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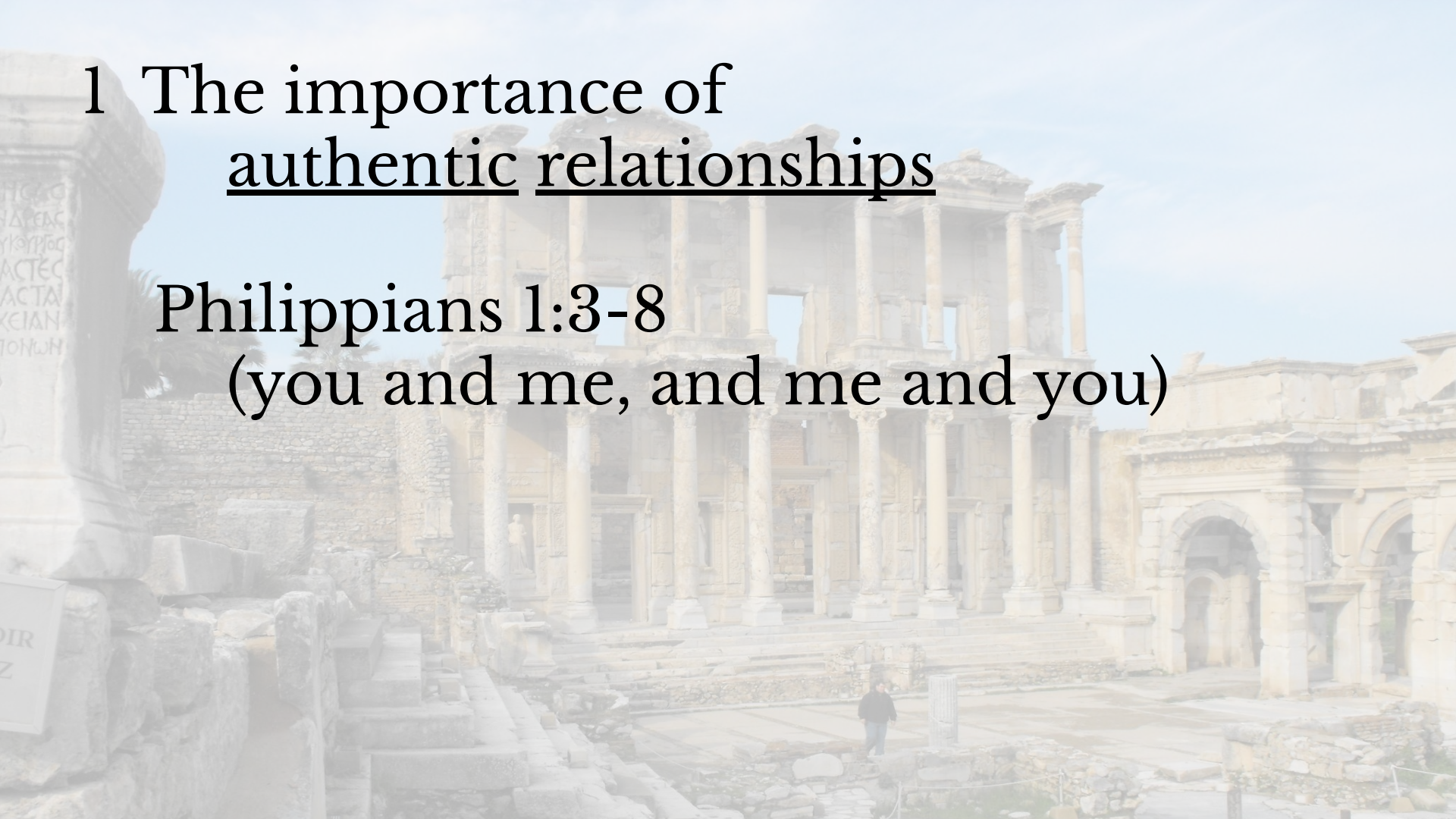
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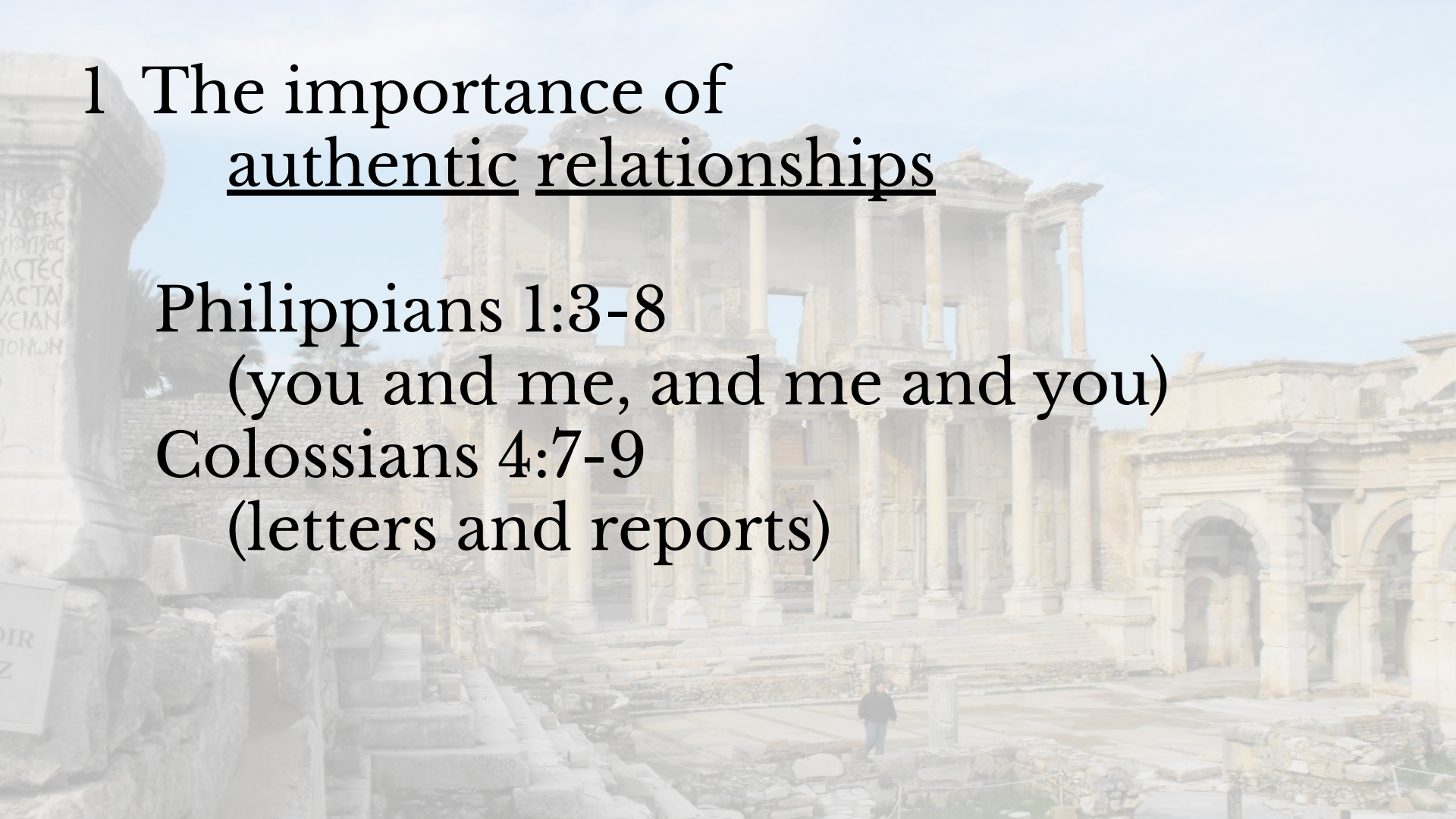
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