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Sun Tzu, *The Art of War*

“In war, prepare for peace.  
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“Readiness” (NIV, ESV, HCSB)

“Fully prepared” (NLT)

“Preparation of” (KJV, NKJV, NASB)

“A firm foundation for your feet” (Weymouth)

“Being firm-footed” (Amplified)

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**ἑτοιμασία (hetoimasia)**

“hapax legomena” - “being said (only) once”

A word used only one time in the NT

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A most unhelpful definition of preparation:  
“with the *promptitude* and *alacrity*  
which the gospel produces”

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John Chrysostom (AD 400):  
“It is most uncertain in what sense  
this was said.  
What then is its meaning?”



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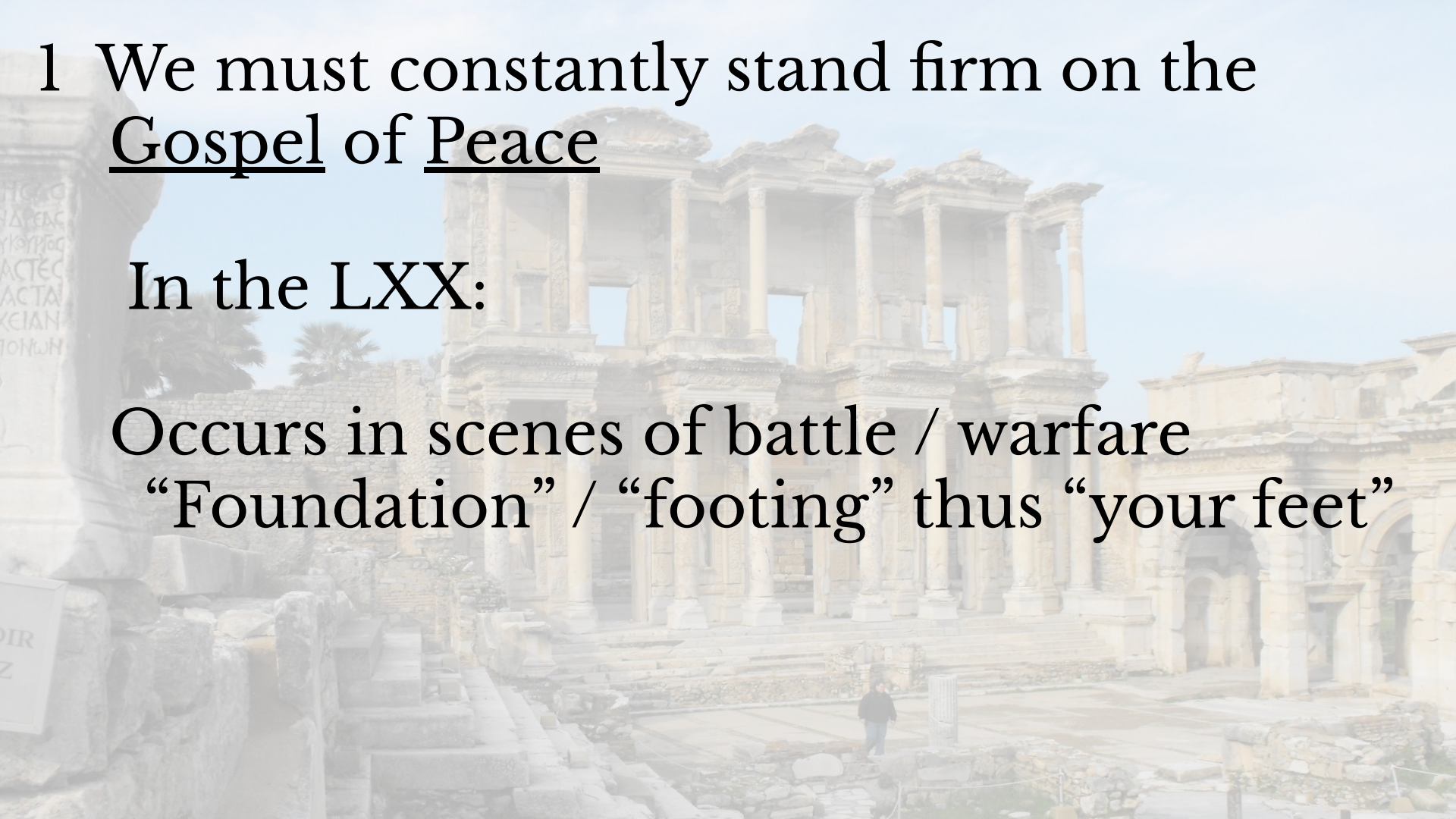


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In the LXX:

Occurs in scenes of battle / warfare

“Foundation” / “footing” thus “your feet”



