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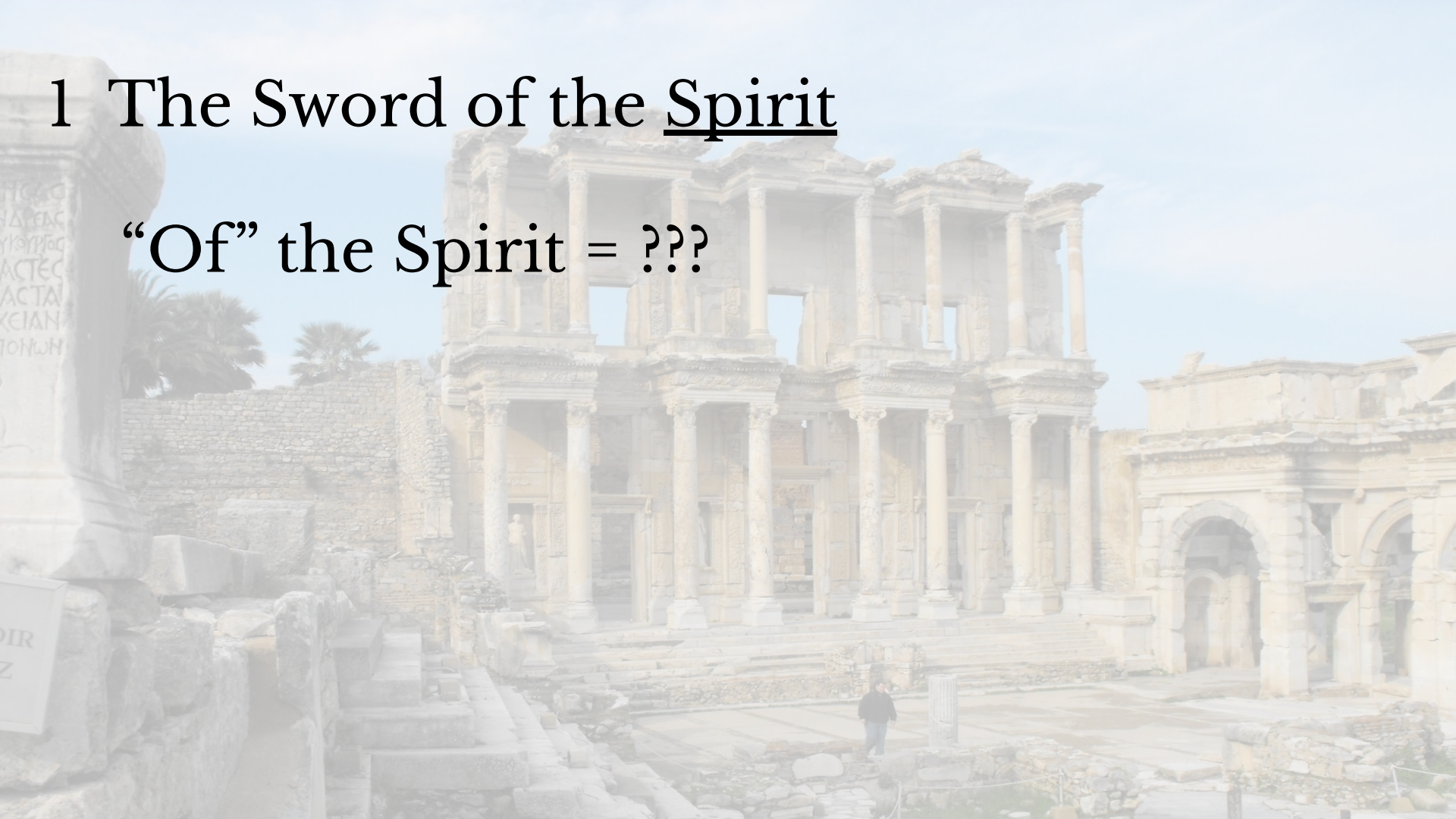
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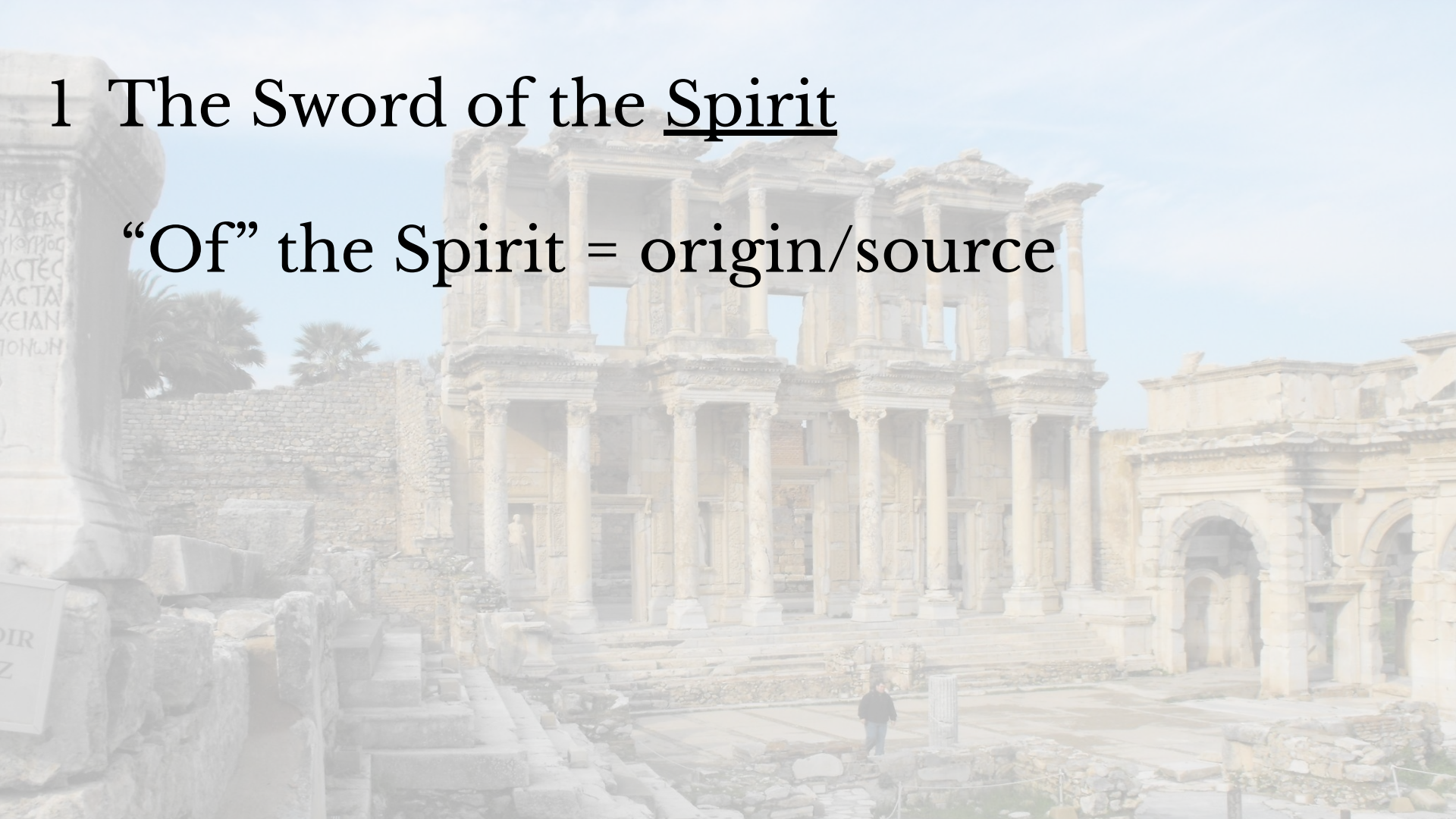
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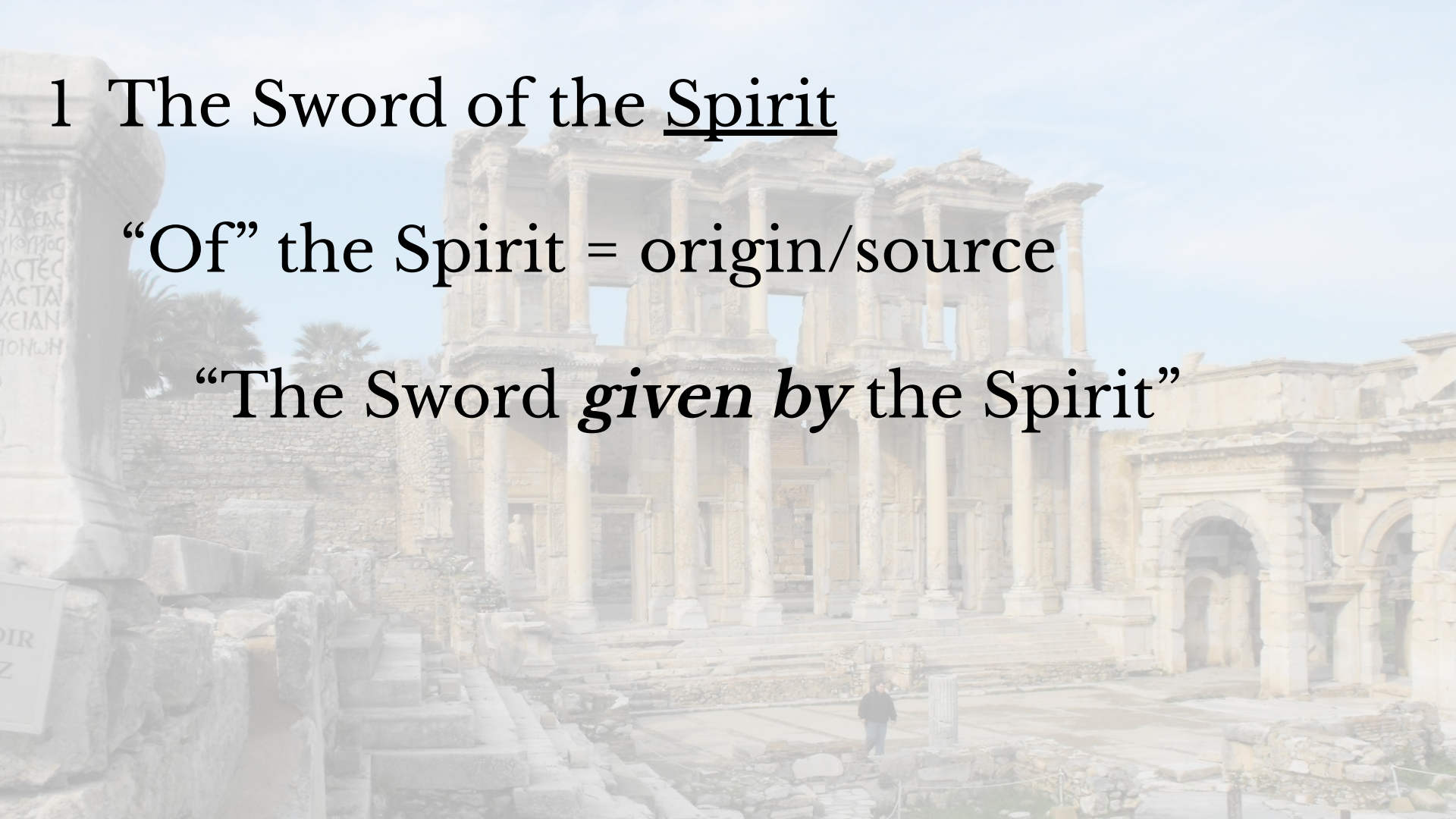
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CEV: “sword... that comes from the Spirit”

