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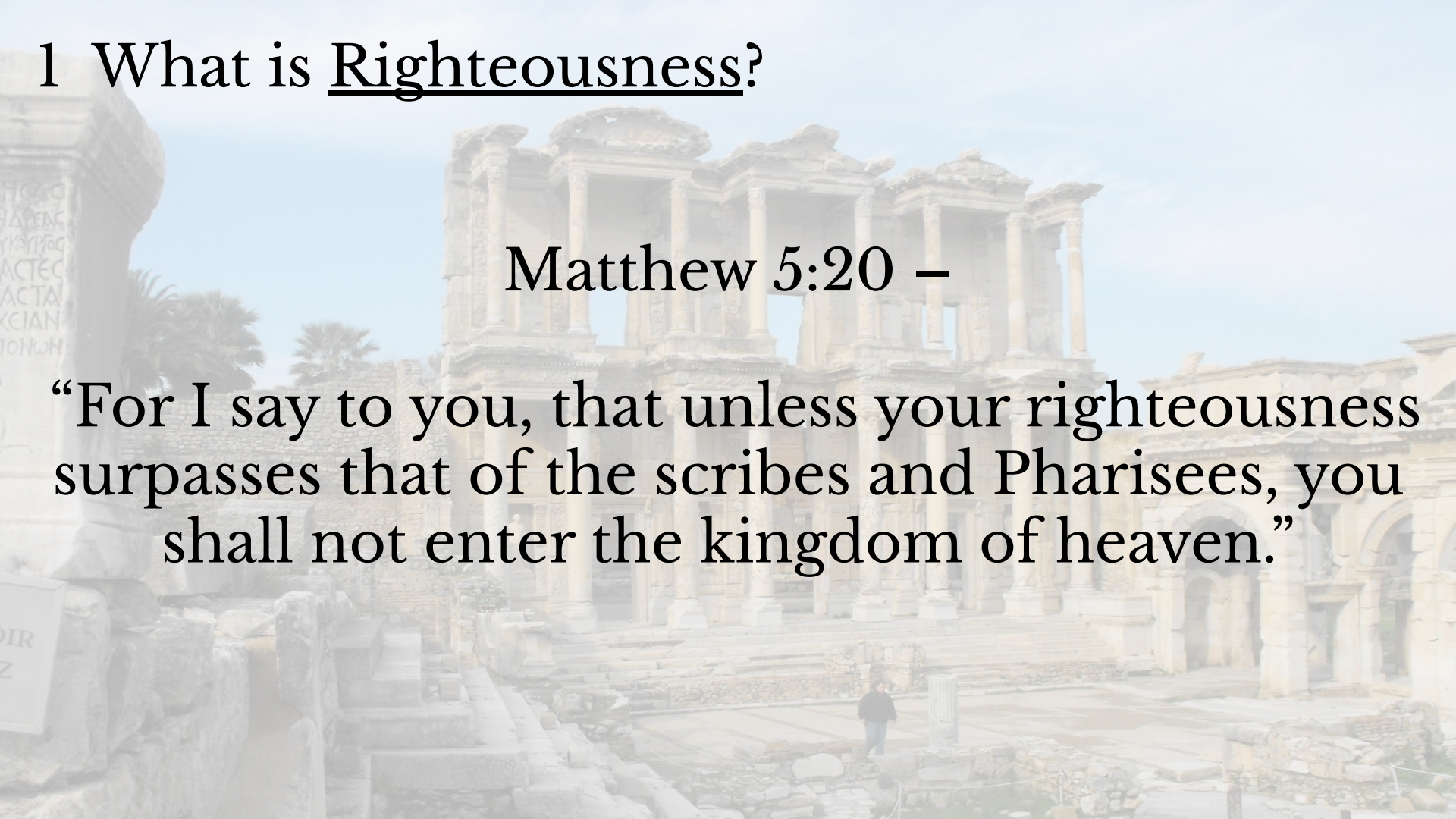
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“The state of him who is such as he ought to be.”

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Matthew 5:20 –

“For I say to you, that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven.”



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Matthew 5:48 ff.–

“Therefore, you should be perfect
as your Father in Heaven is perfect.”



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Matthew 19:25-26–

“The disciples were astonished and said,
“Then who can be saved?”
And looking on them Jesus said,
“With men this is impossible,
but with God, all things are possible!””

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The teaching of the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7 is followed by this summation:

“The multitudes were amazed at His teaching, for He was teaching them as **one having authority, and not as their scribes.**”

(Matt. 7:28-29)

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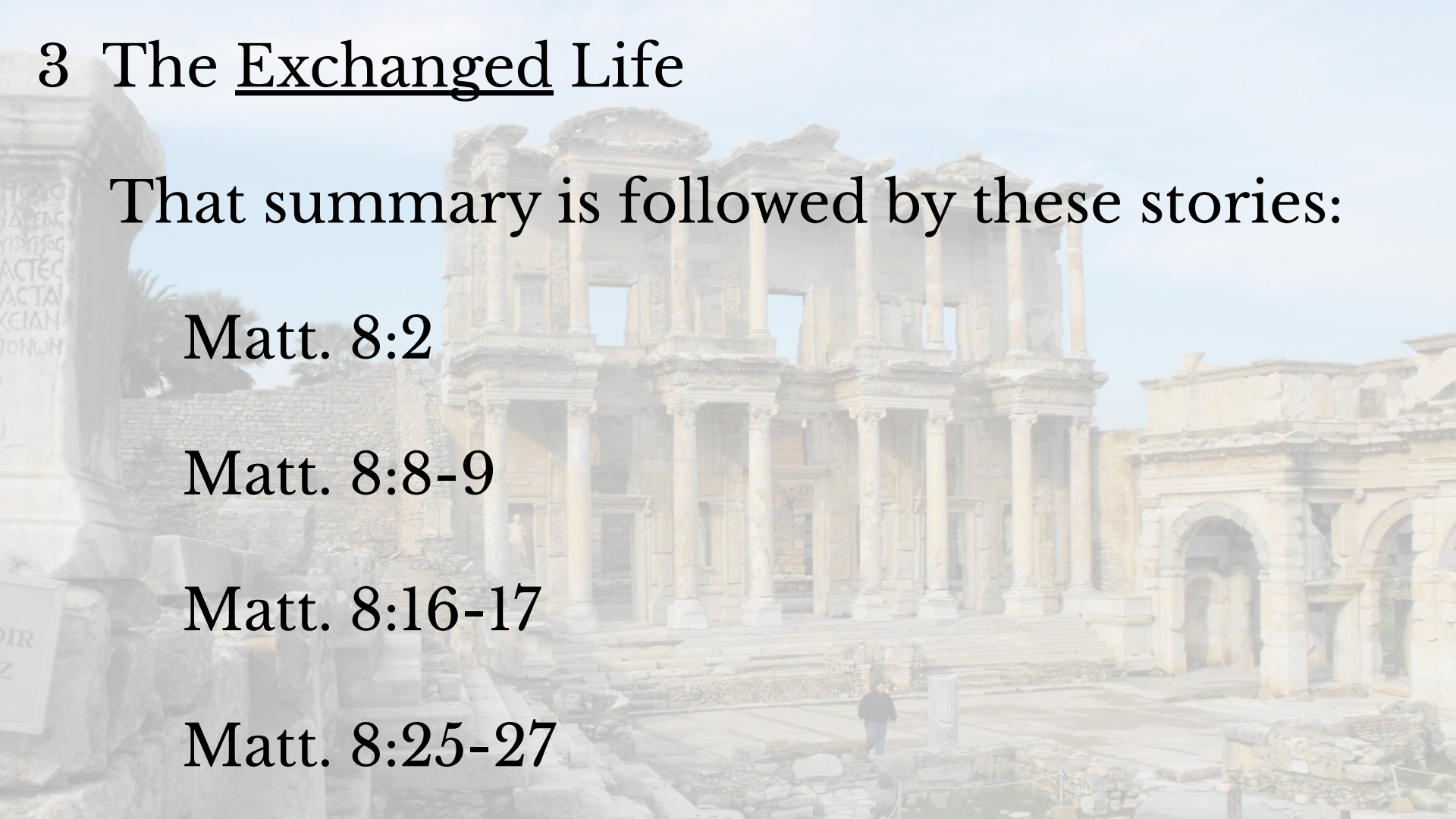
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Matt. 8:2