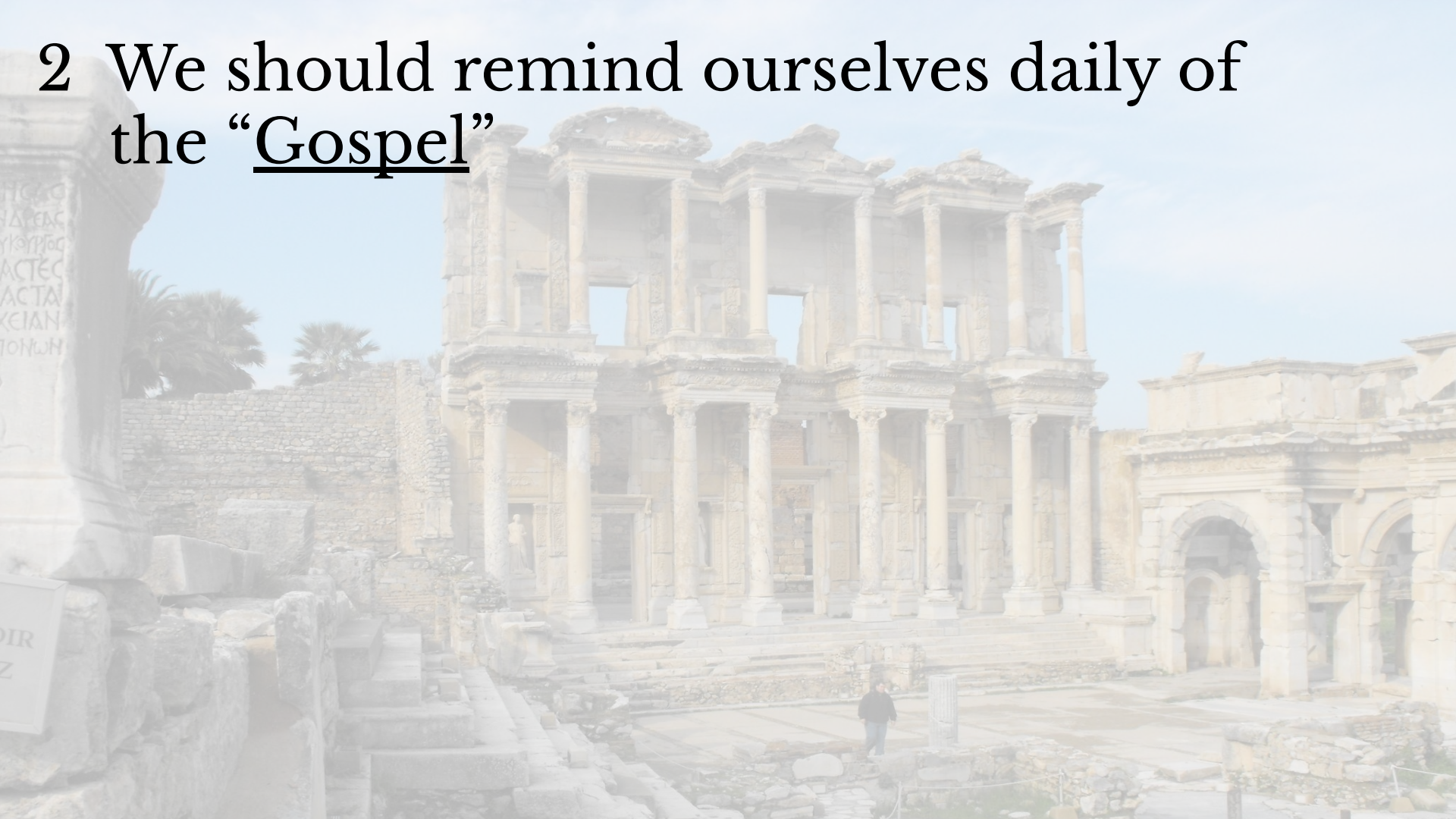


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The Gospel is our Foundation, our footing, so that we can **STAND!**



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Understanding how much we’ve been  
forgiven by His grace, mercy,  
and kindness