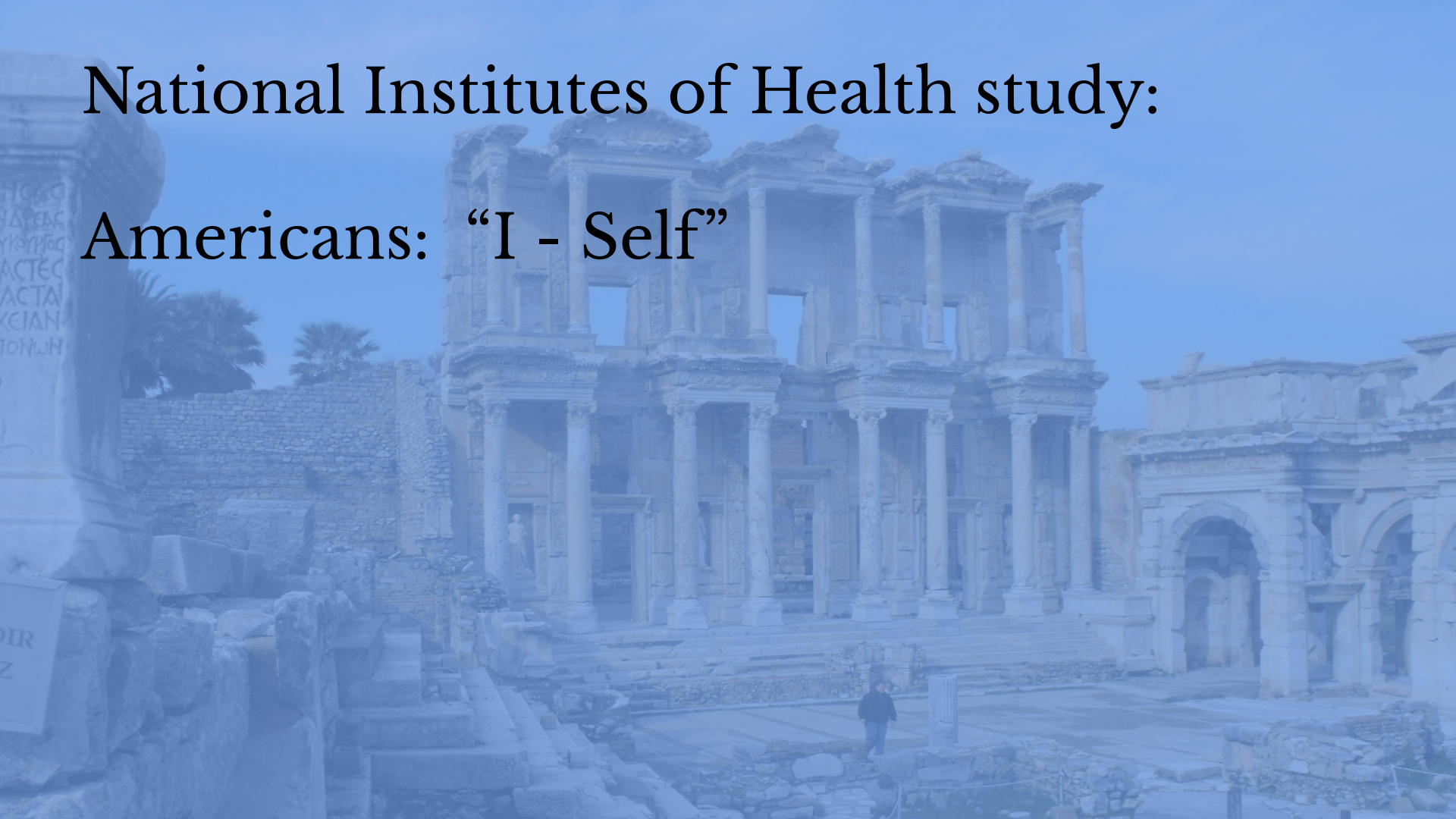
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Selfishness

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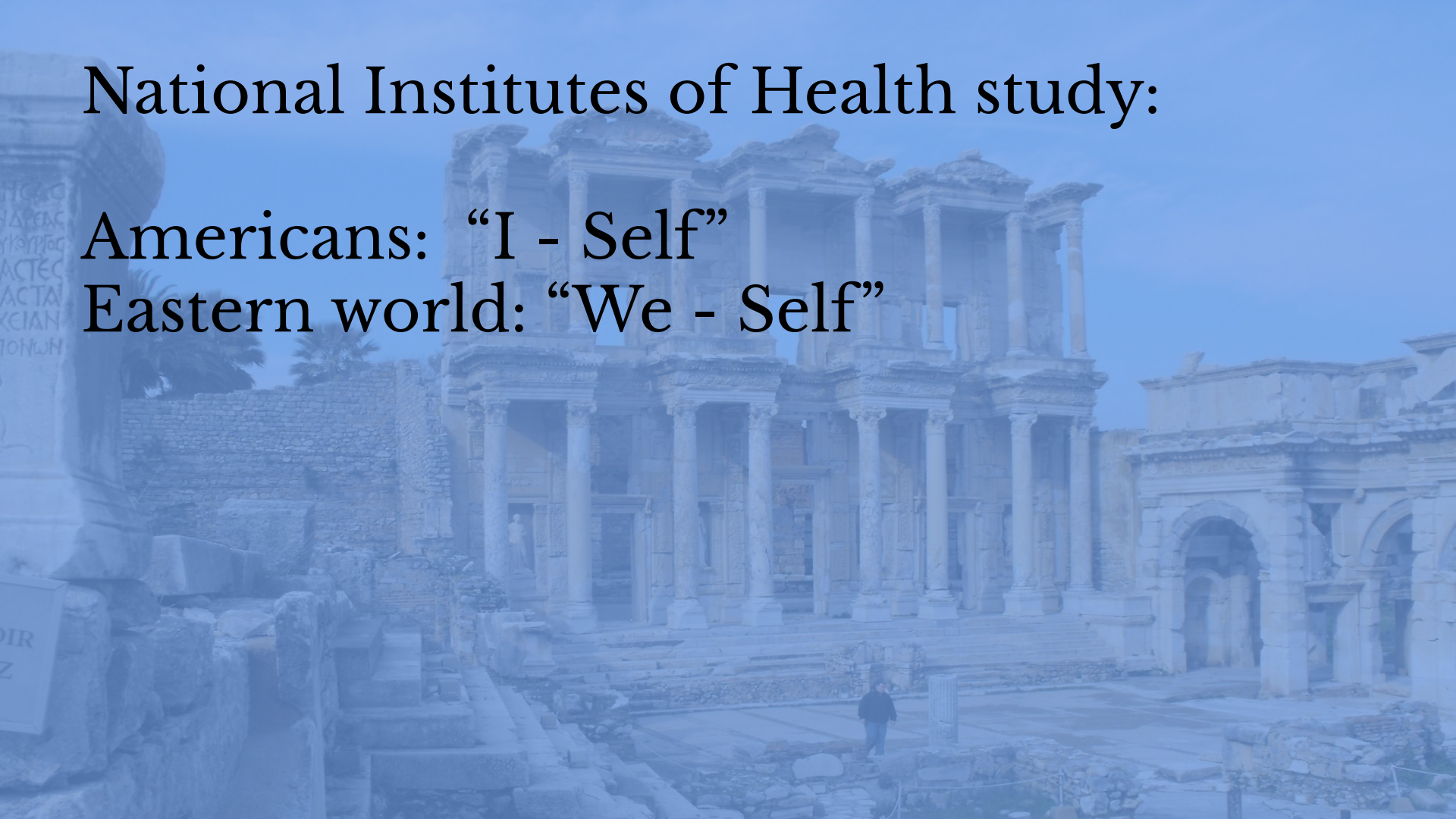