GWT: “the sword that the Spirit supplies”

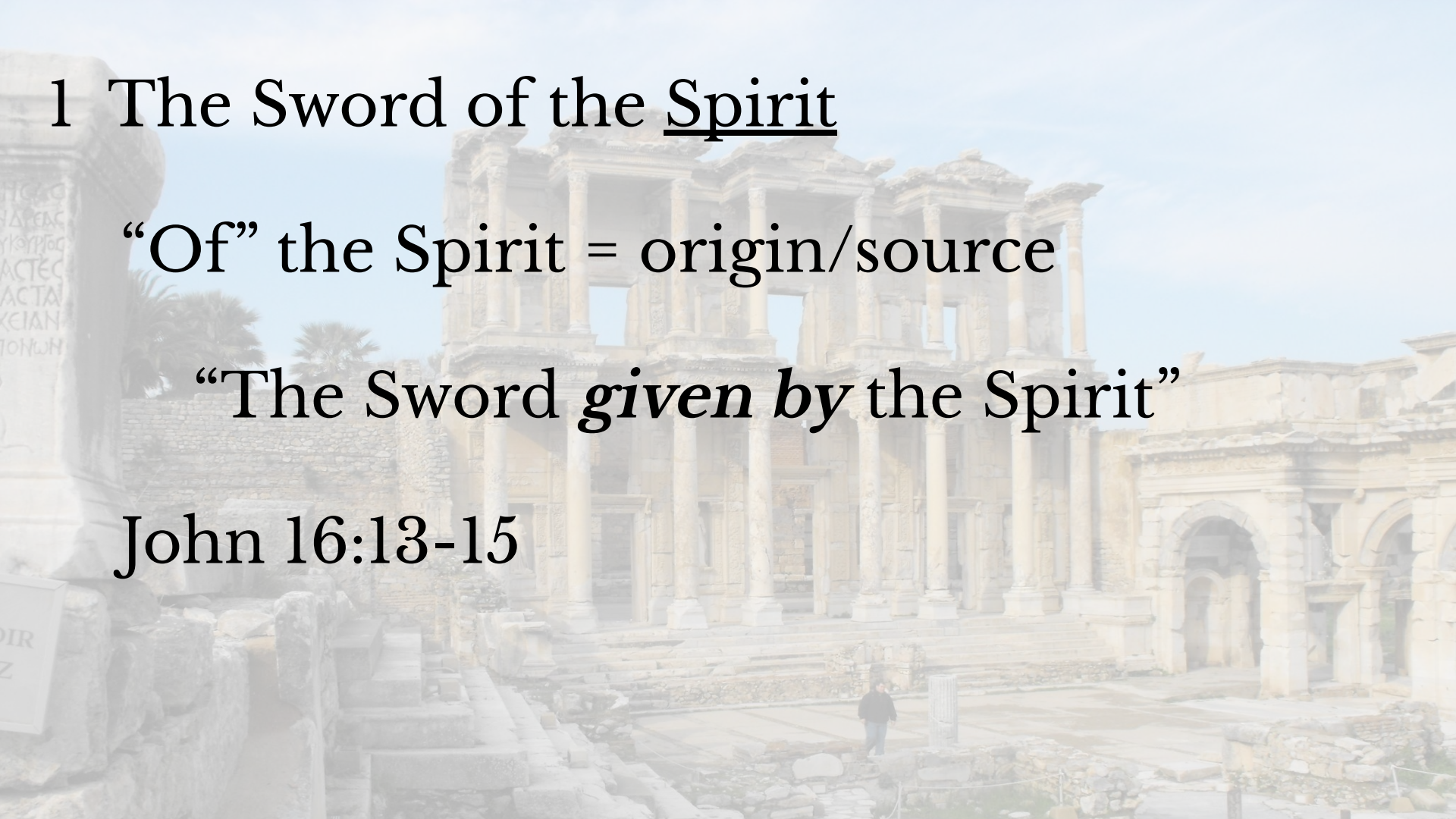
GNT: “the sword that the Spirit gives you”