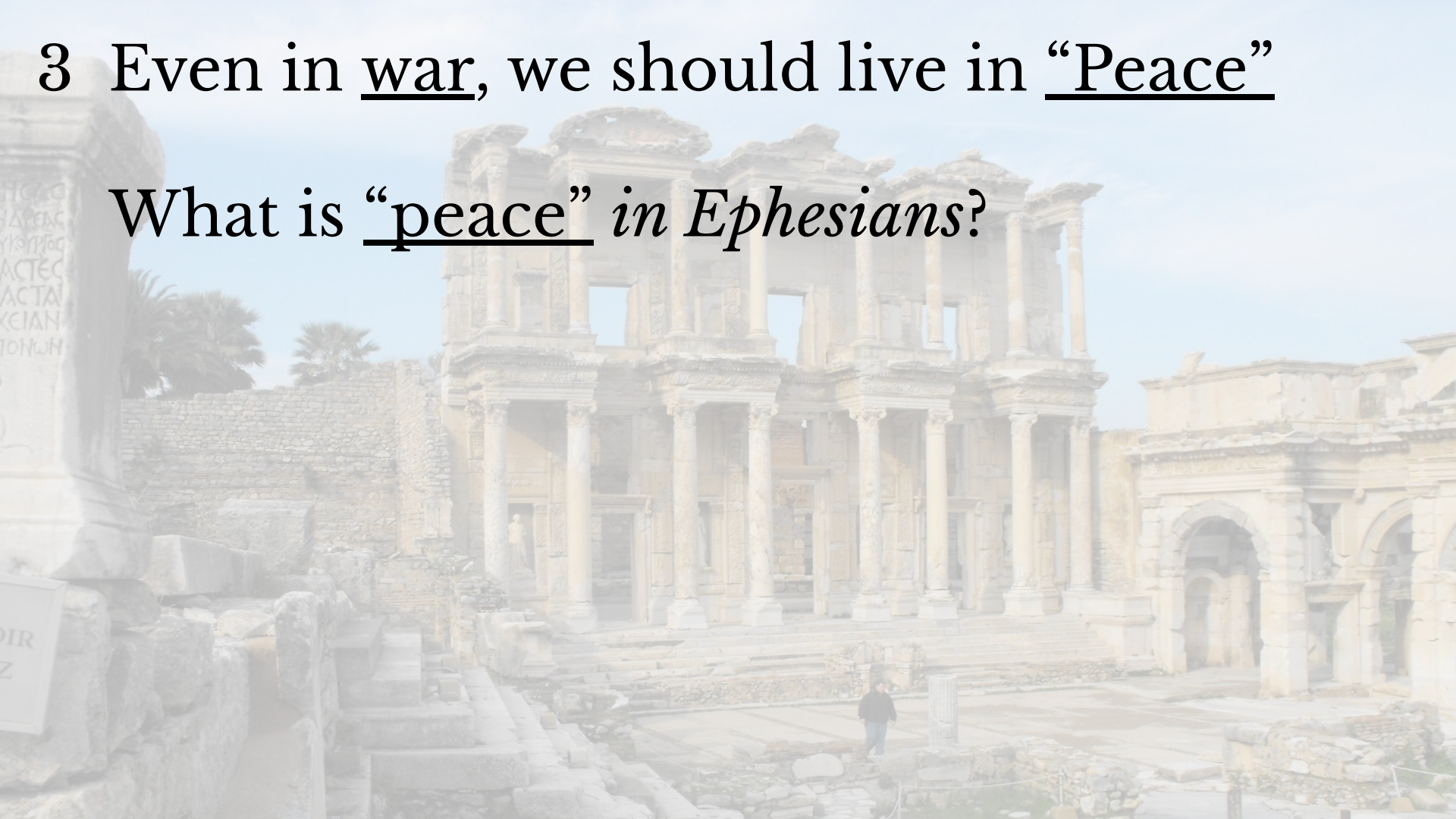
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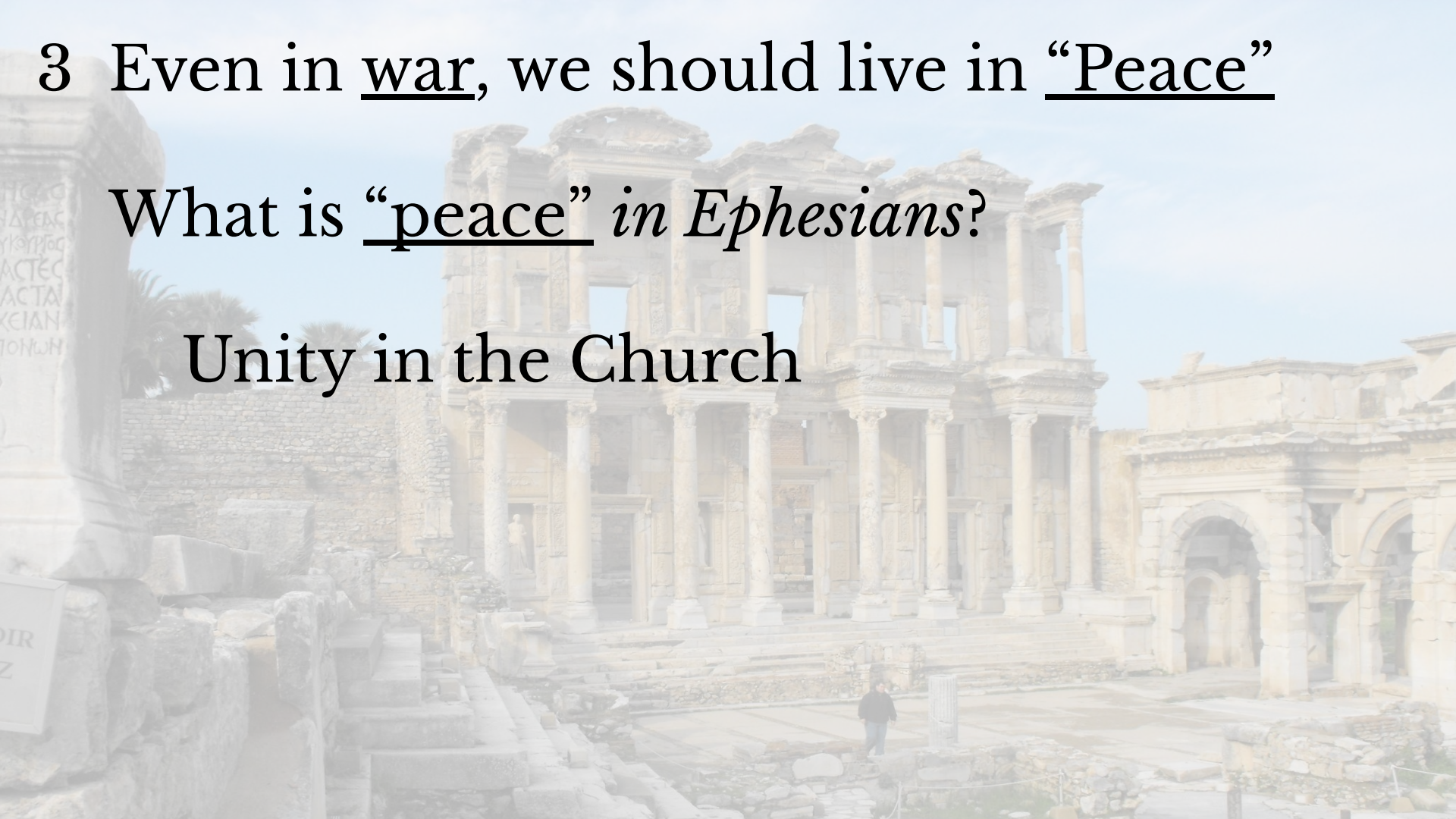