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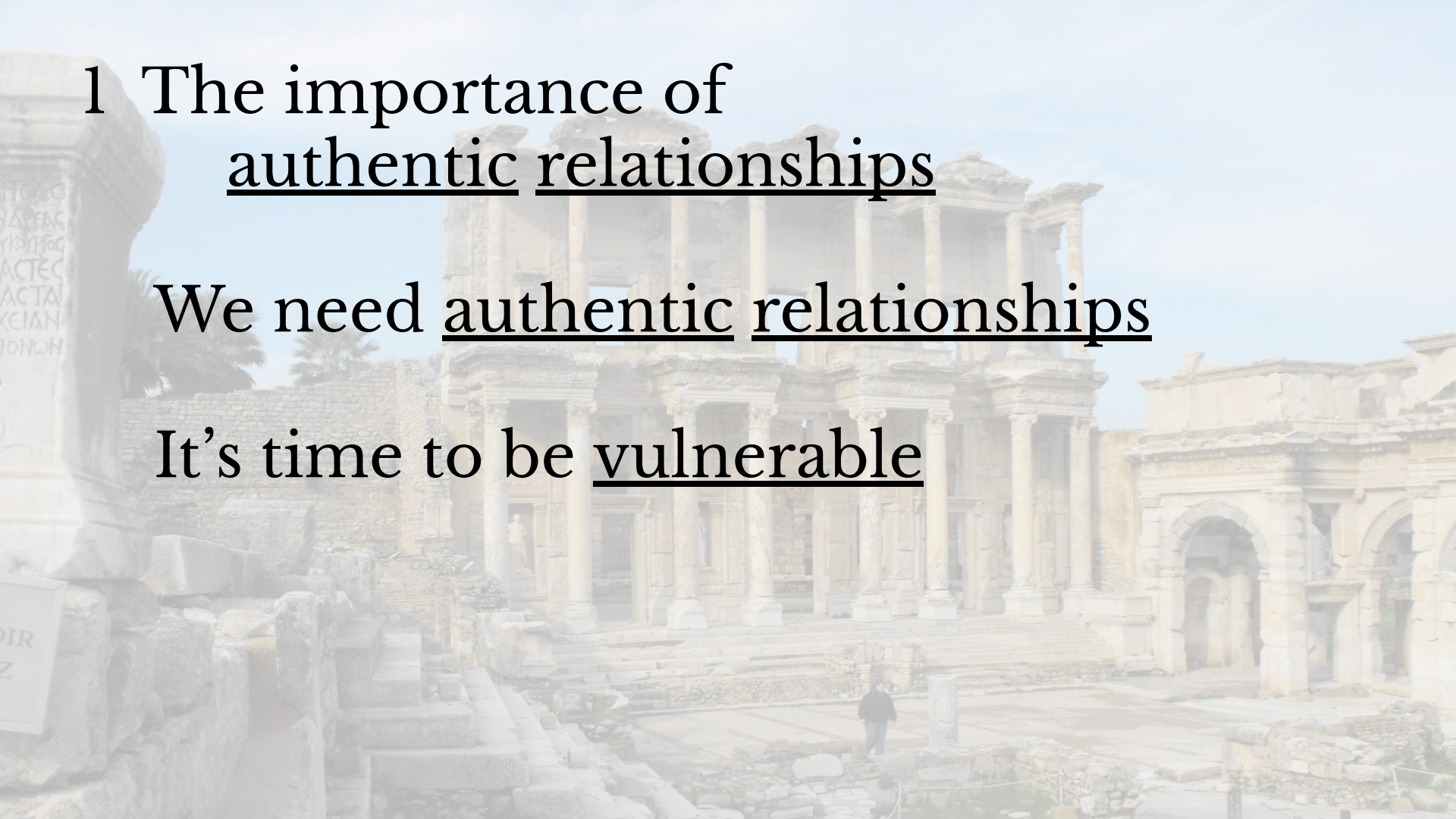
Western– “I can overcome this!”

“I just need to work harder!”

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We need to be authentic people!