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2 Peter 1:16-21, 2:1-3

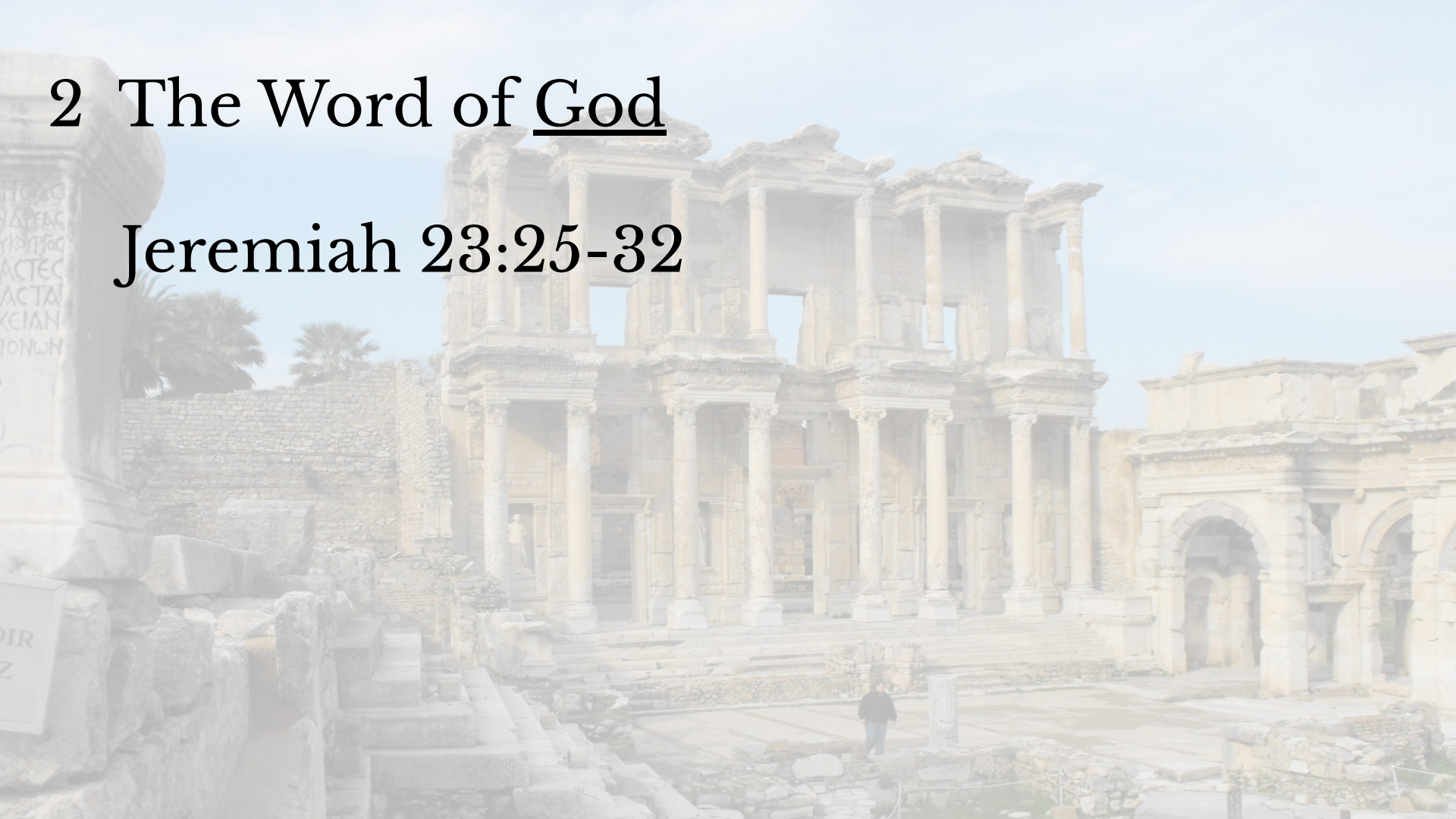


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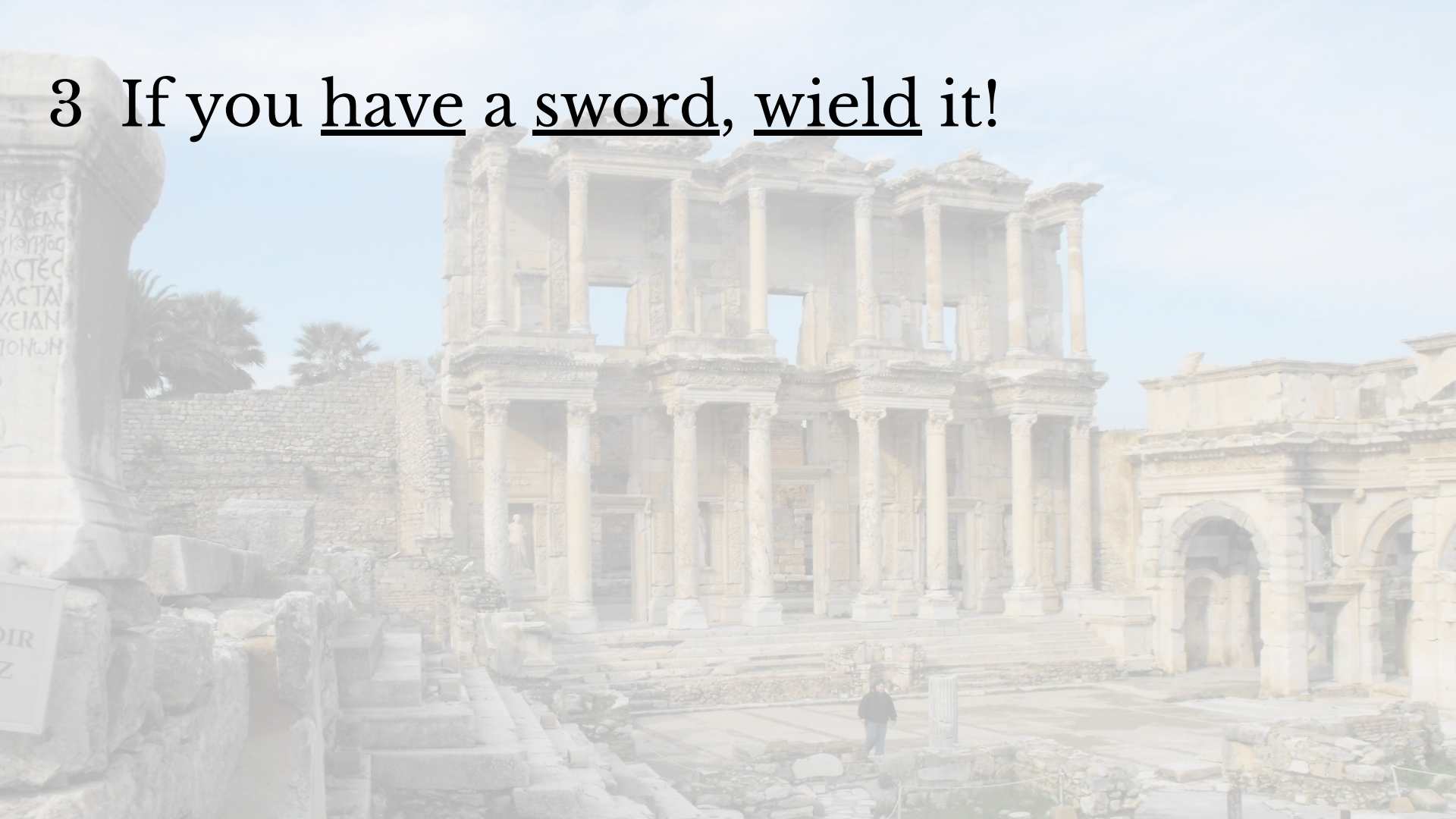
Not your “visions” or “dreams”