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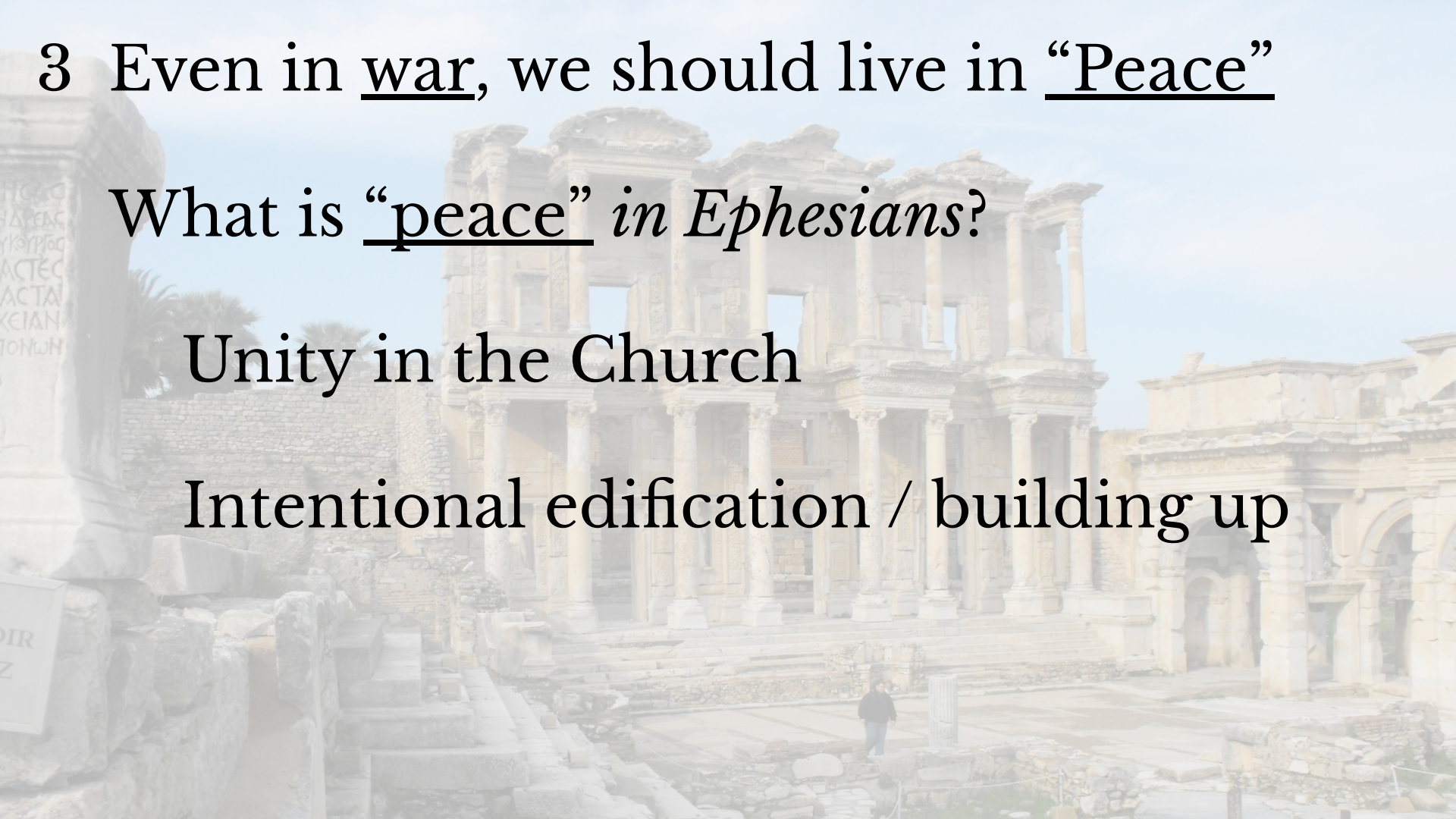