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Authenticity = transparency

Be *who you are*, with
whomever you are with,
all the time.

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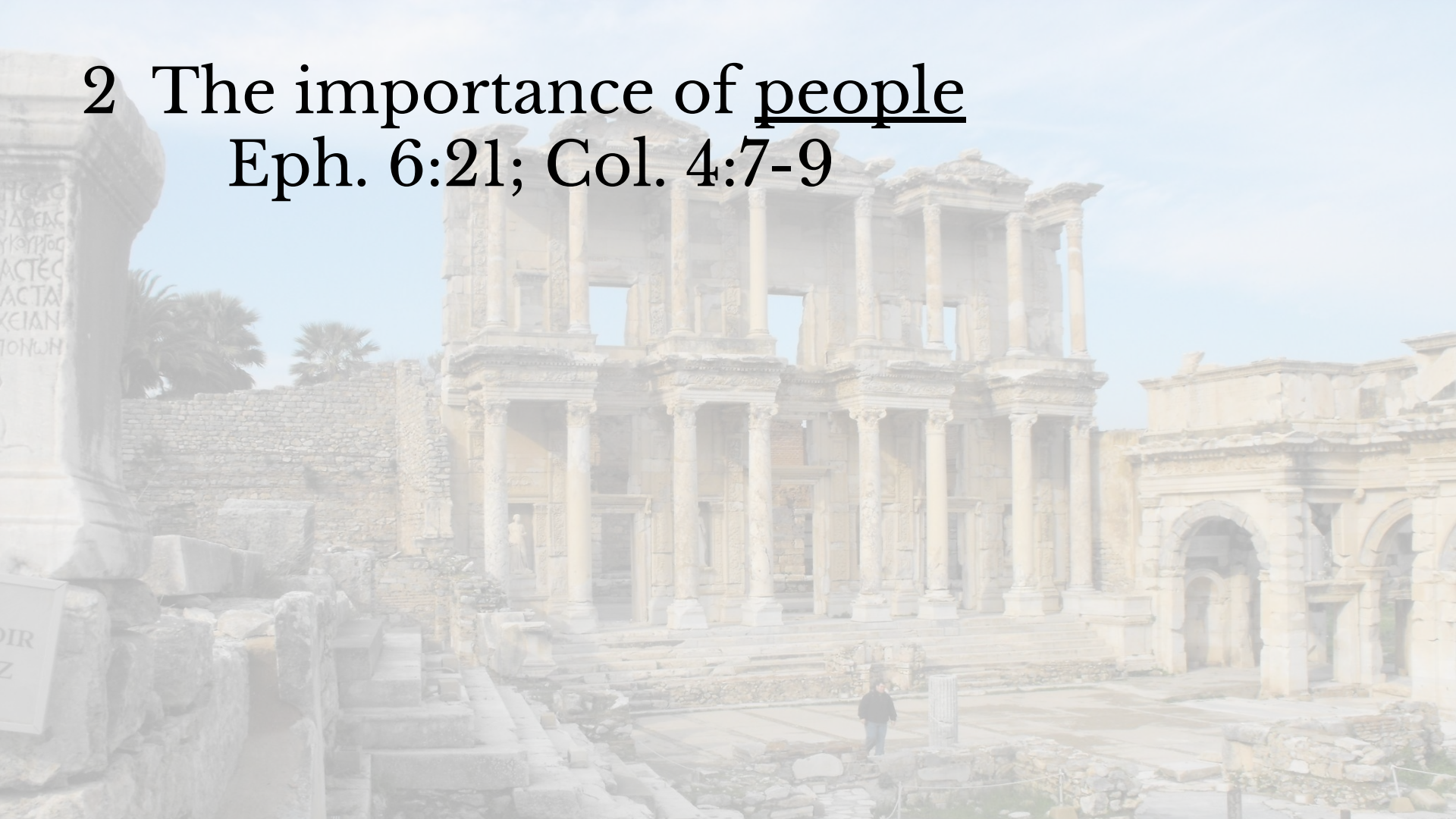