Matt. 8:8-9

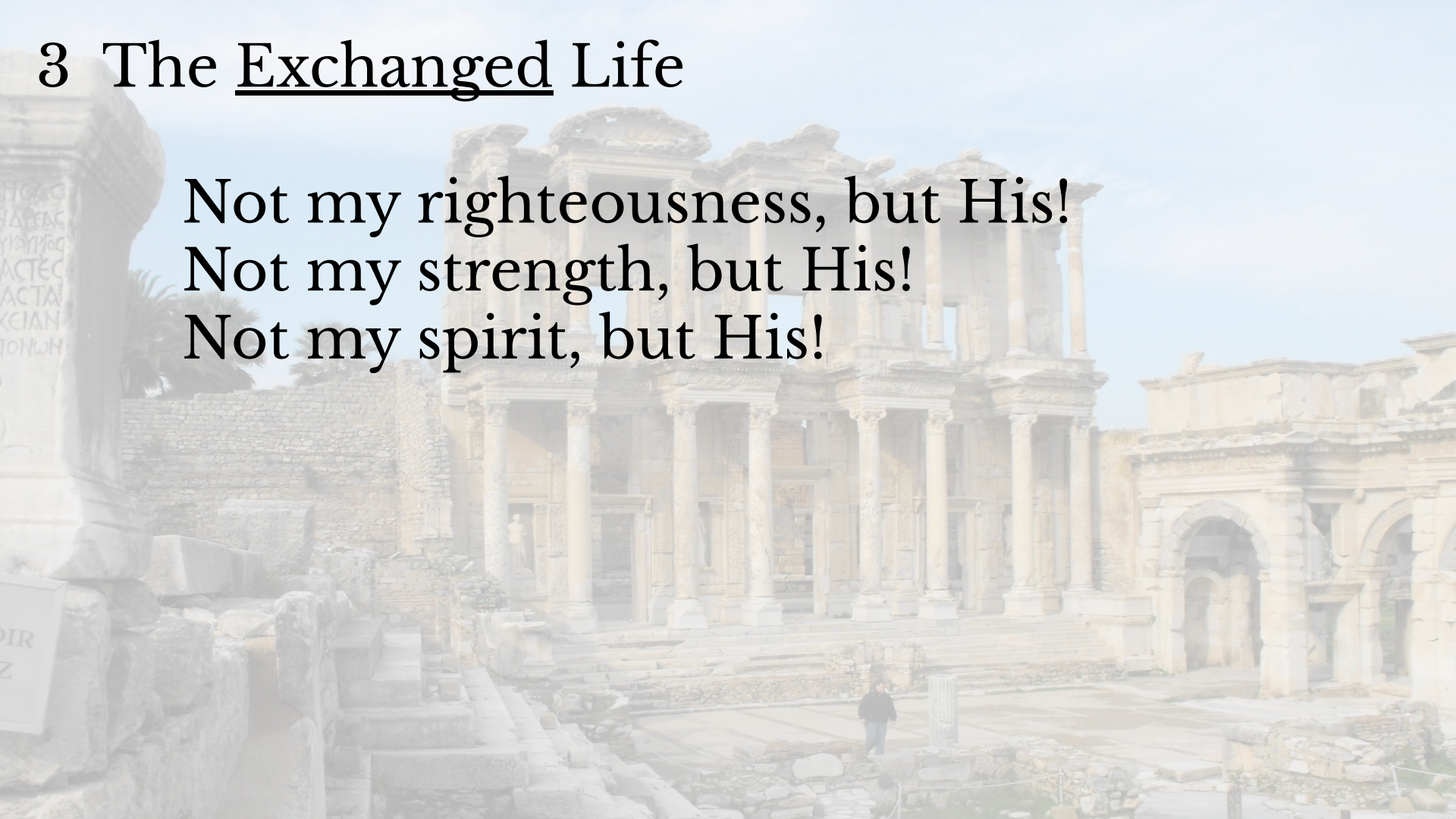
Matt. 8:16-17

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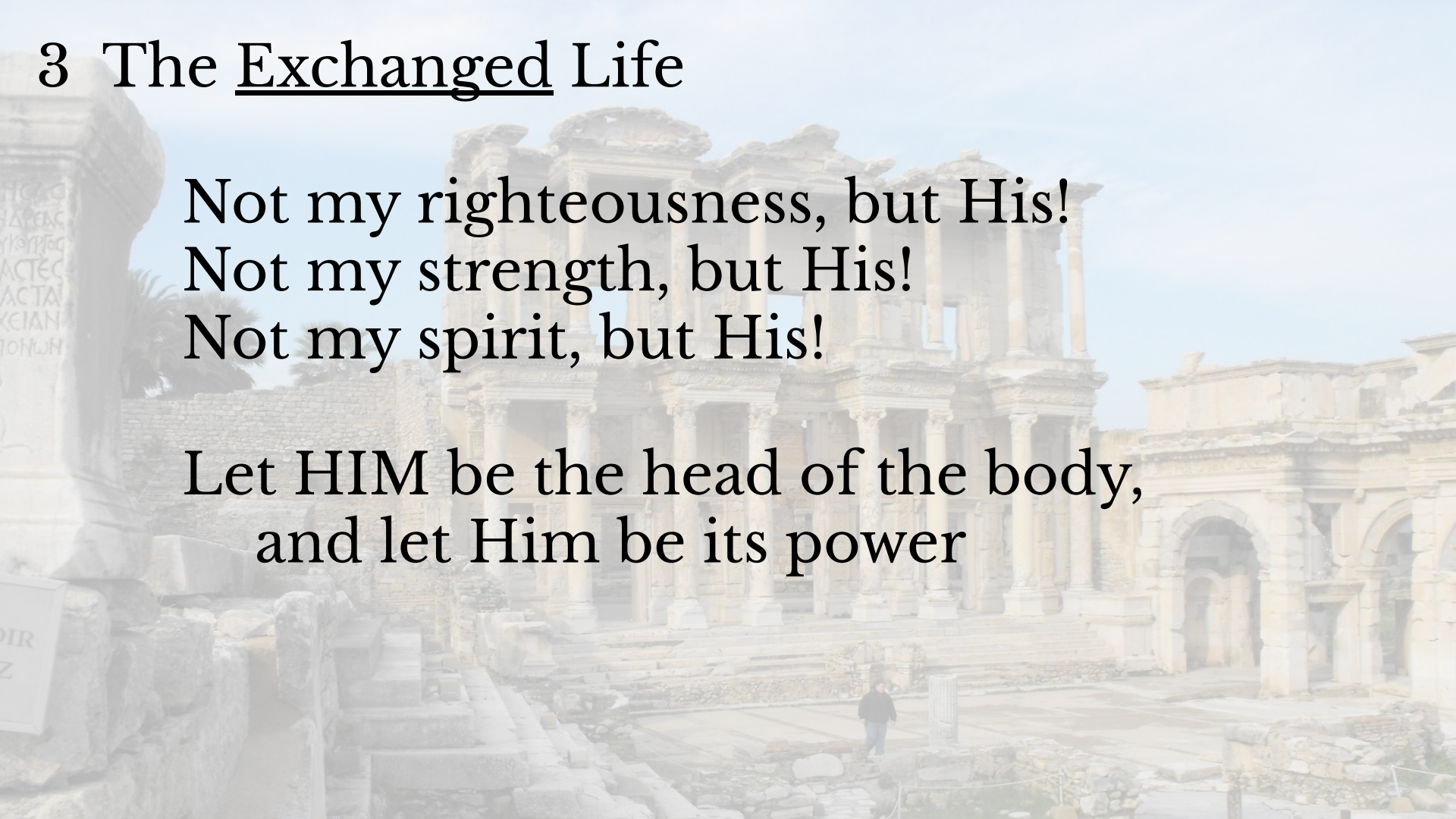
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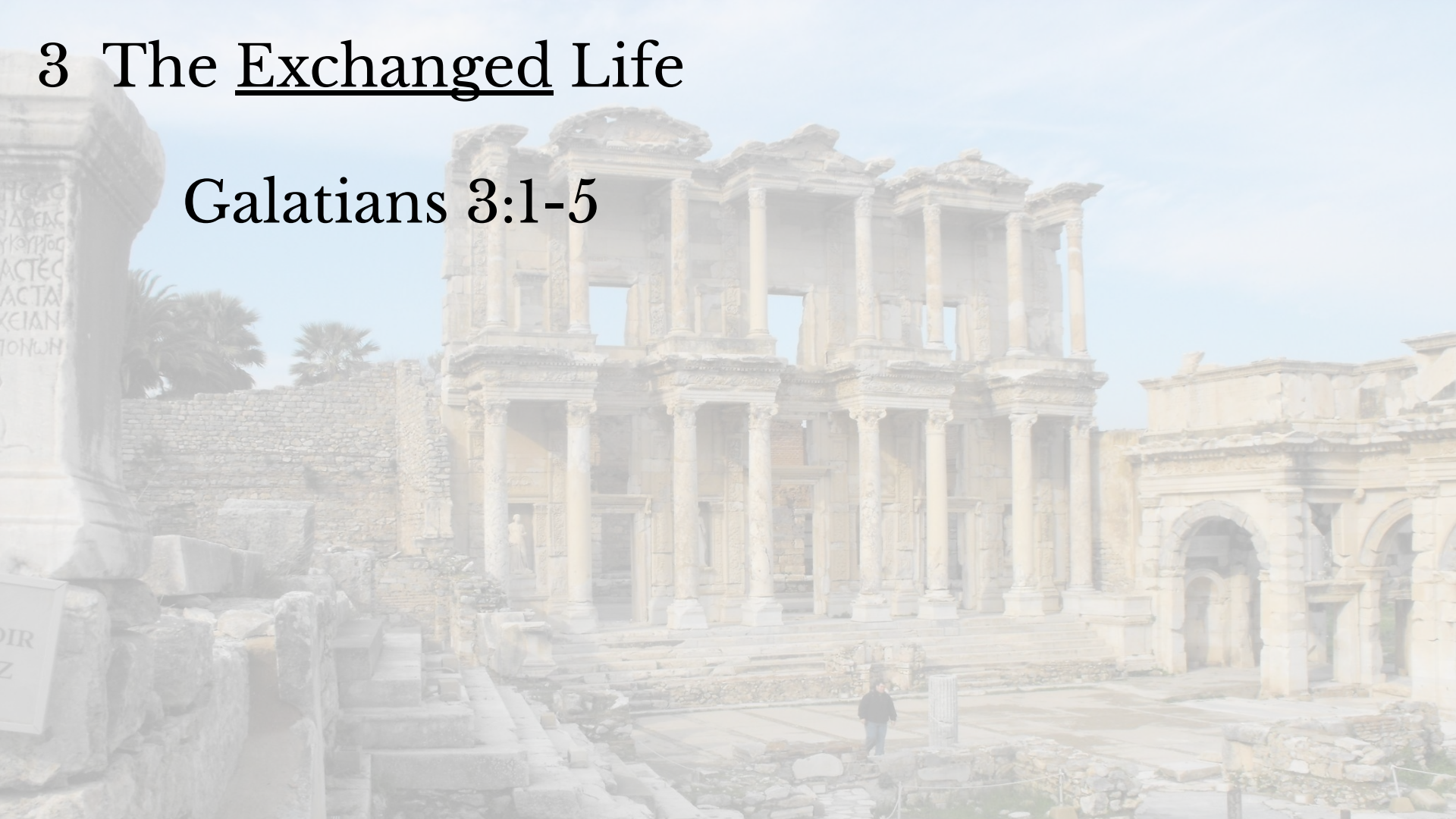
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Let HIM be the head of the body,
and let Him be its power



