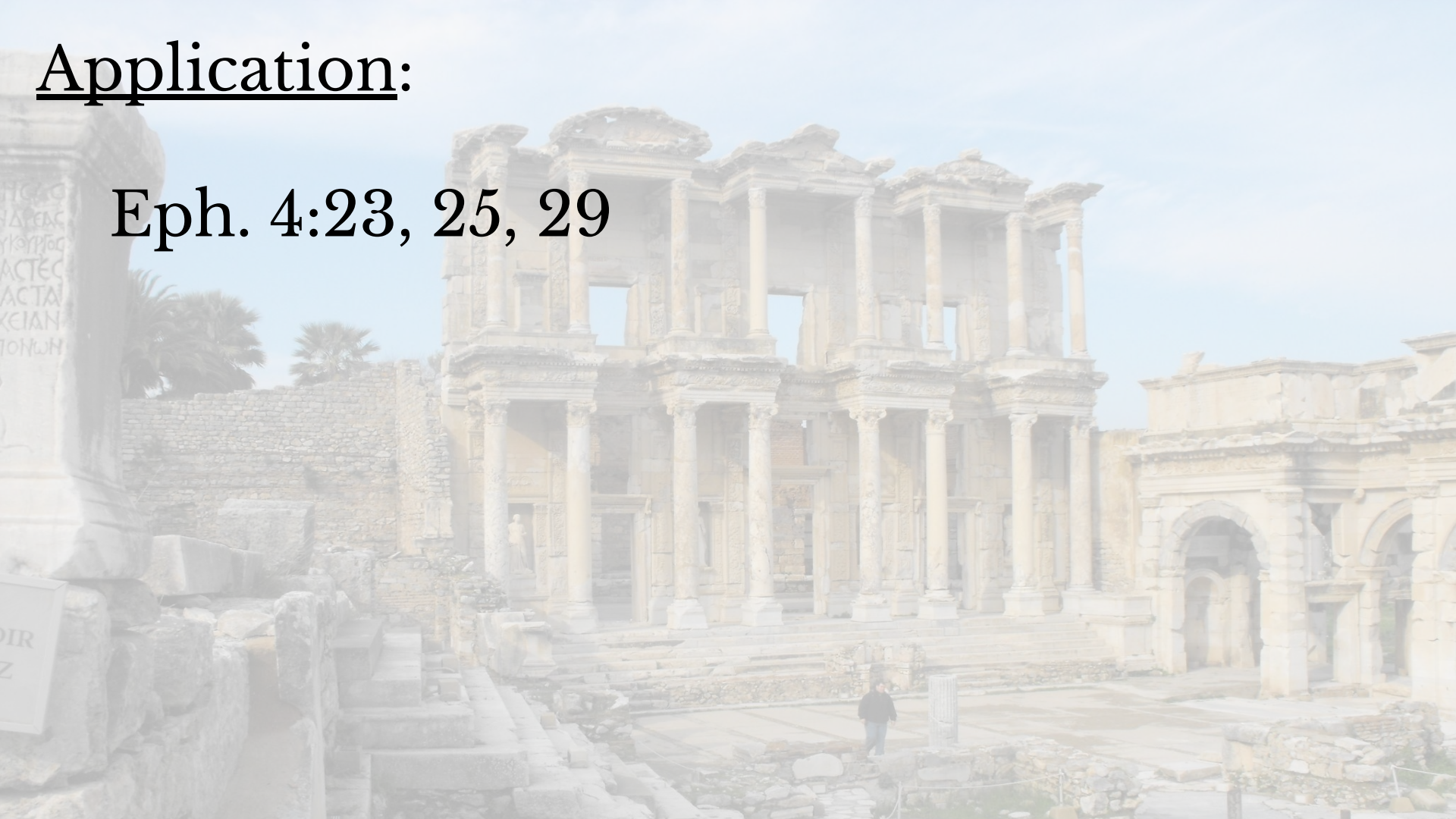
Build each other up!

Words can build up or tear down.