Not your thoughts or impressions

Not your emotions

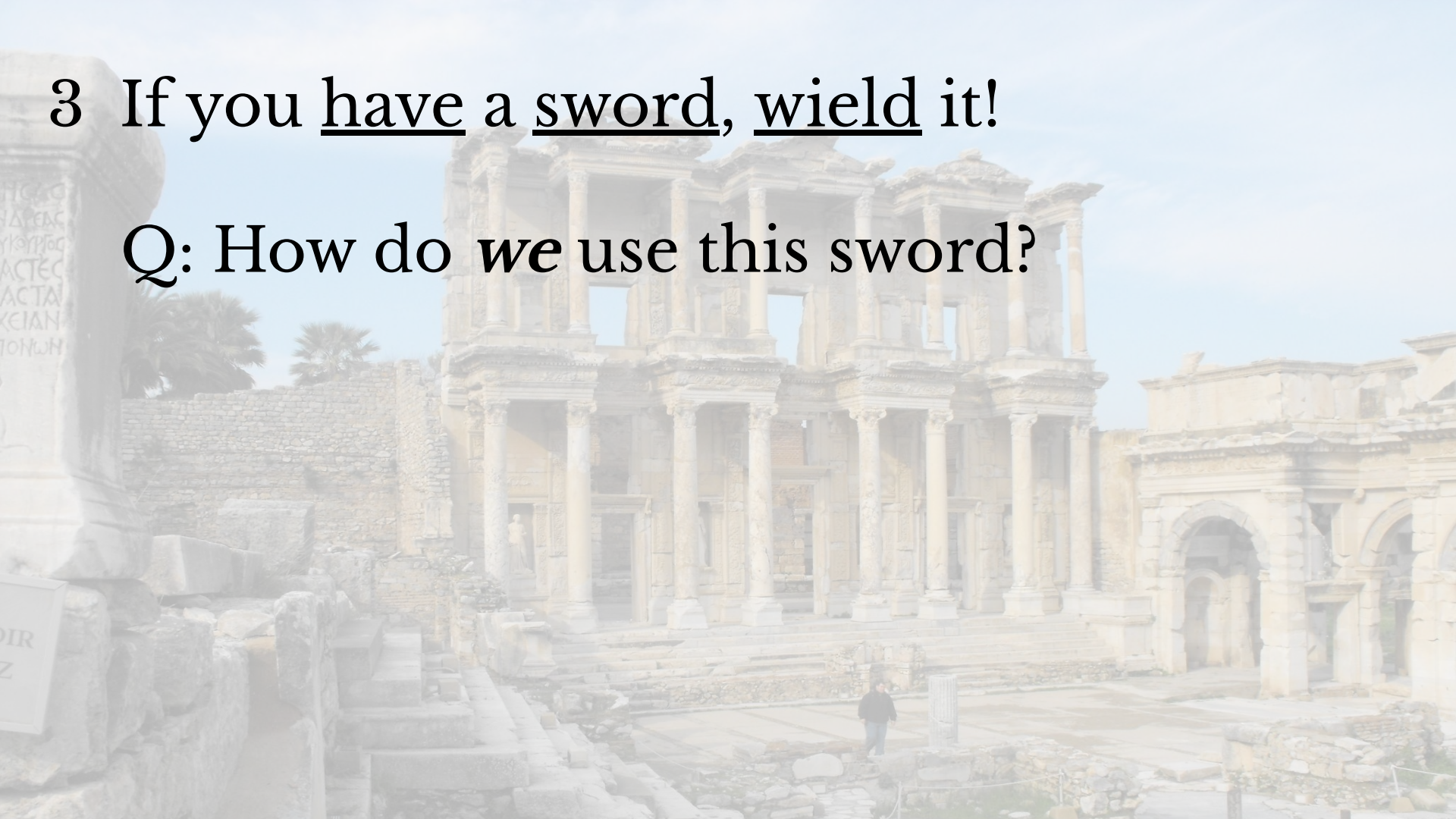
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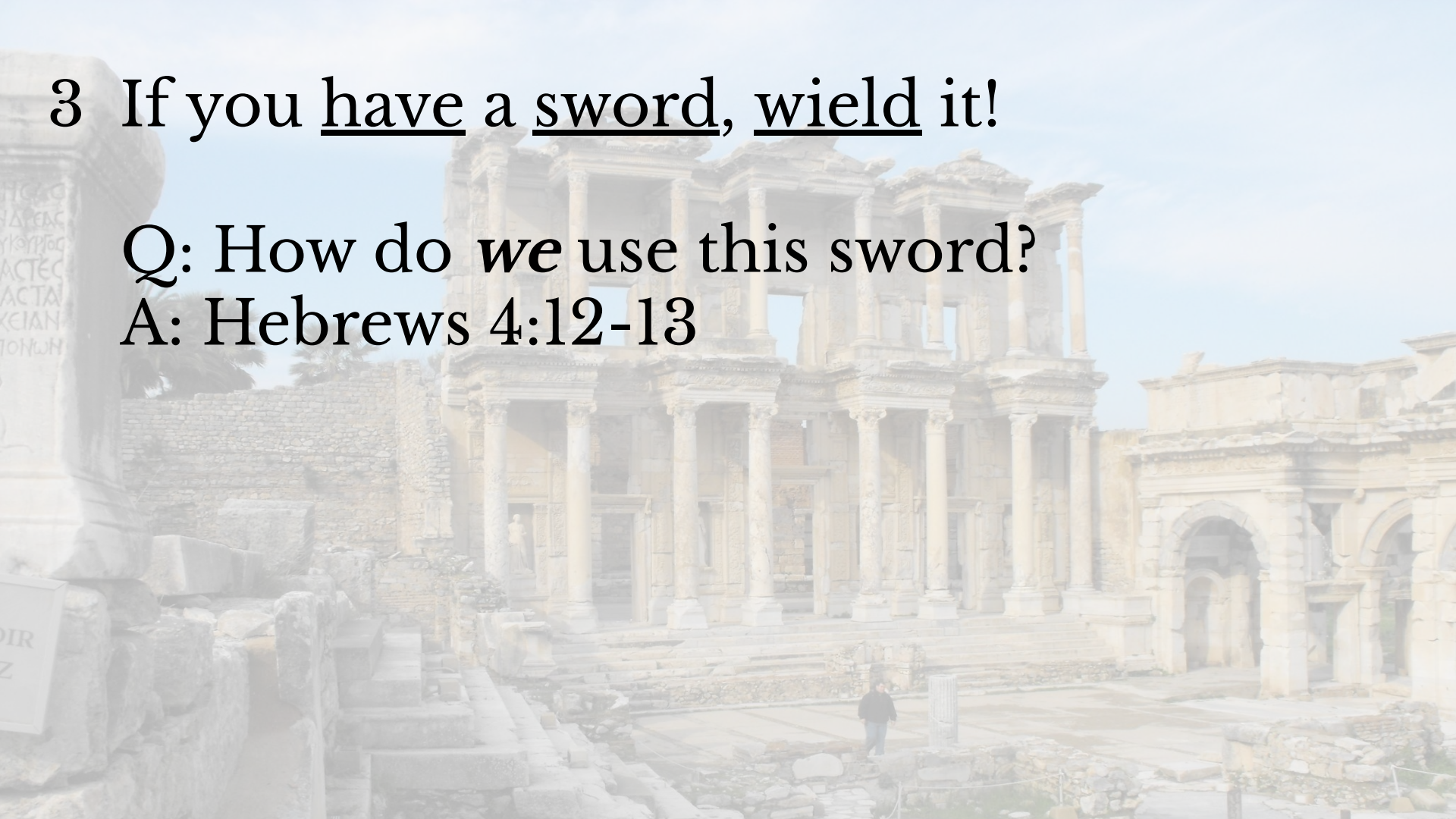
Obvious Illustration:

Jesus temptation,
where He spoke God's Word to
defeat Satan's schemes

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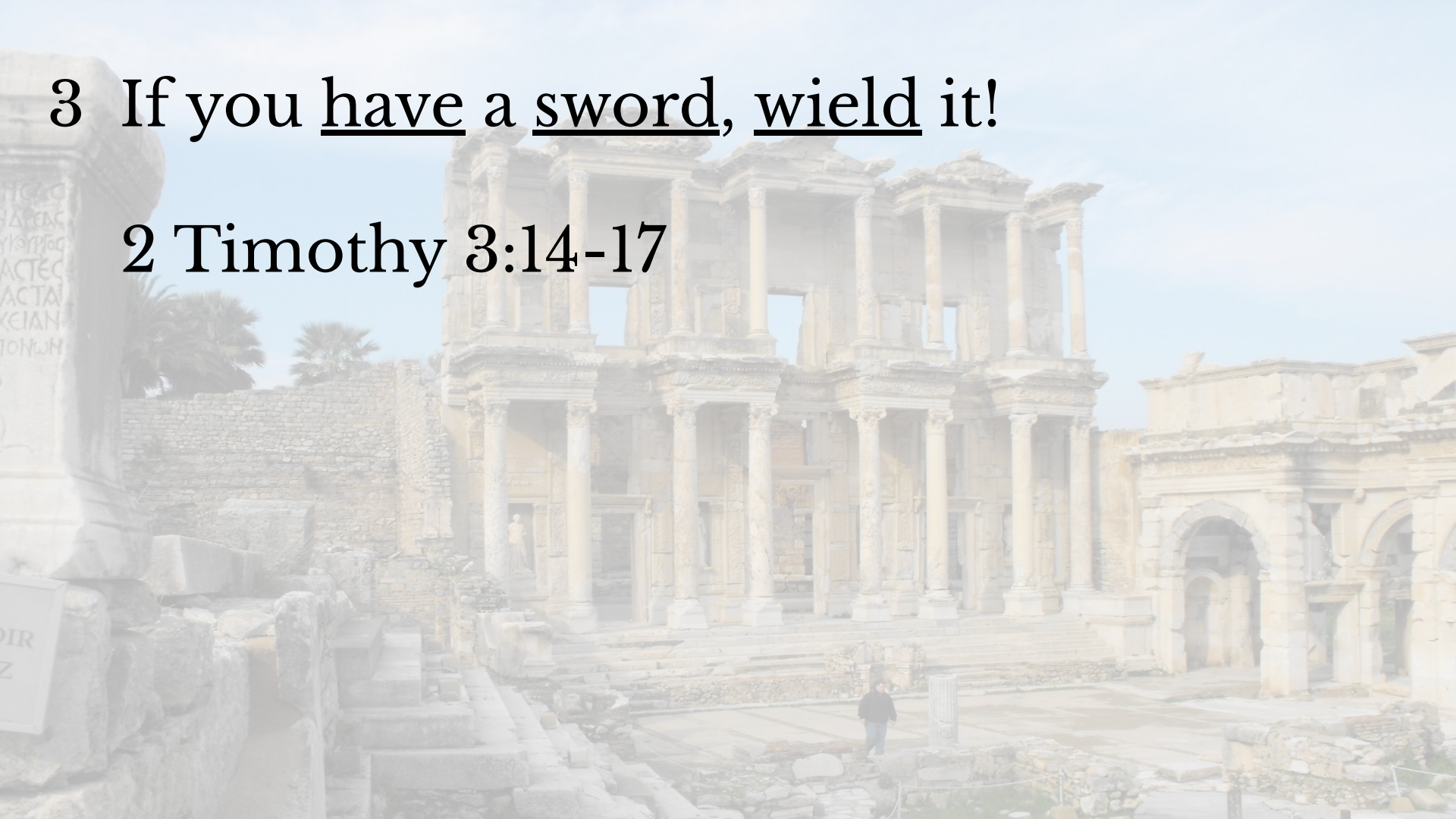
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D. A. Carson: Not an “abstract” truth—
i.e., not “the book on the shelf over there”
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but the ongoing activity of the
Word of God in the heart and mind