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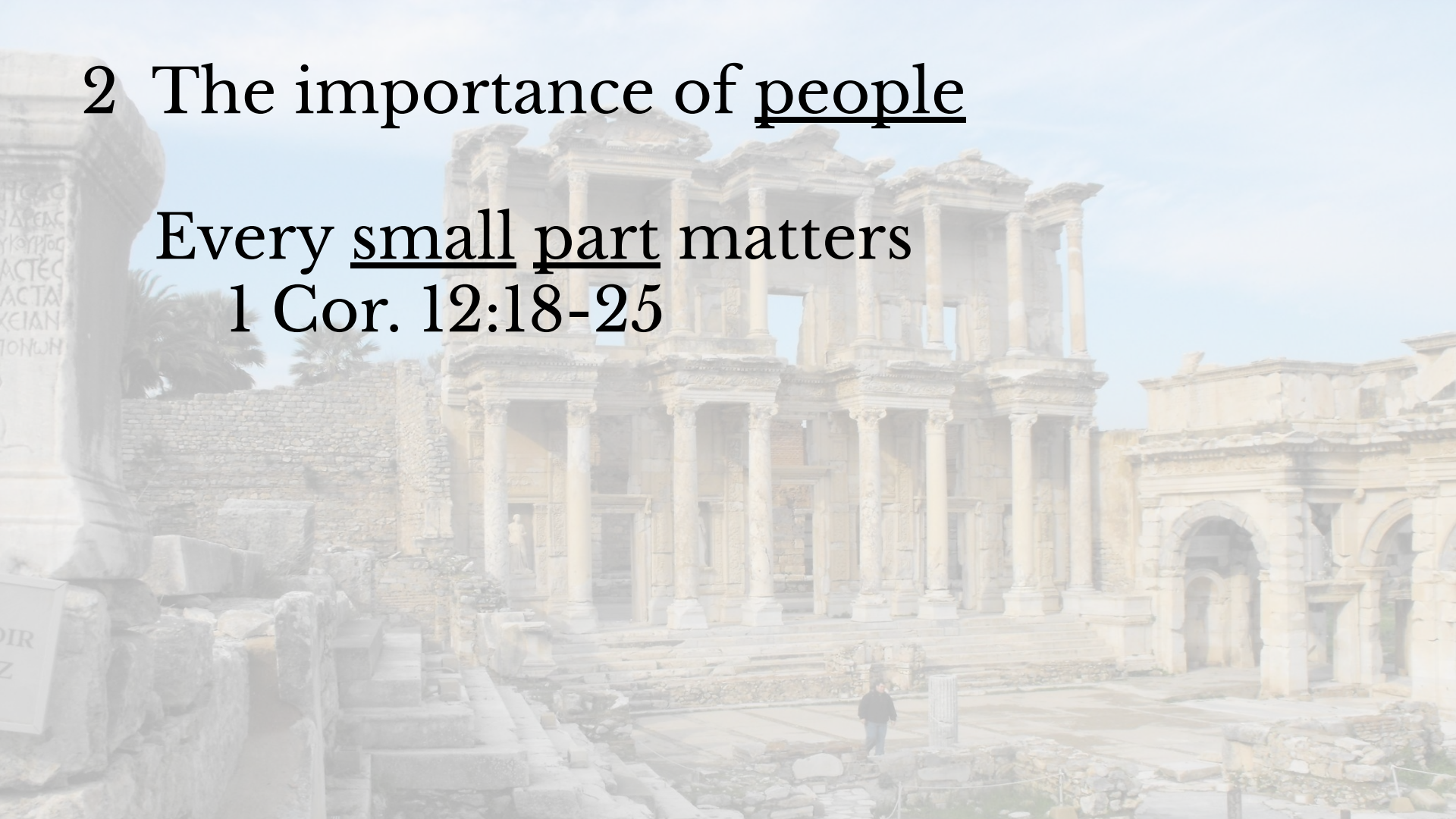
2 The importance of people Eph. 6:21; Col. 4:7-9

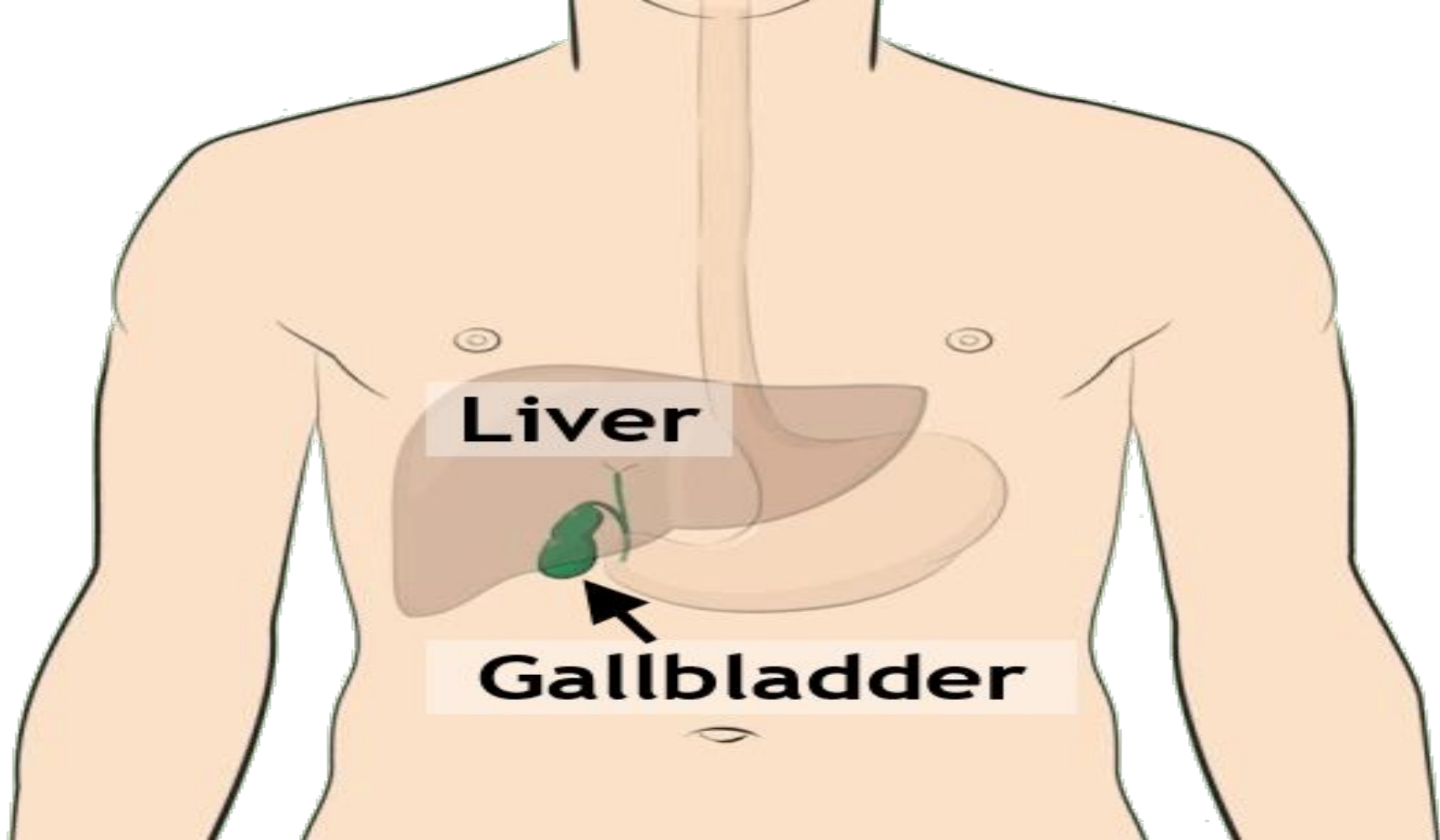


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Liver