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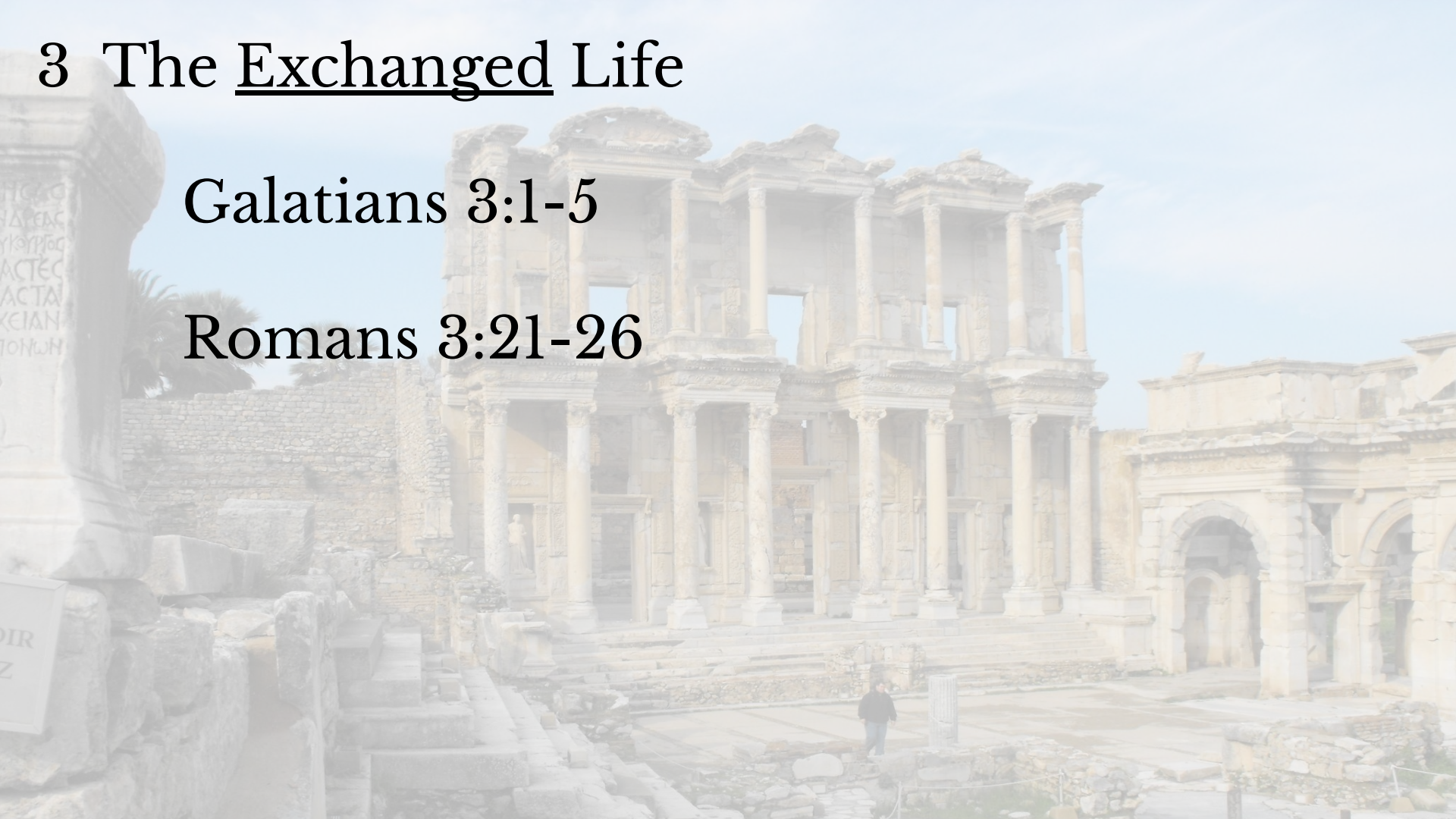
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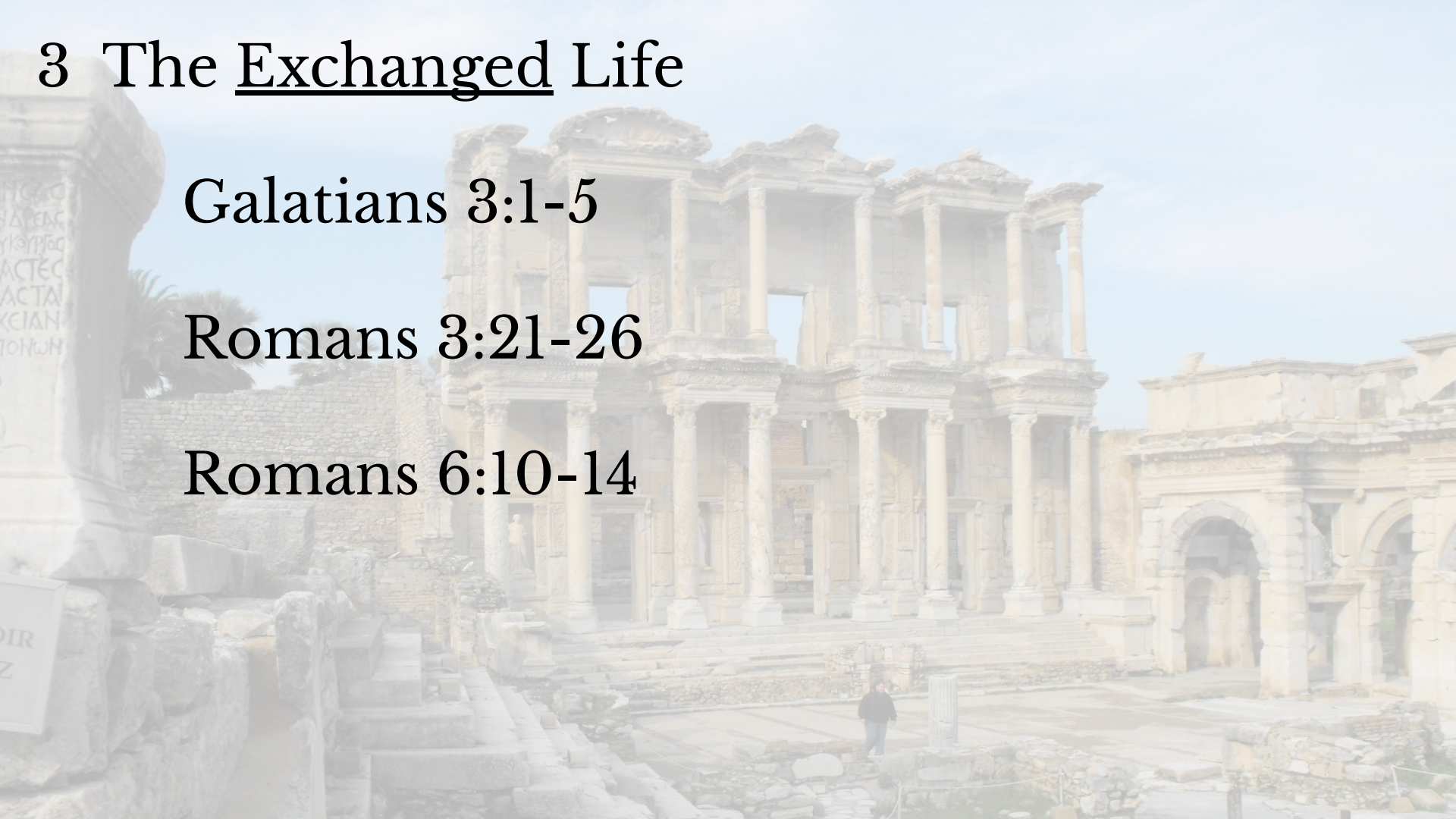


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