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Spirit-given grace and kindness  
and patience

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#### “Peace” in Ephesians

Eph. 2:14-17

Peace between enemies

Peace between people with  
VERY different views

Peace between people with  
VERY different ethnic backgrounds



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#### “Peace” in Ephesians

Eph. 4:2-4

Be diligent to preserve the peace

“Bond” - the thing that holds together

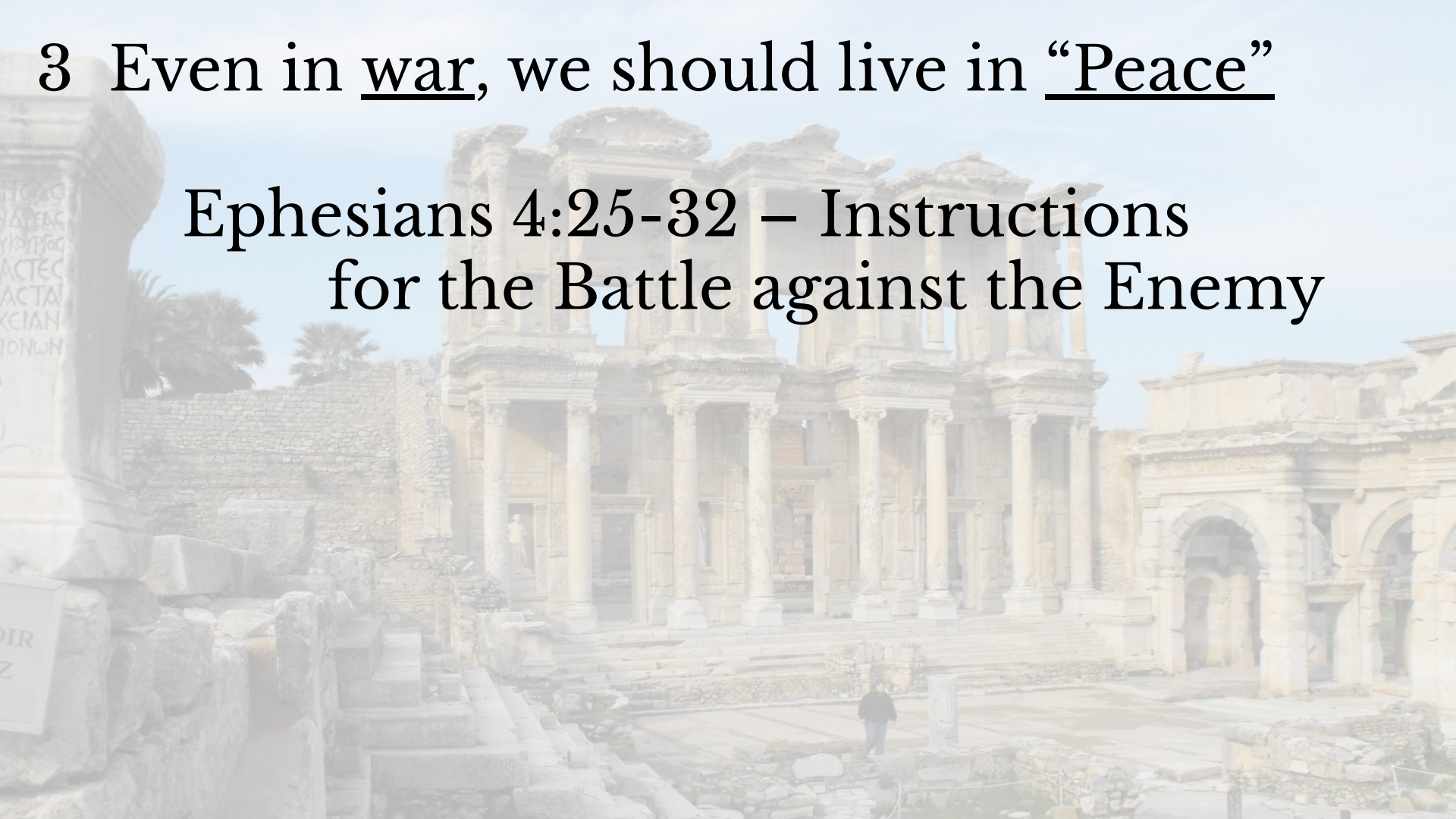
Humility and gentleness

“Forebearance” = bear with, tolerate,  
endure, suffer with



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“Put on” the new self

Speak Truth

Don't give the enemy a **foothold!** (4:27)

*battle terminology*

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Don't grieve the Holy Spirit

In context (v. 29), this means :

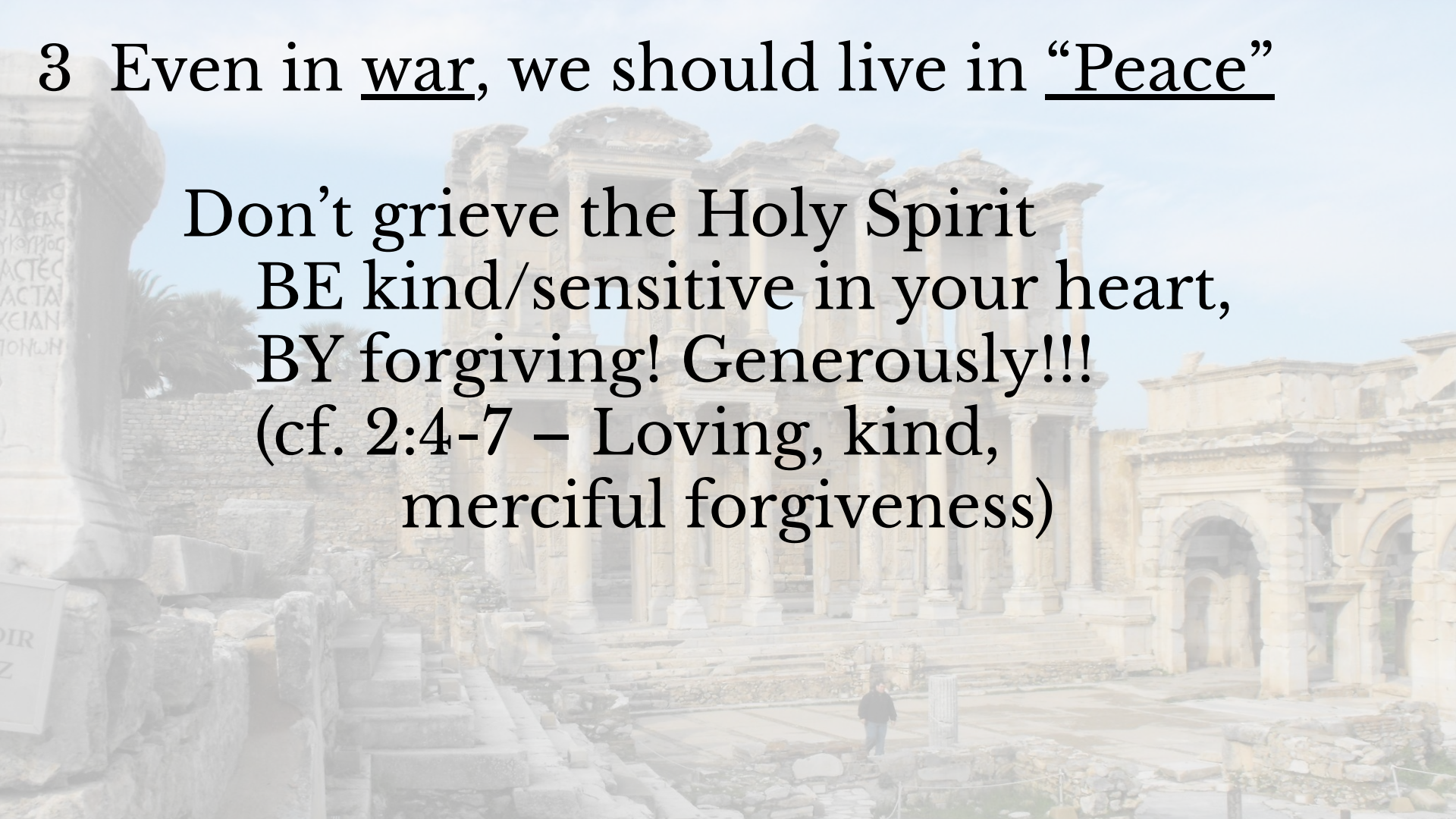
Edify! Build up!