Gallbladder

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Acts 20:1-4

2 Tim. 4:9-13

Titus 3:12

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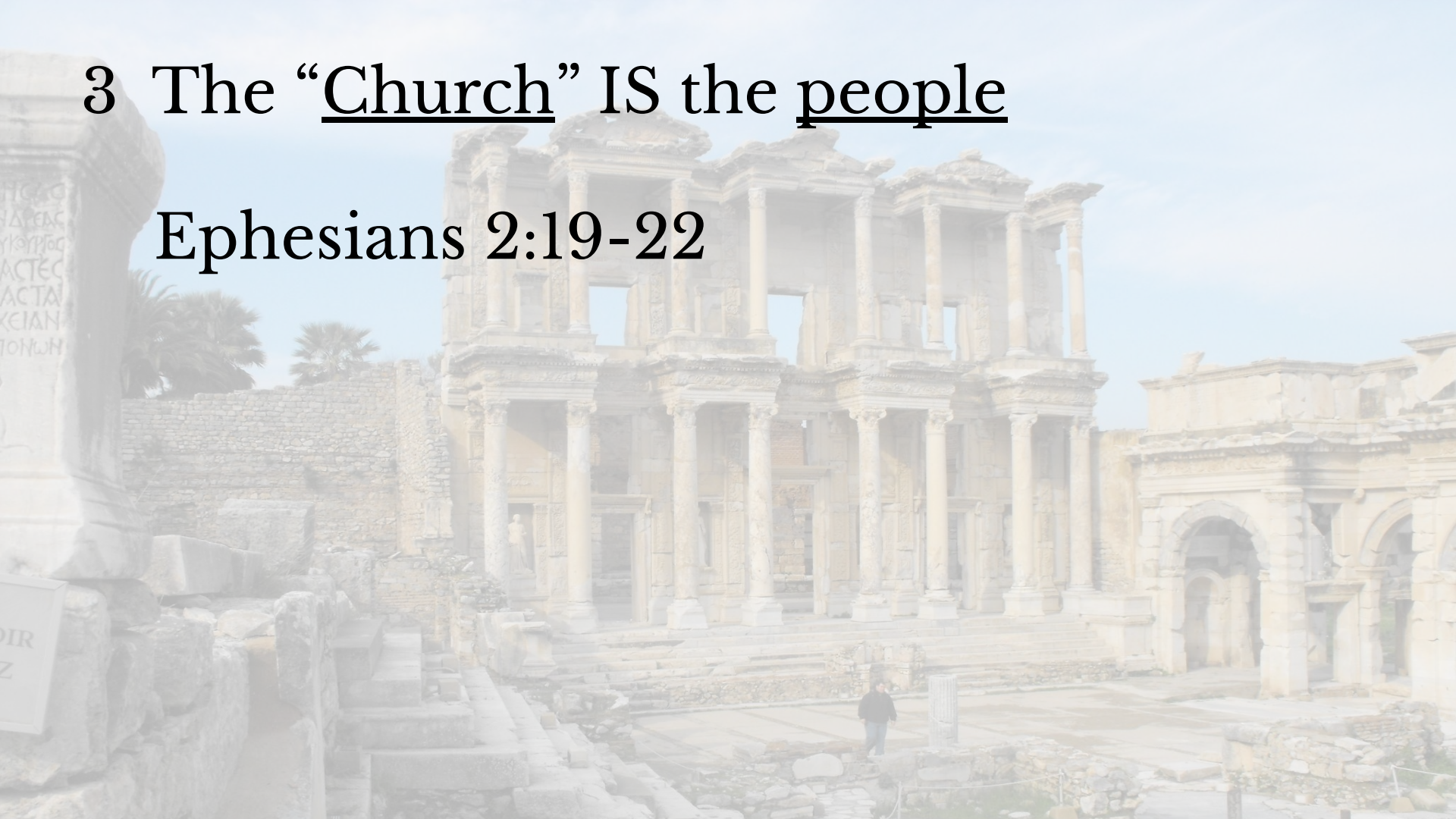
*Paul had incredible influence on