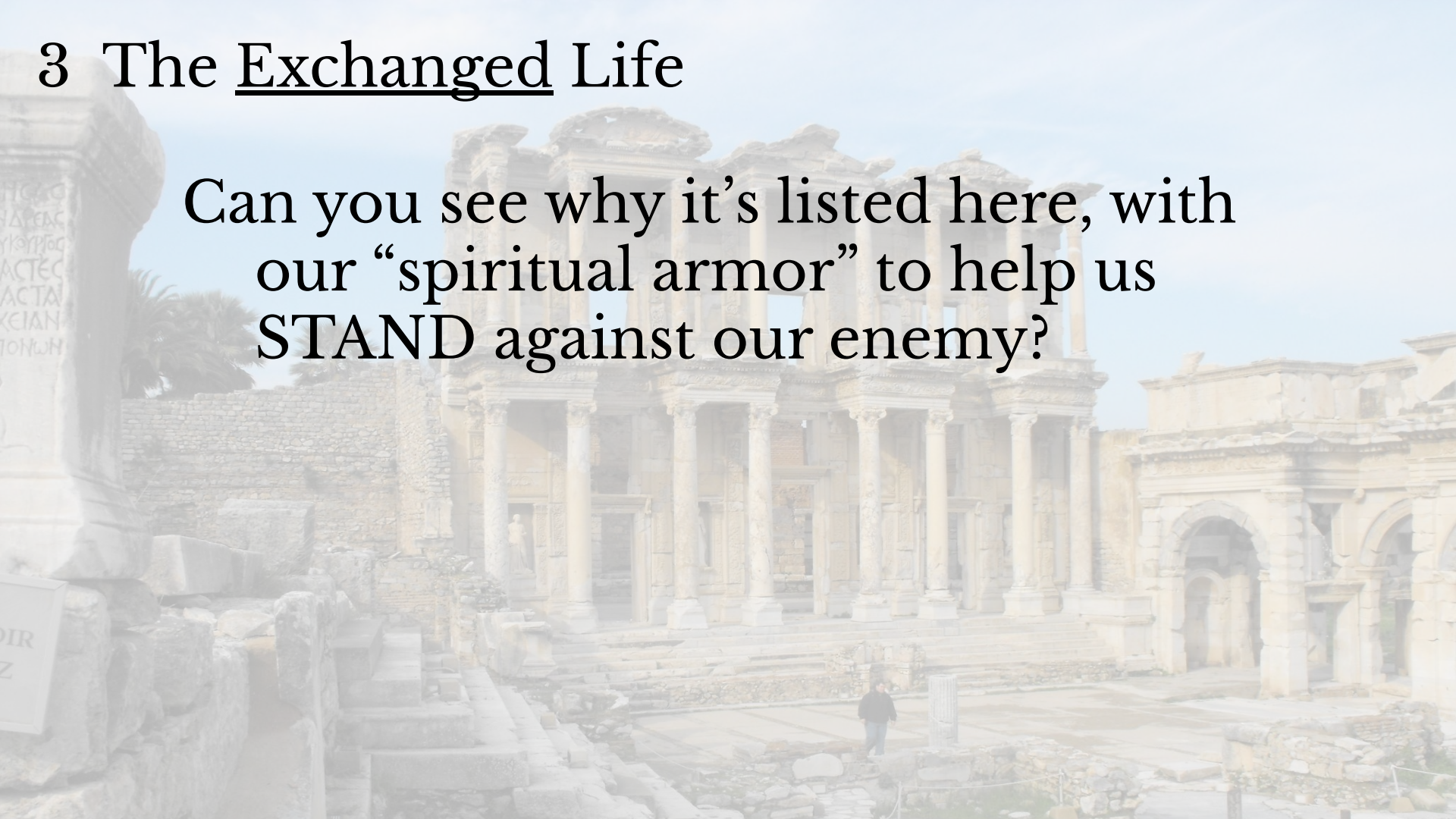
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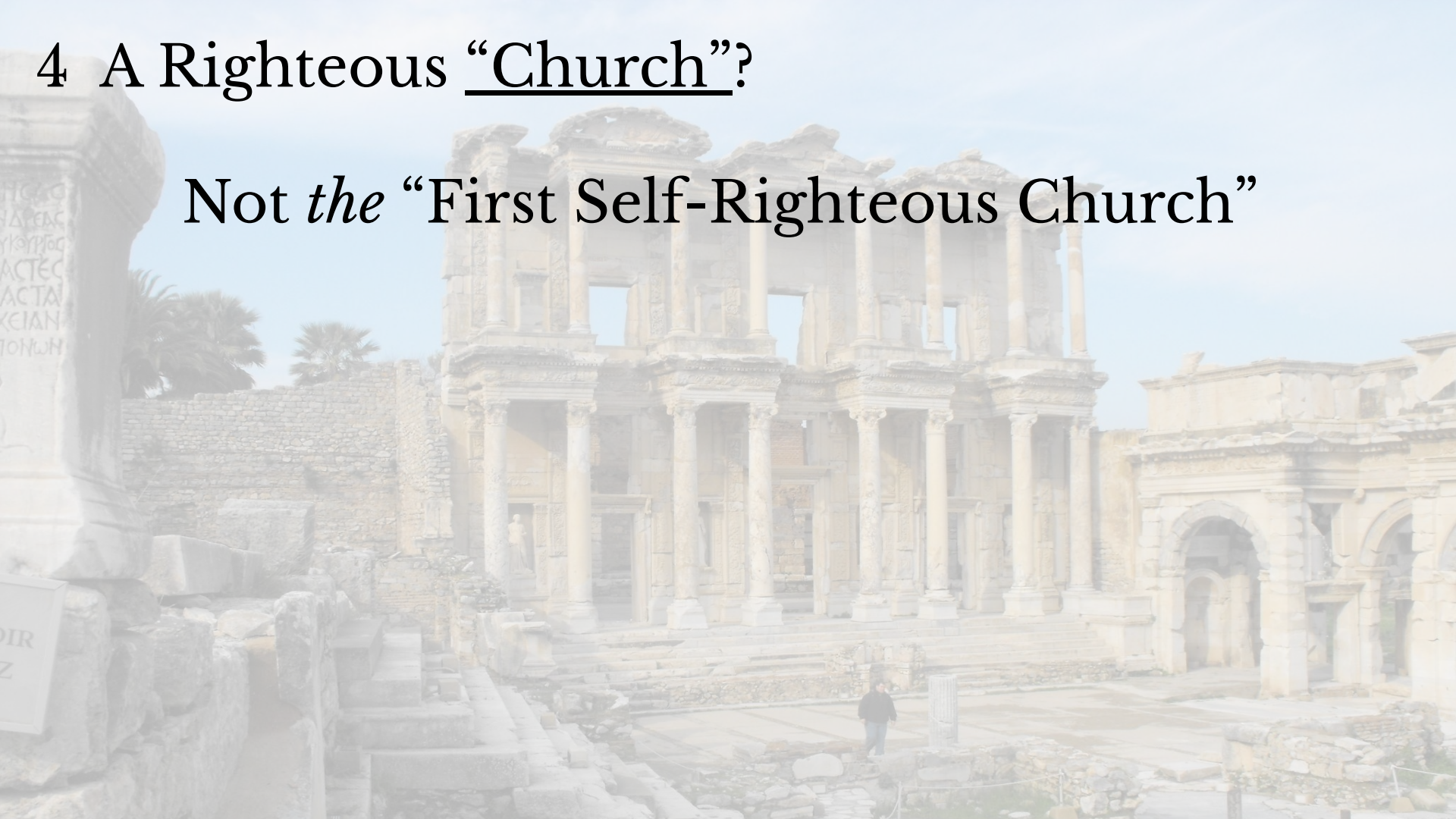
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Sister Bertha Better-Than-You