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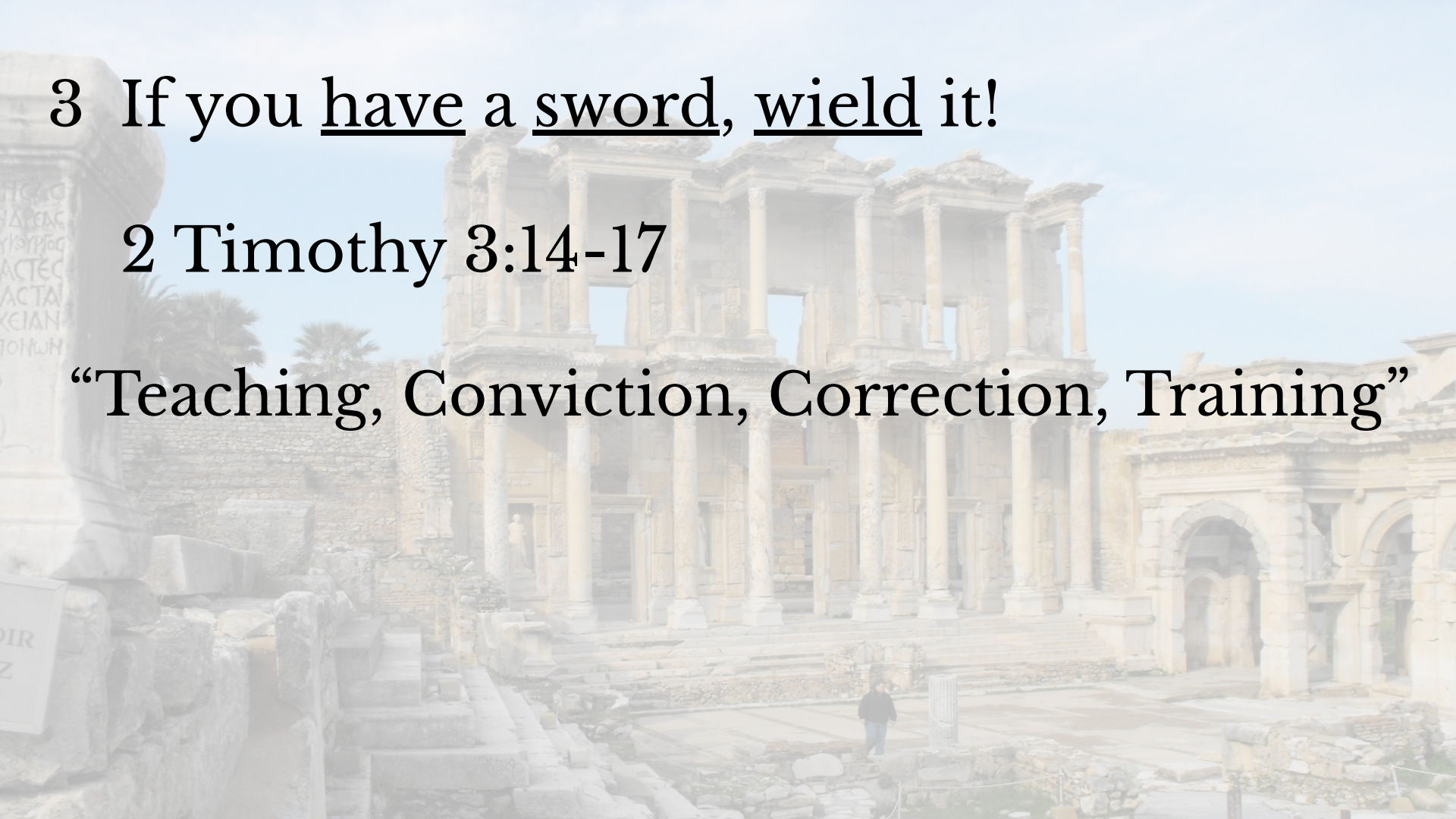
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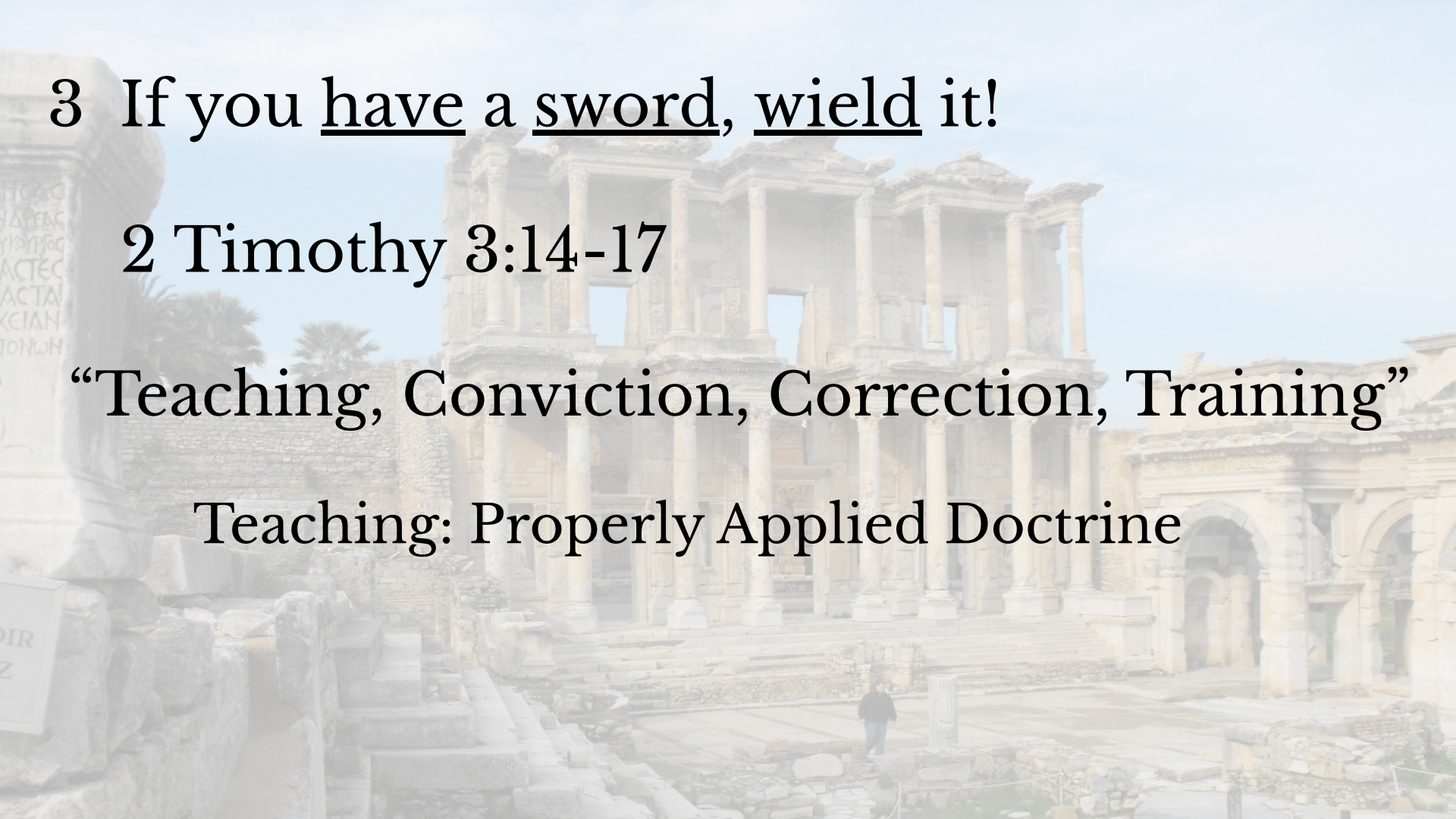


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Q: Are these primarily “positive” or
“negative” in your mind?