Tychicus, who had incredible influence
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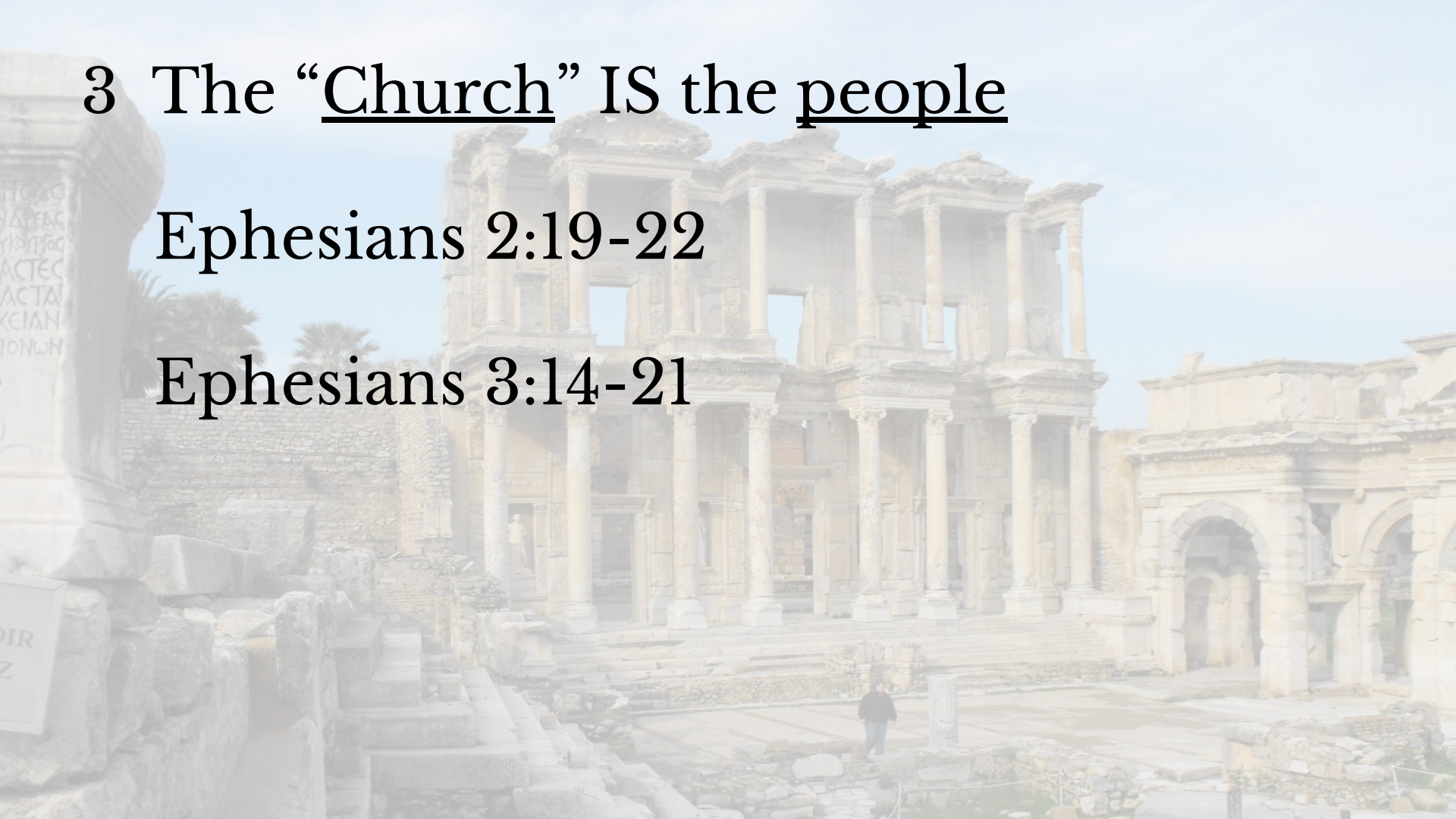
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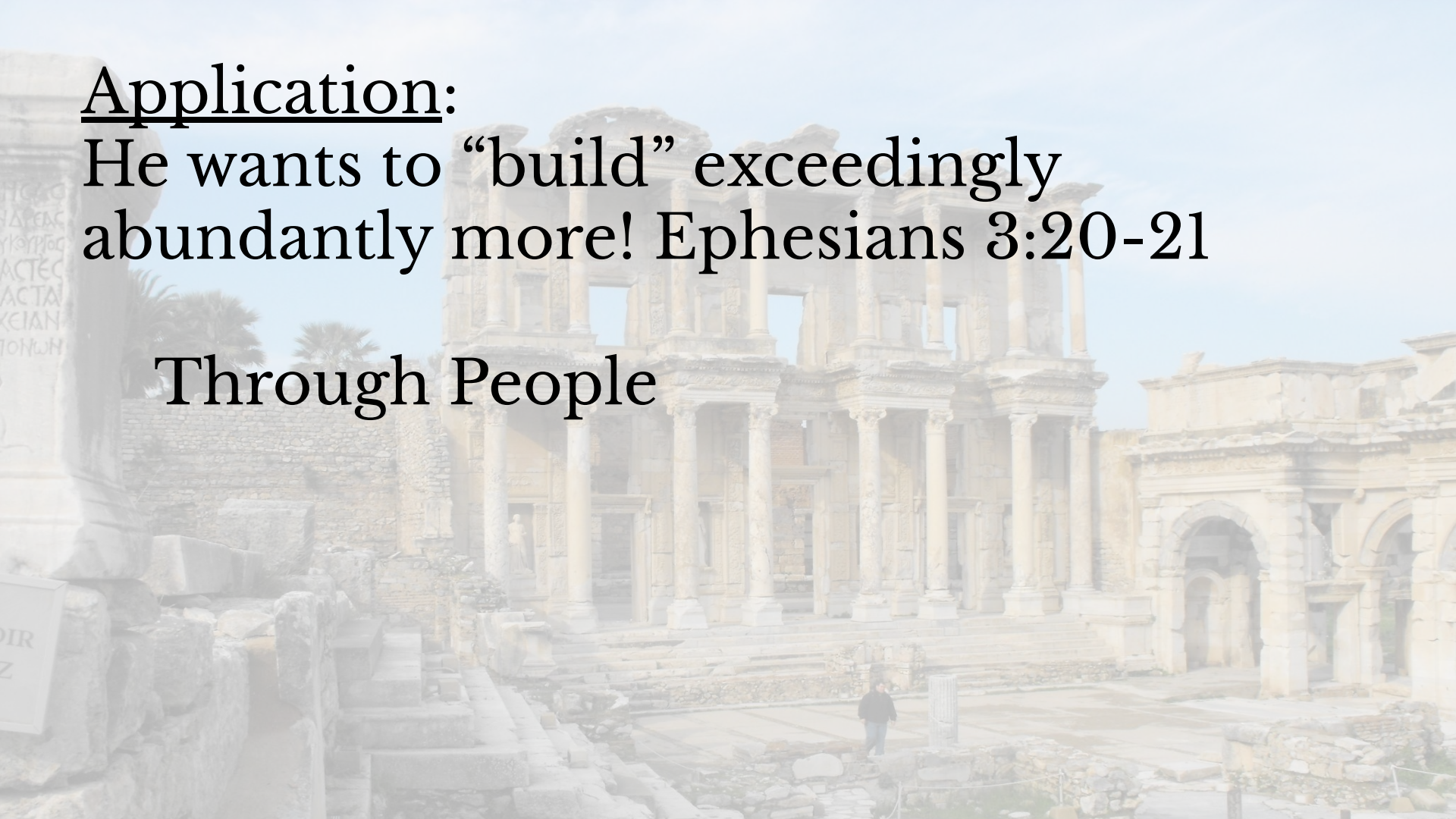