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Eph. 4:23, 25, 29



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Larry Crabb:

“We Christians often communicate to each other one of these two solutions:

“**Do what is right!**” or “**Fix what is wrong!**”

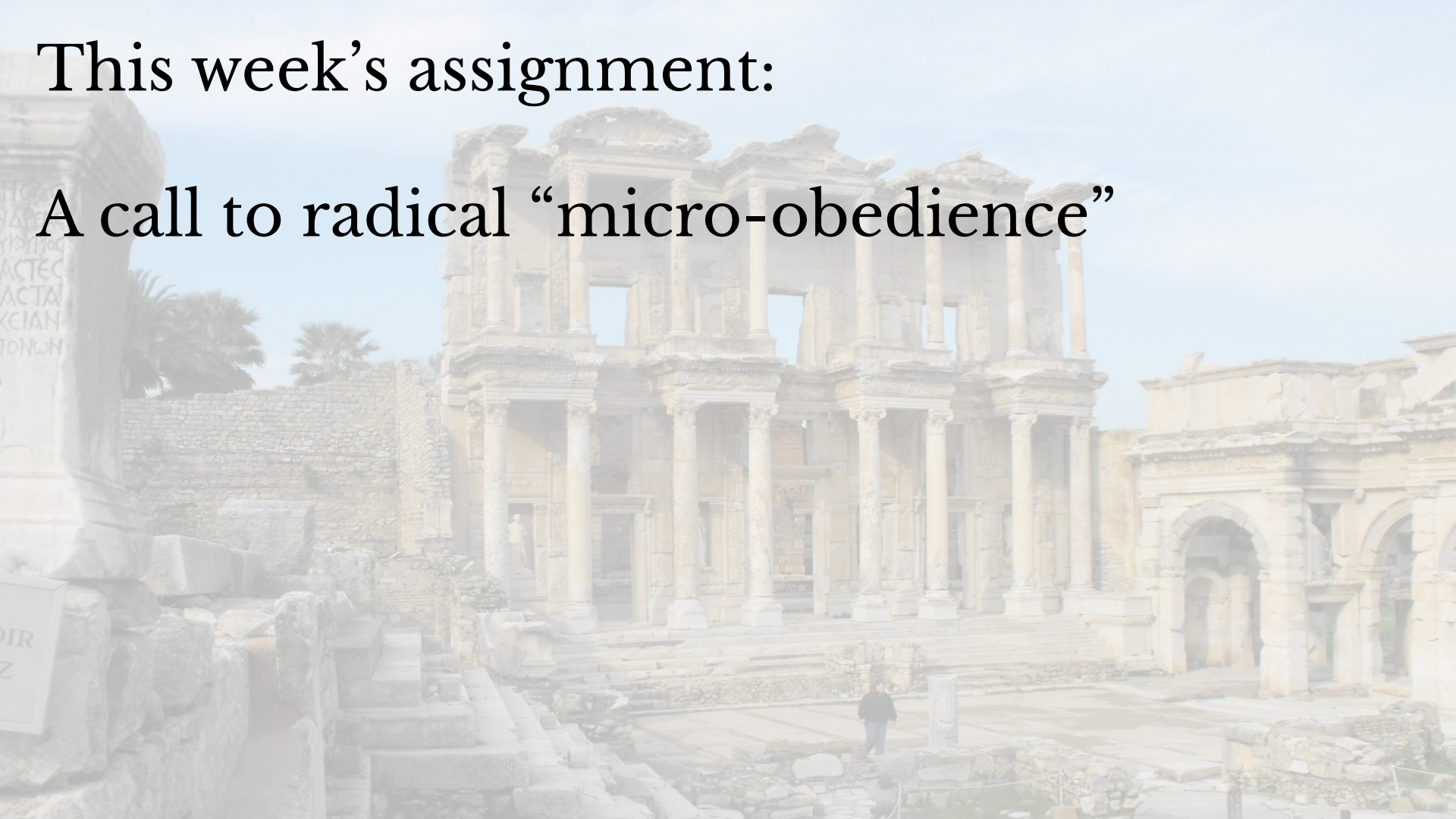
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