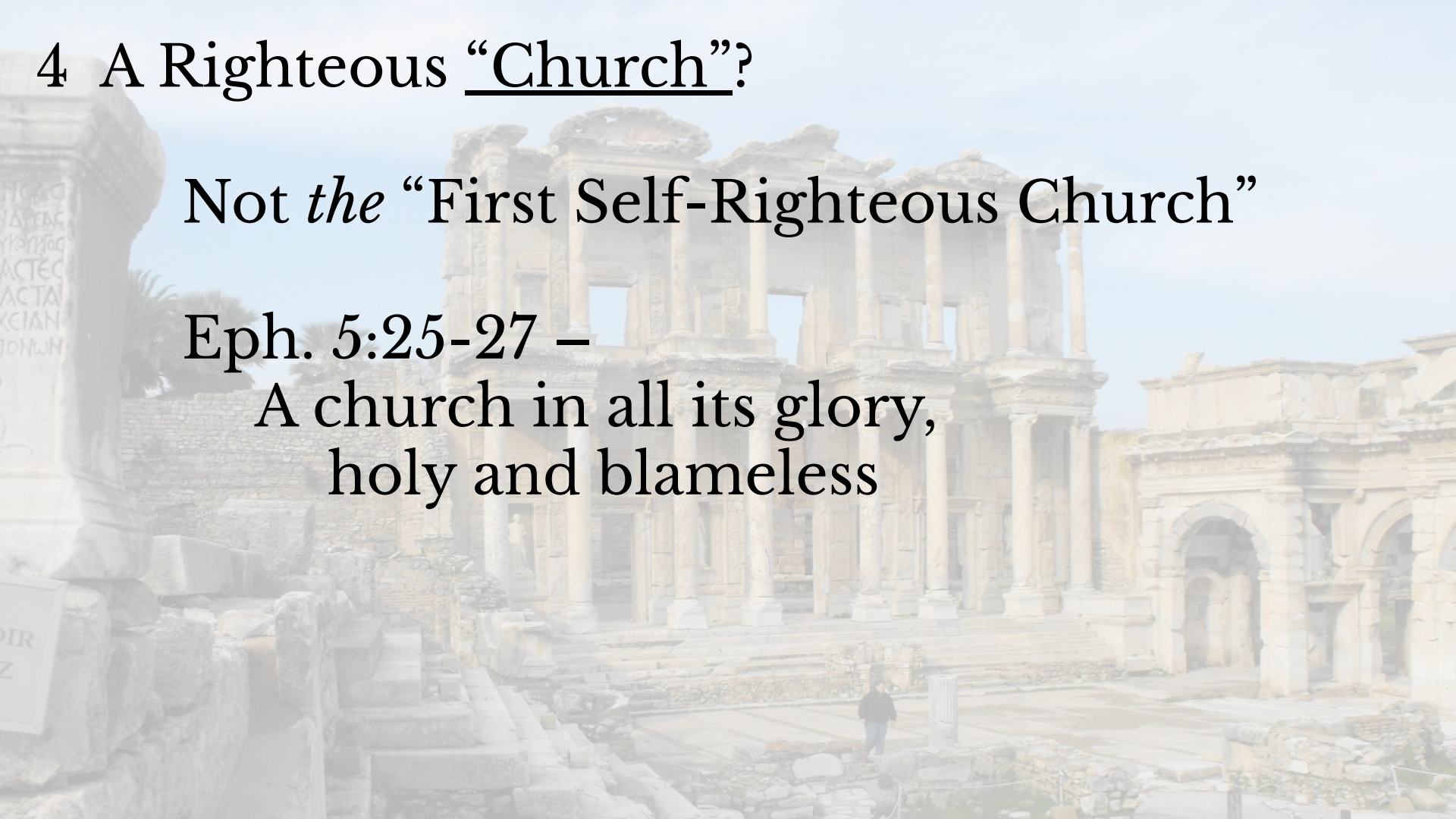


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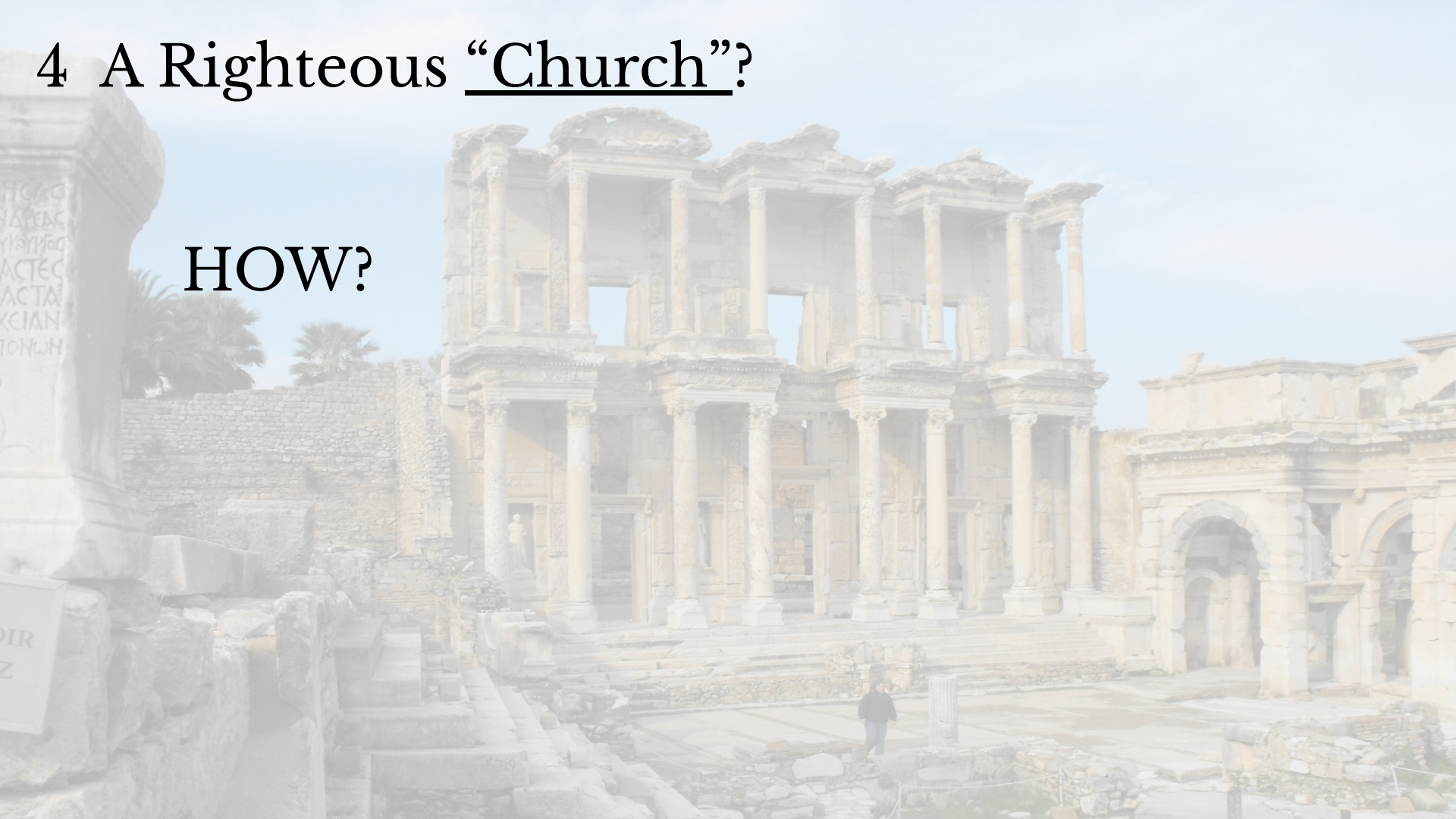
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not just talk about it!

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