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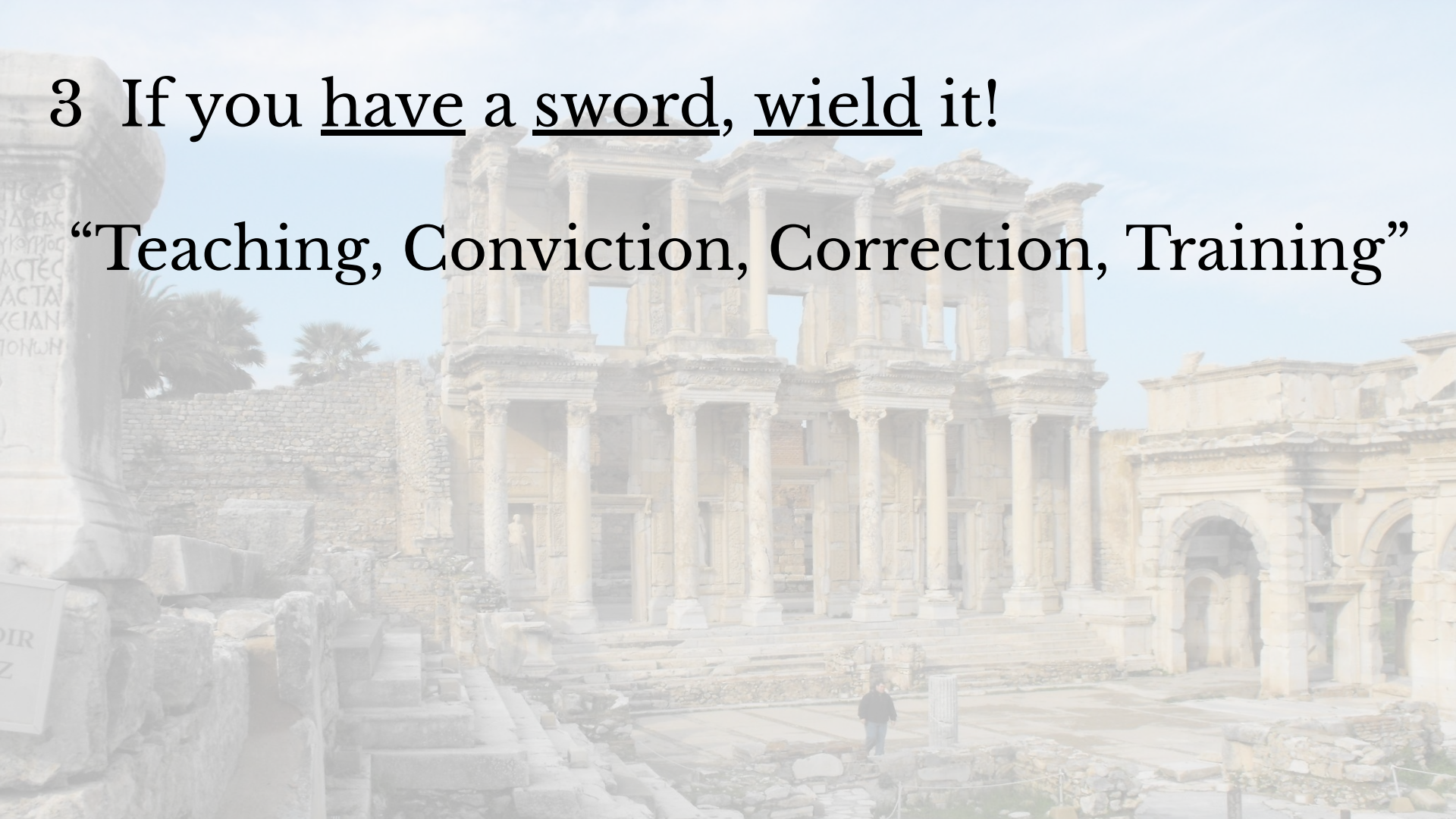
The image shows a view through a rough, stone archway. In the distance, three crosses are silhouetted against a vibrant sunset sky with shades of orange, red, and purple. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow. The overall scene is dramatic and evocative.

“It is FINISHED”

The wrath of God is satisfied

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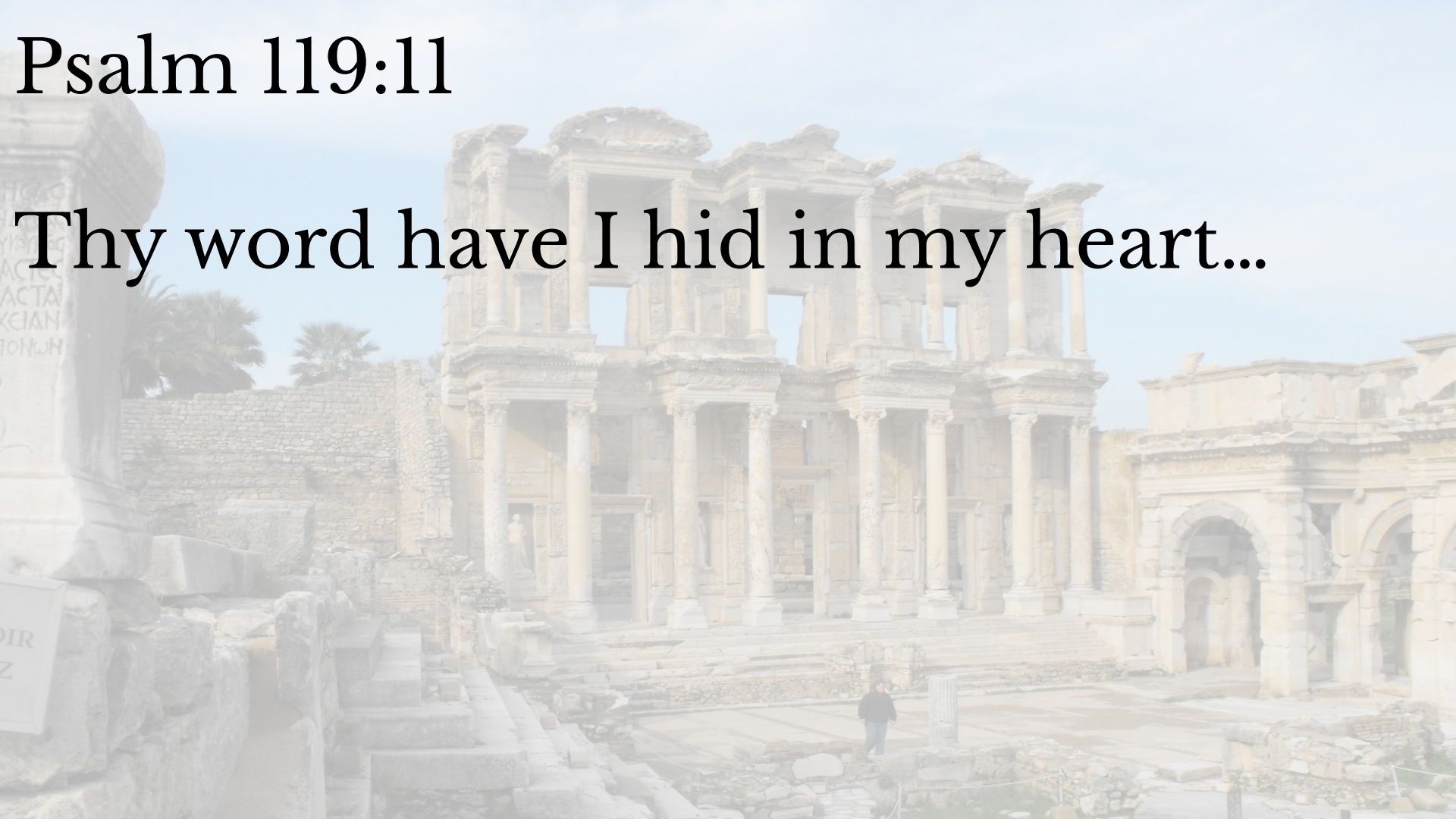
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Training: You are NEVER alone! You are NOT worthless! You are gifted and needed in the body!

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Thy word have I hid in my heart,
That I might not sin against Thee!