Don't engage in bitter, angry,  
slanderos talk

Don't let your mouth be filled with  
malice (“ill will”)

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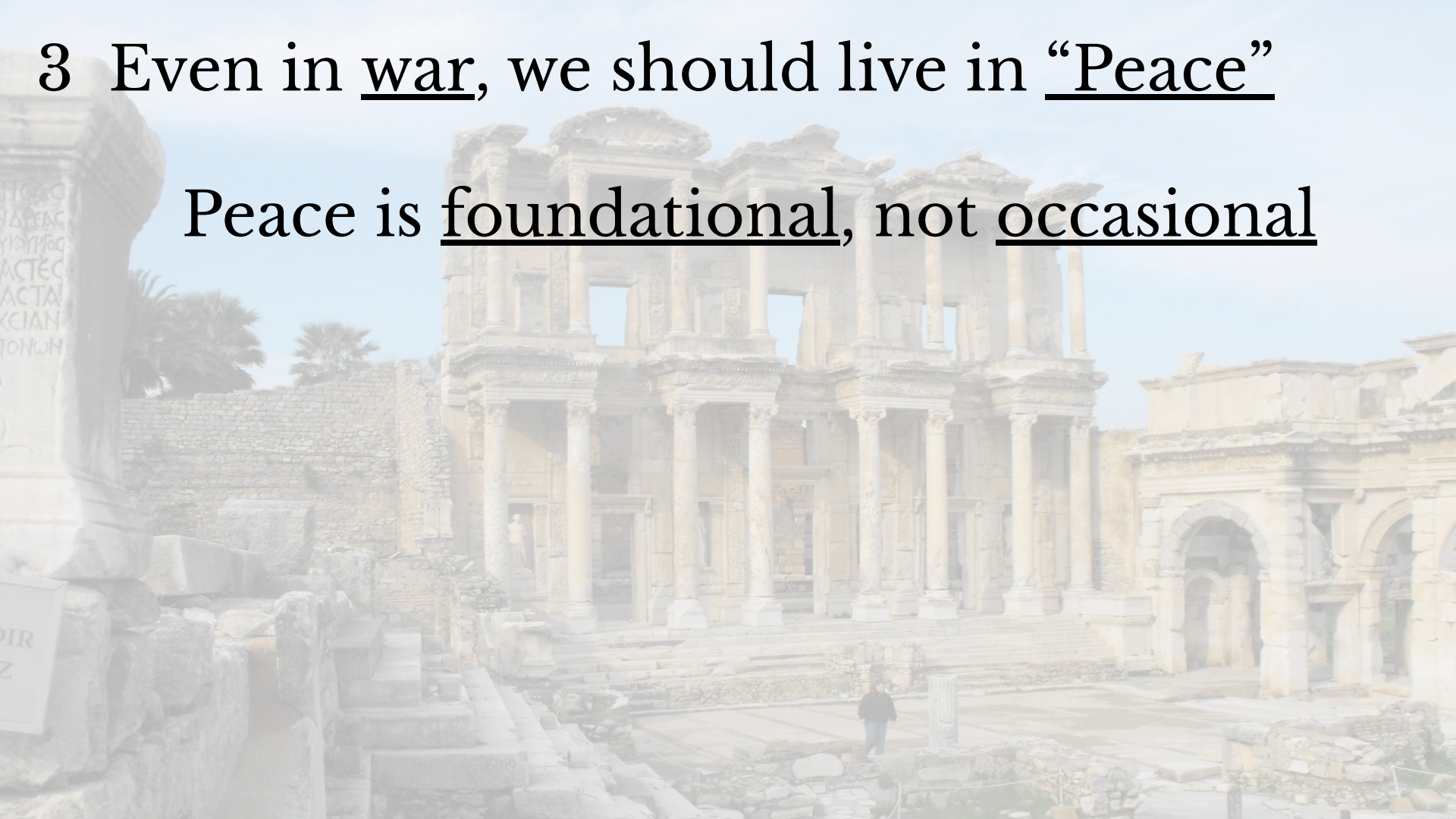
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Illustration: Matt. 18:21-35