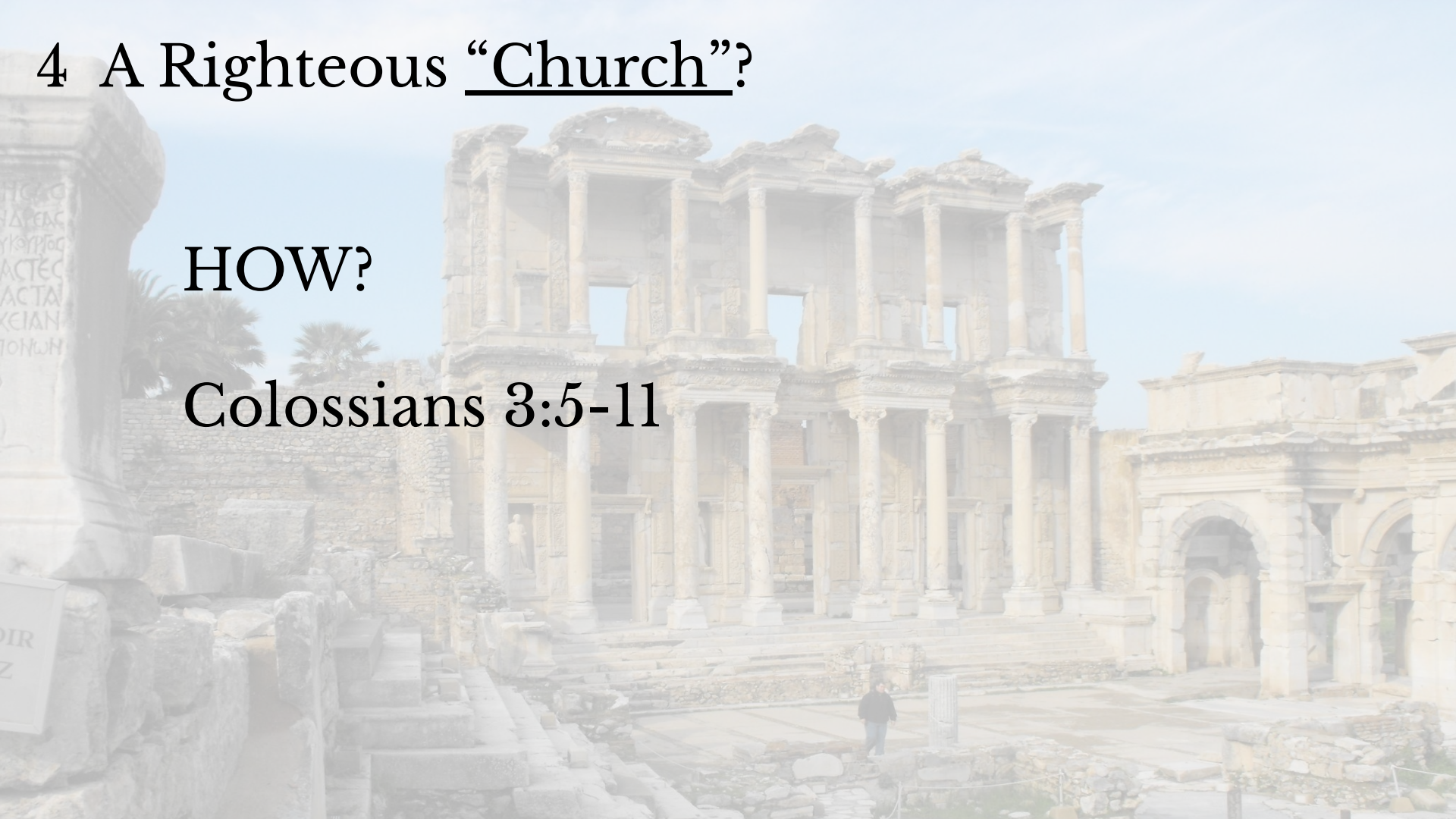
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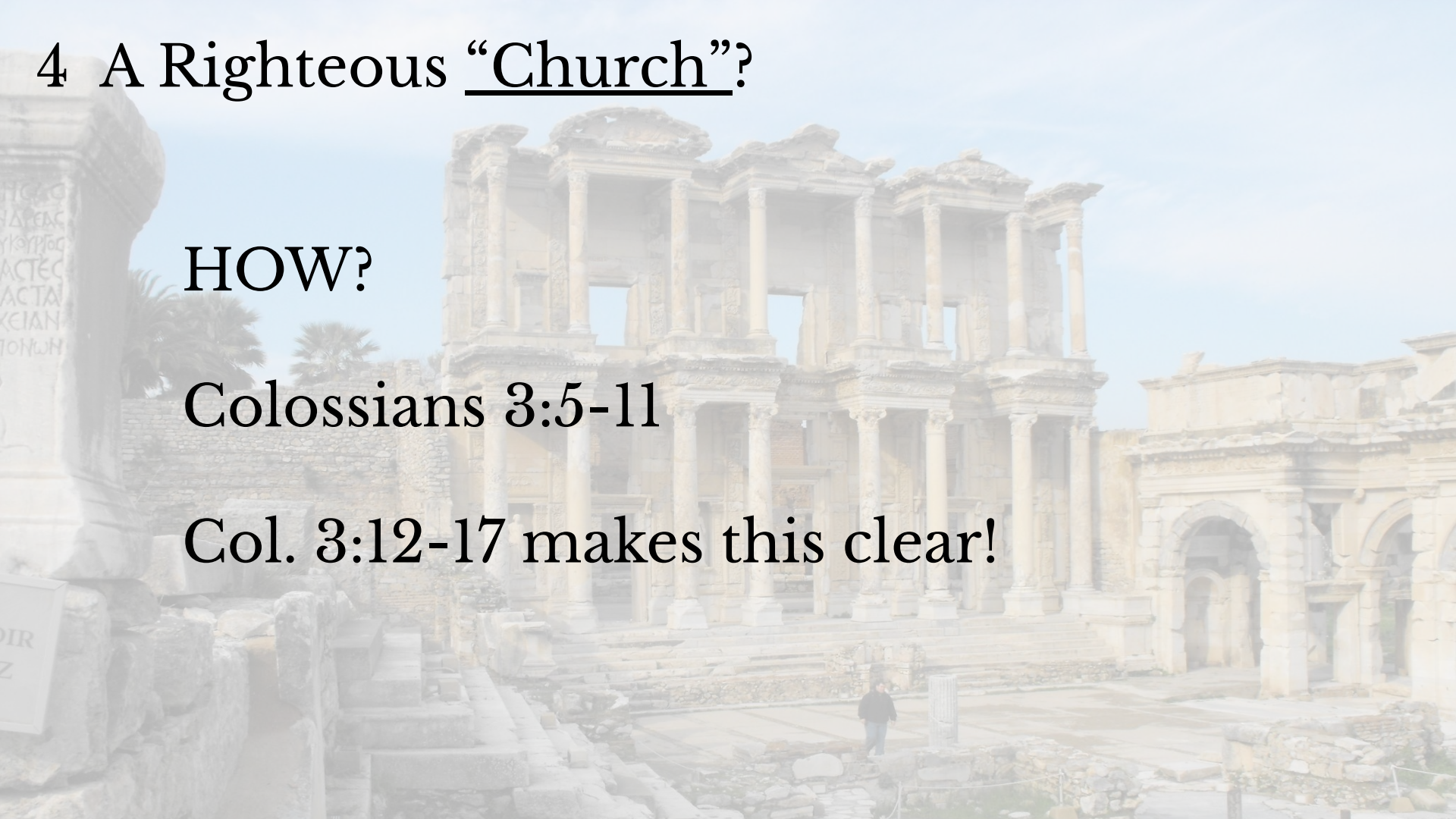
This is written for the corporate body!
This is for “the Church”, not just for
Individuals to practice on their own!