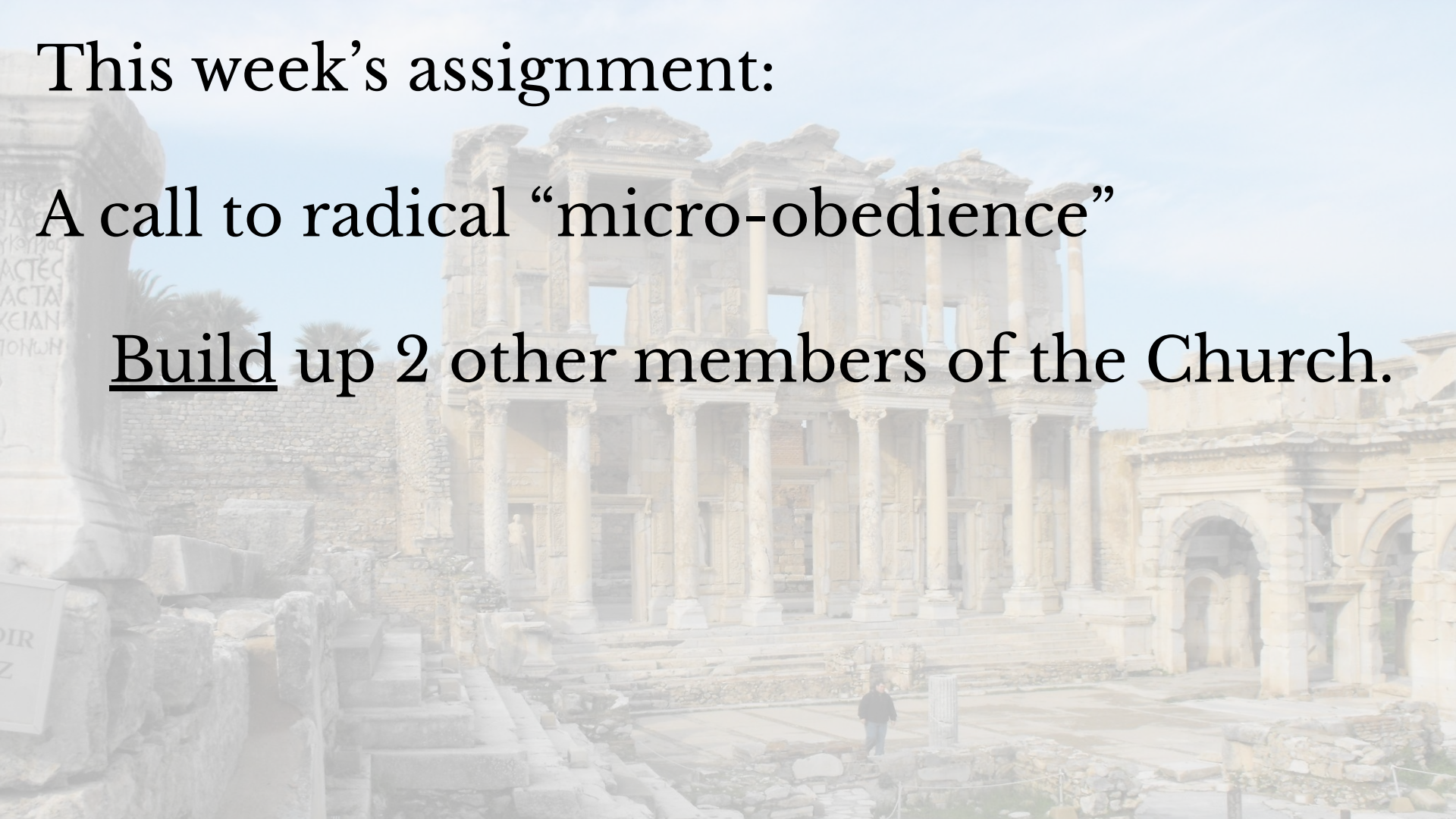
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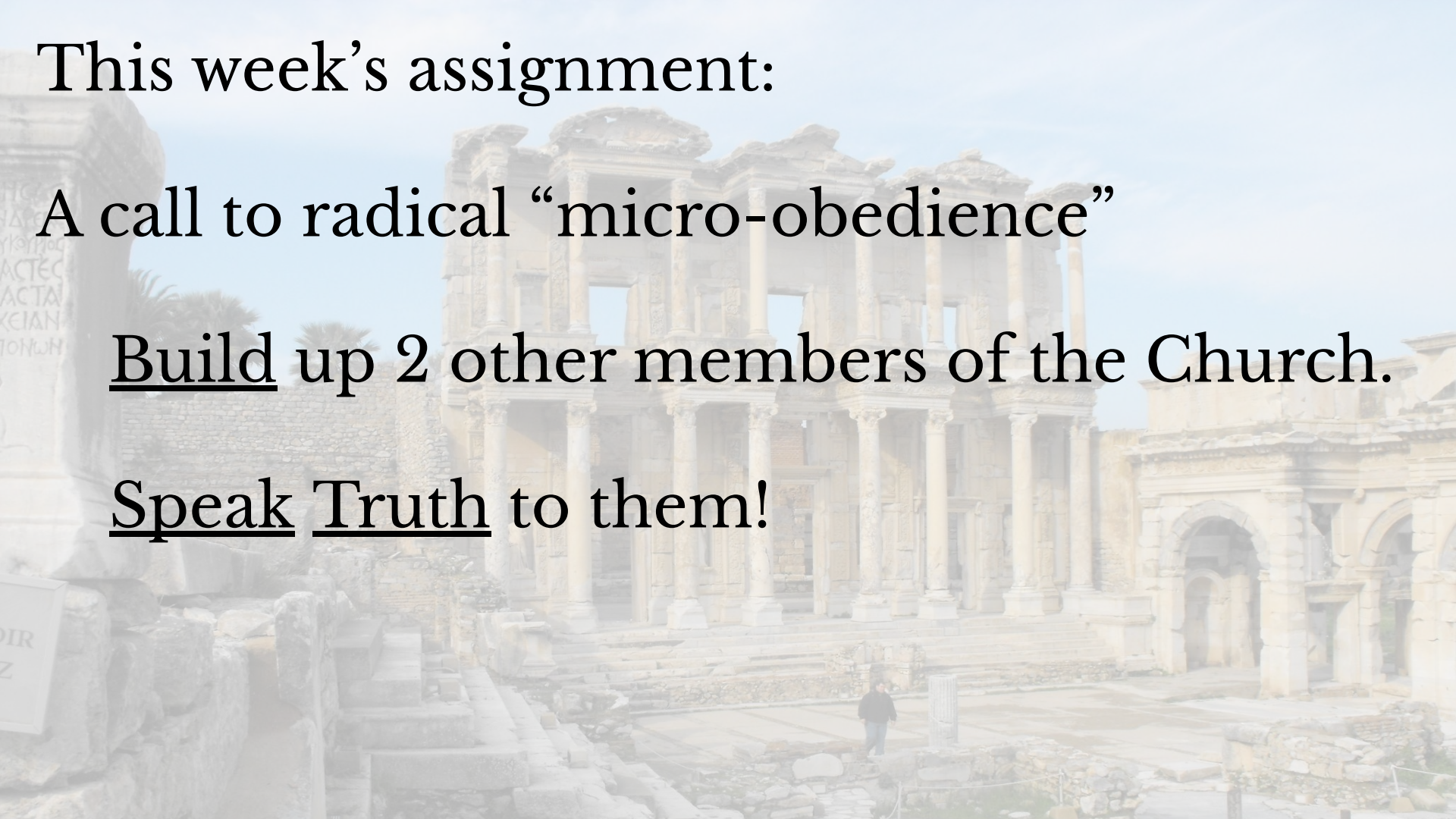


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