Psalm 119:

How blessed are those who walk in His way (1-2)

I shall delight in Thy statutes, I shall not forget Thy word (16)

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things from Thy law (18)

Take away reproach and contempt from me (22)

Thy testimonies are my delight, they are my counselors (24)

My soul cleaves to dust; revive me according to Thy word (25)

My soul weeps because of grief; strengthen me according to Thy word (28)

Revive me through Thy righteousness (40)

May thy lovingkindness come to me, O Lord (41)

May Thy salvation come to me according to Thy Word (41)

I shall have an answer for those who berate me, for I trust in Thy Word (42)

I will walk at liberty, for I seek Thy precepts (45)

This is my comfort in my affliction, that Thy word has revived me (50)

The earth is full of Thy lovingkindness (64)

Thy hands made me and fashioned me (73)

Revive me according to your word (107)

The unfolding of Your Word gives light and understanding (130)

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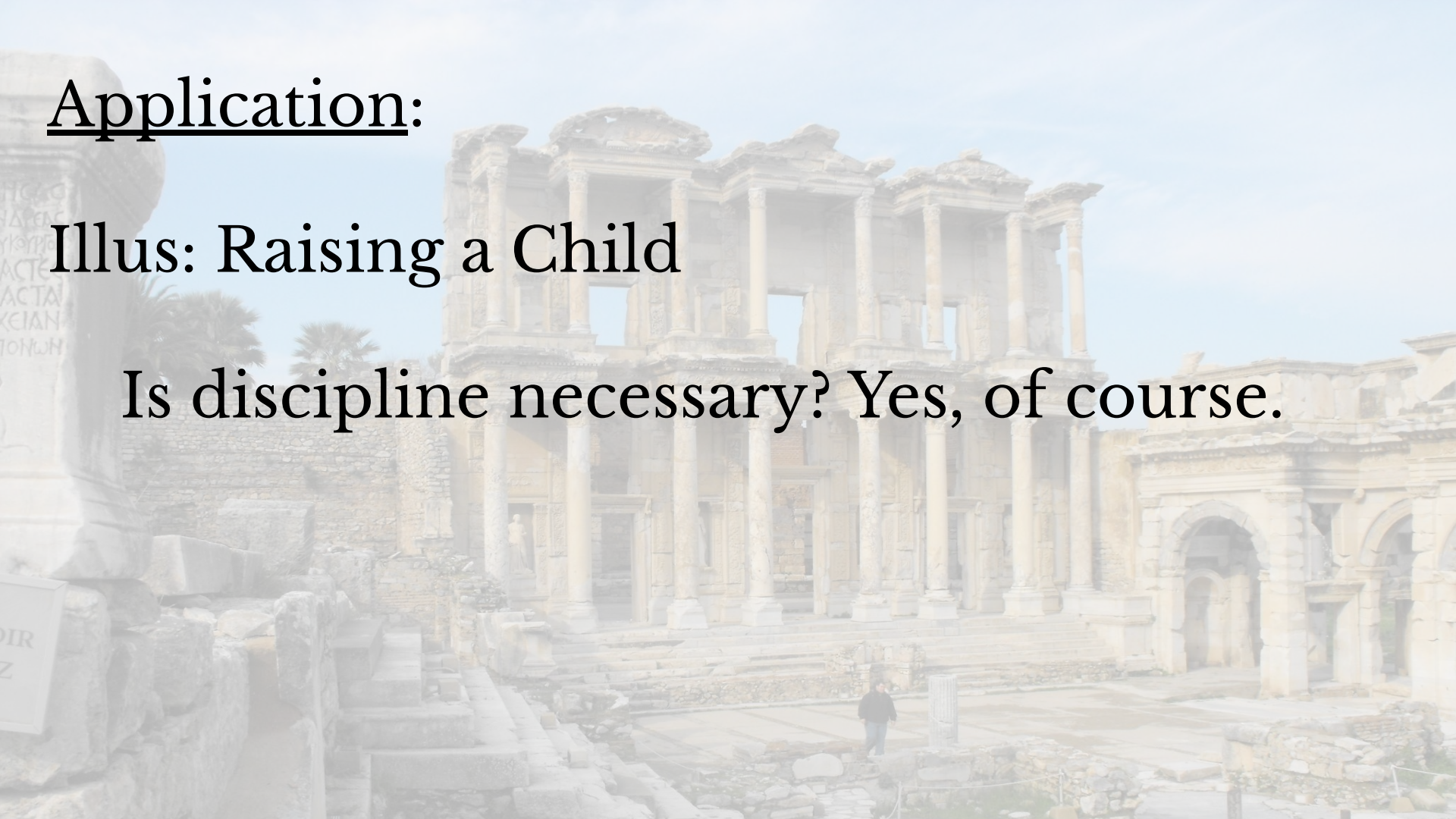
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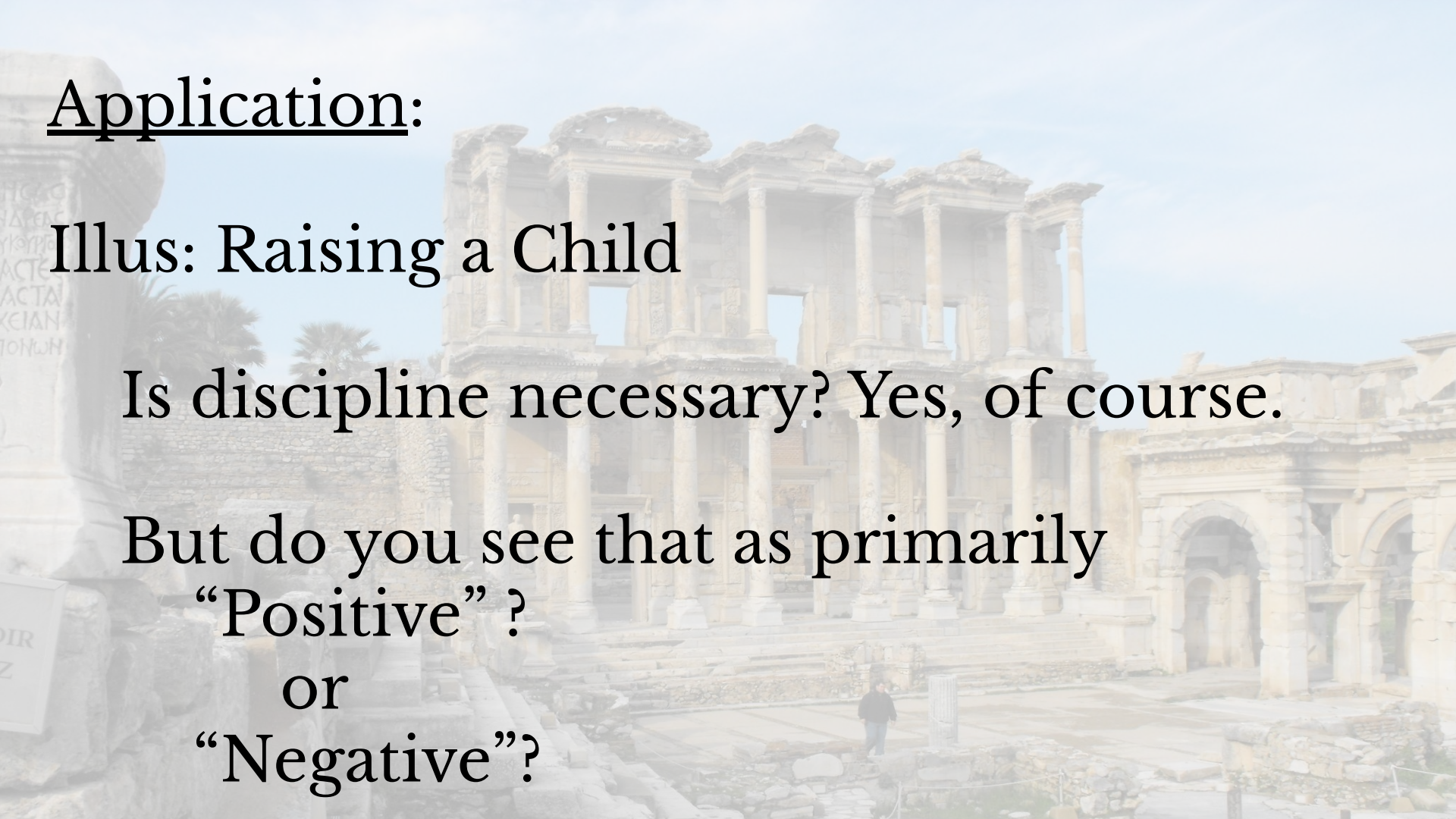
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But do you see that as primarily
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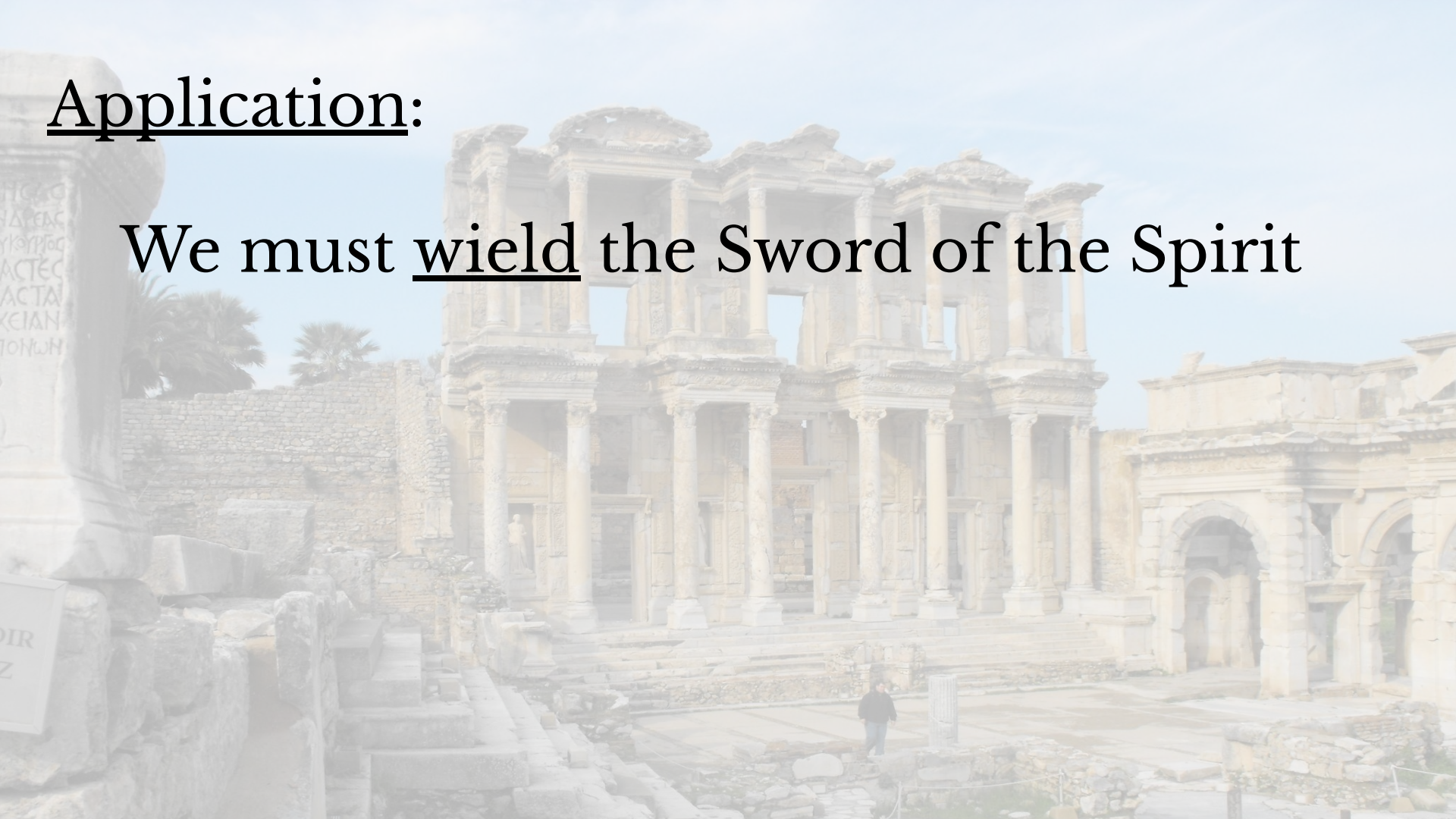
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“Negative”?