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Col. 3:12-17 makes this clear!



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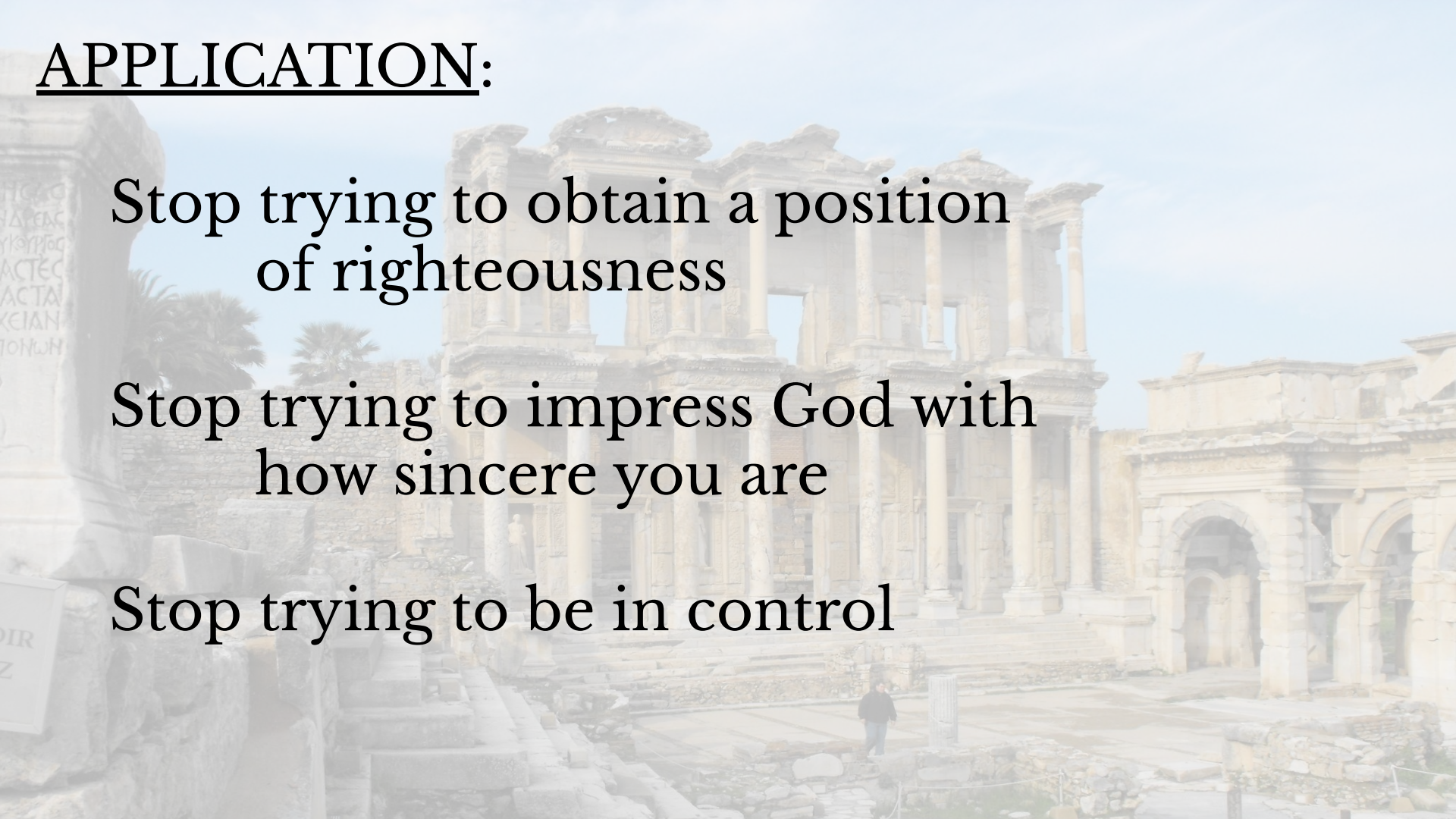
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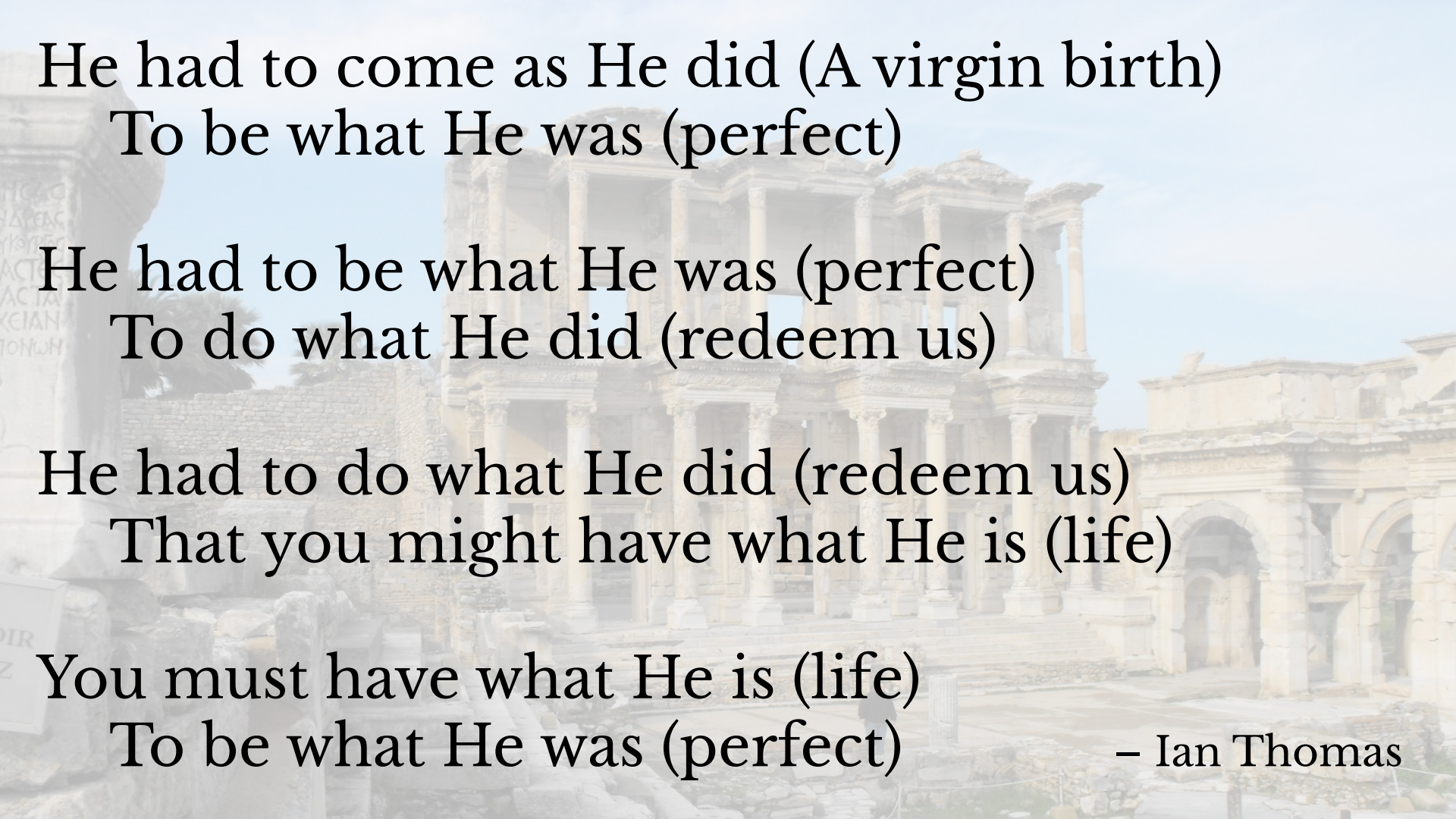
APPLICATION:

Stop trying to obtain a position
of righteousness

Stop trying to impress God with
how sincere you are

Stop trying to be in control





He had to come as He did (A virgin birth)
To be what He was (perfect)

He had to be what He was (perfect)
To do what He did (redeem us)

He had to do what He did (redeem us)
That you might have what He is (life)

You must have what He is (life)
To be what He was (perfect)

– Ian Thomas

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John, the Apostle:

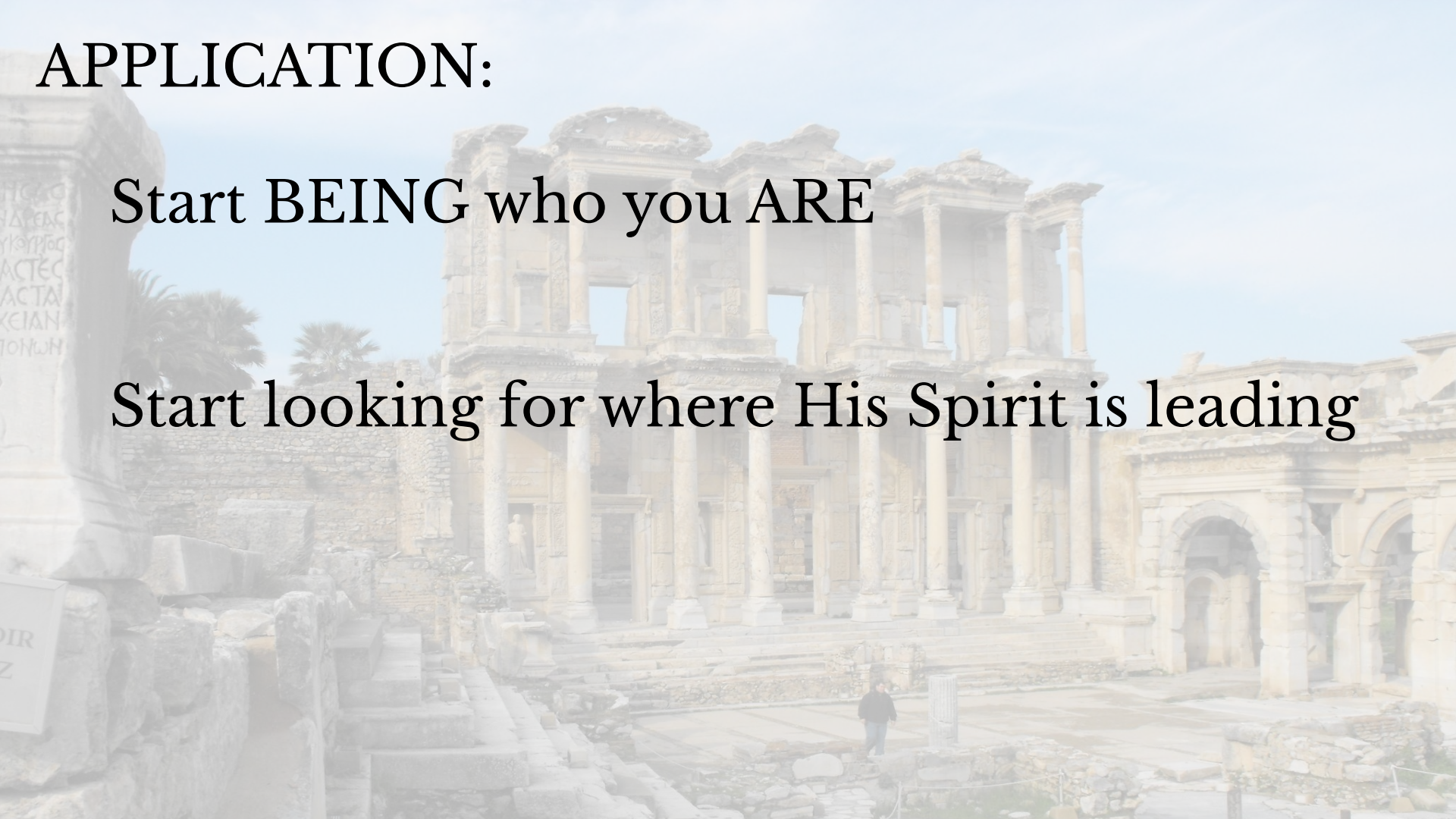
1 John 3:1-3 –



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Start BEING who you ARE

Start looking for where His Spirit is leading



APPLICATION:

Dietrich Bonhoeffer:

“We want to rise up from our meditation
in a different state from when we sat down.”



APPLICATION:

Philip Yancey:

“The visible world forces itself on me
without invitation;
I must consciously cultivate the invisible.”