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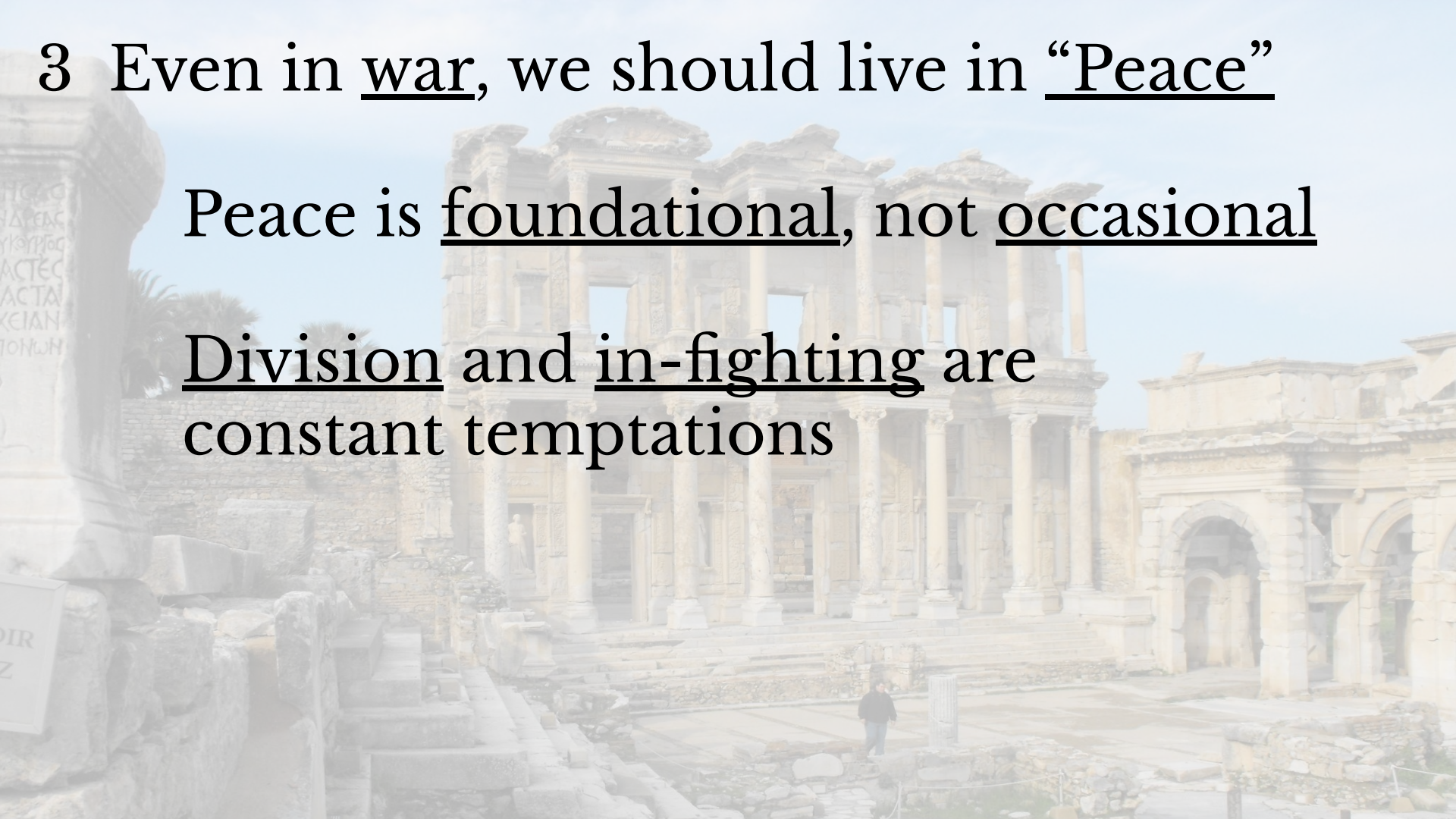
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Division and in-fighting are  
constant temptations



# Application:

Colossians 3:13 - “Make Allowance for...”

Be vigilant! Be prepared!

Who do you need to forgive?

In the church?

In your family?

Who do you need to “put up with”?

(“forebear”)

Who do you need to encourage / edify?