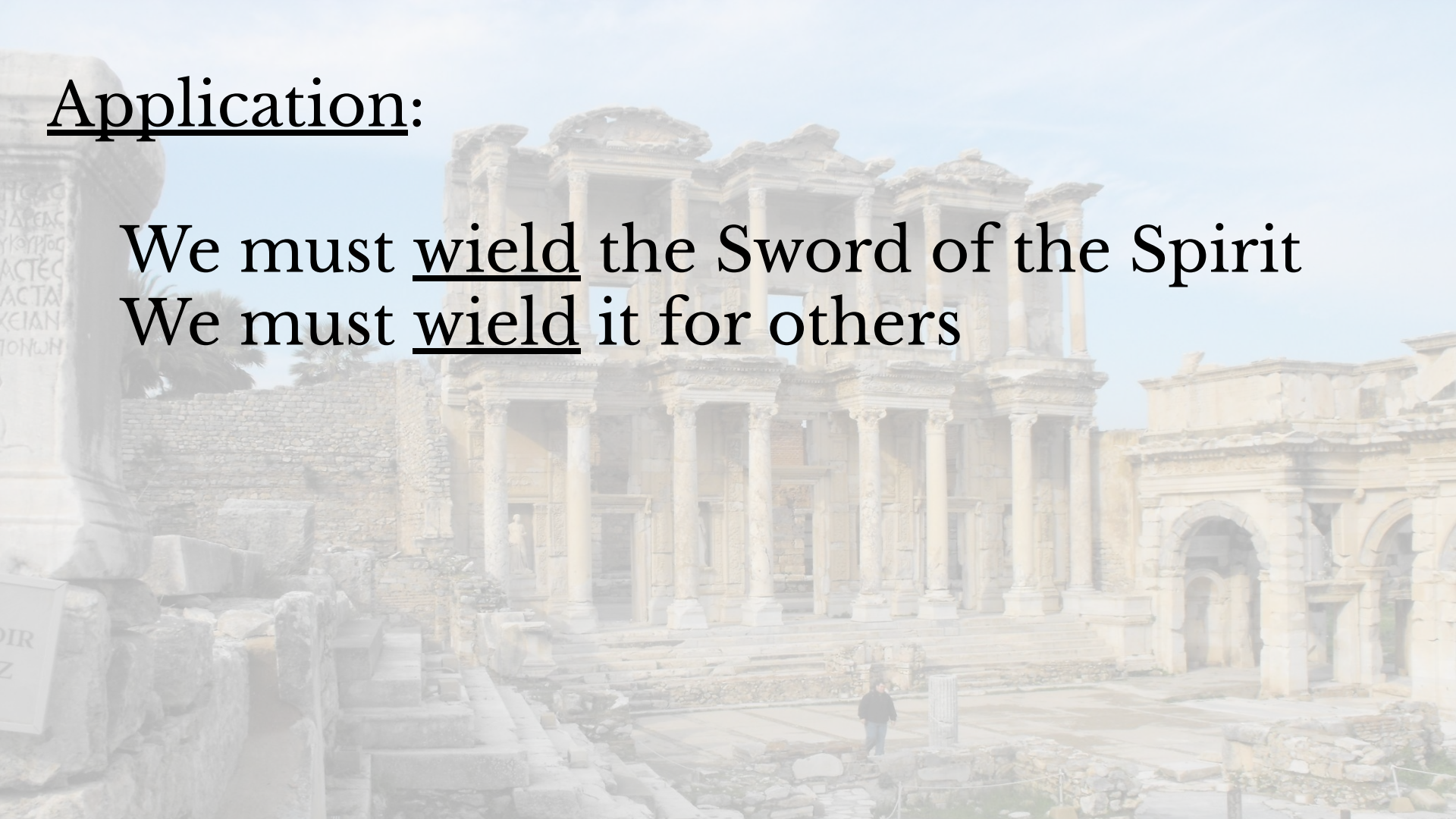
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We must wield it for the Church

You need not bring life to the Scripture; you shall draw life from the Scripture. Brothers and sisters, let us greatly reverence the Word of God. If it be all this, let us read it, study it, and prize it. And you that are not converted, I do pray you treat the Bible with a holy love and reverence, and read it with the view of finding Christ and his salvation in it. Dear friends, whenever we feel ourselves dead, and especially in prayer, get close to the Word, for the Word of God is alive. When you have nothing to say to your God, let him say something to you. Whenever we feel weak in our duties, let us go to the Word of God, and the Christ in the word, for power; and this will be the best of power. The power of our natural abilities, the power of our acquired knowledge, the power of our gathered experience, all these may be vanity, but the power which is in the Word will prove effectual. Get thou up from the cistern of thy failing strength to the fountain of omnipotence; for they that drink here, while the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, shall run, and not be weary, and shall walk, and not faint.

– C.H. Spurgeon