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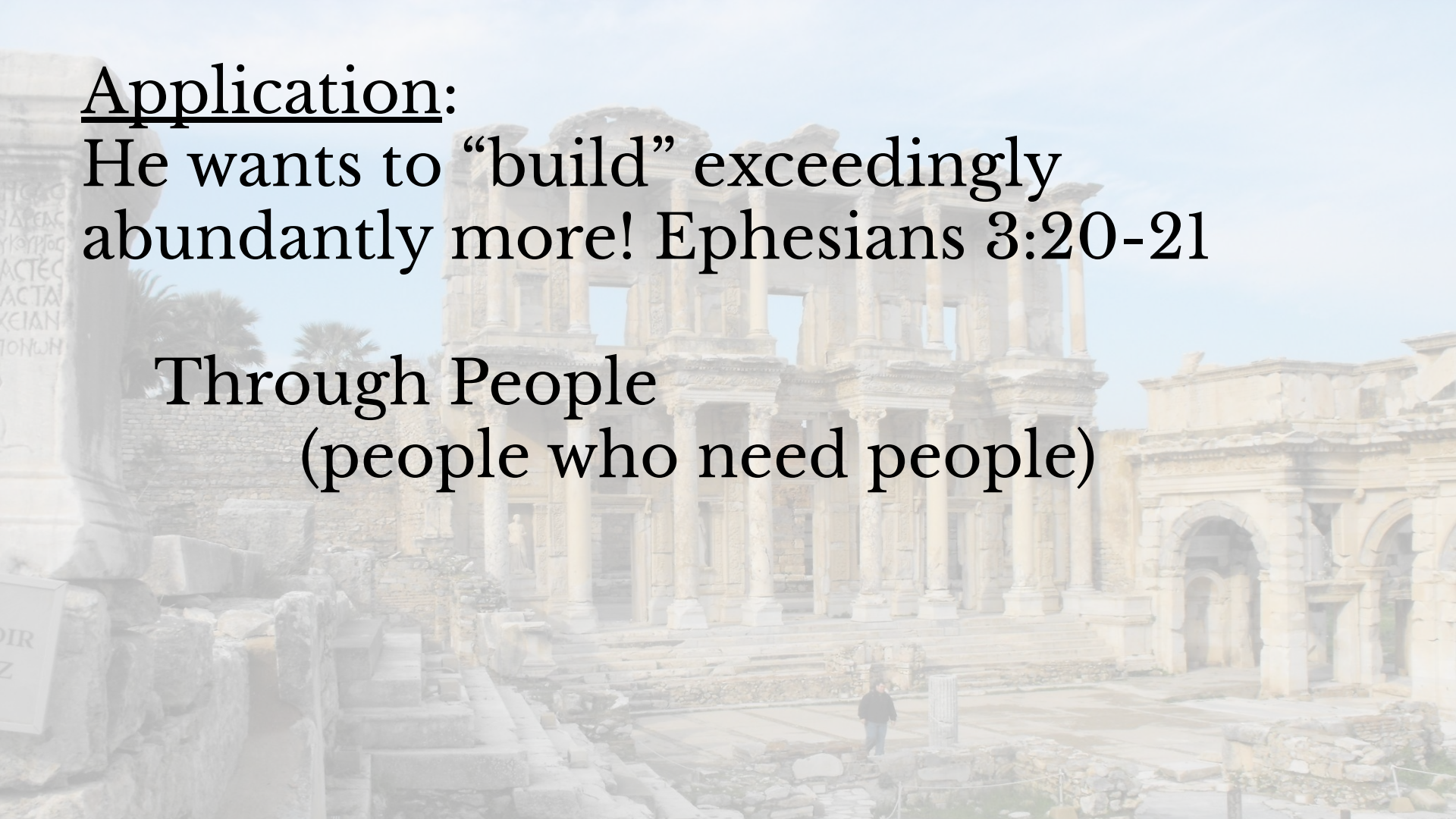
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(people who need people)





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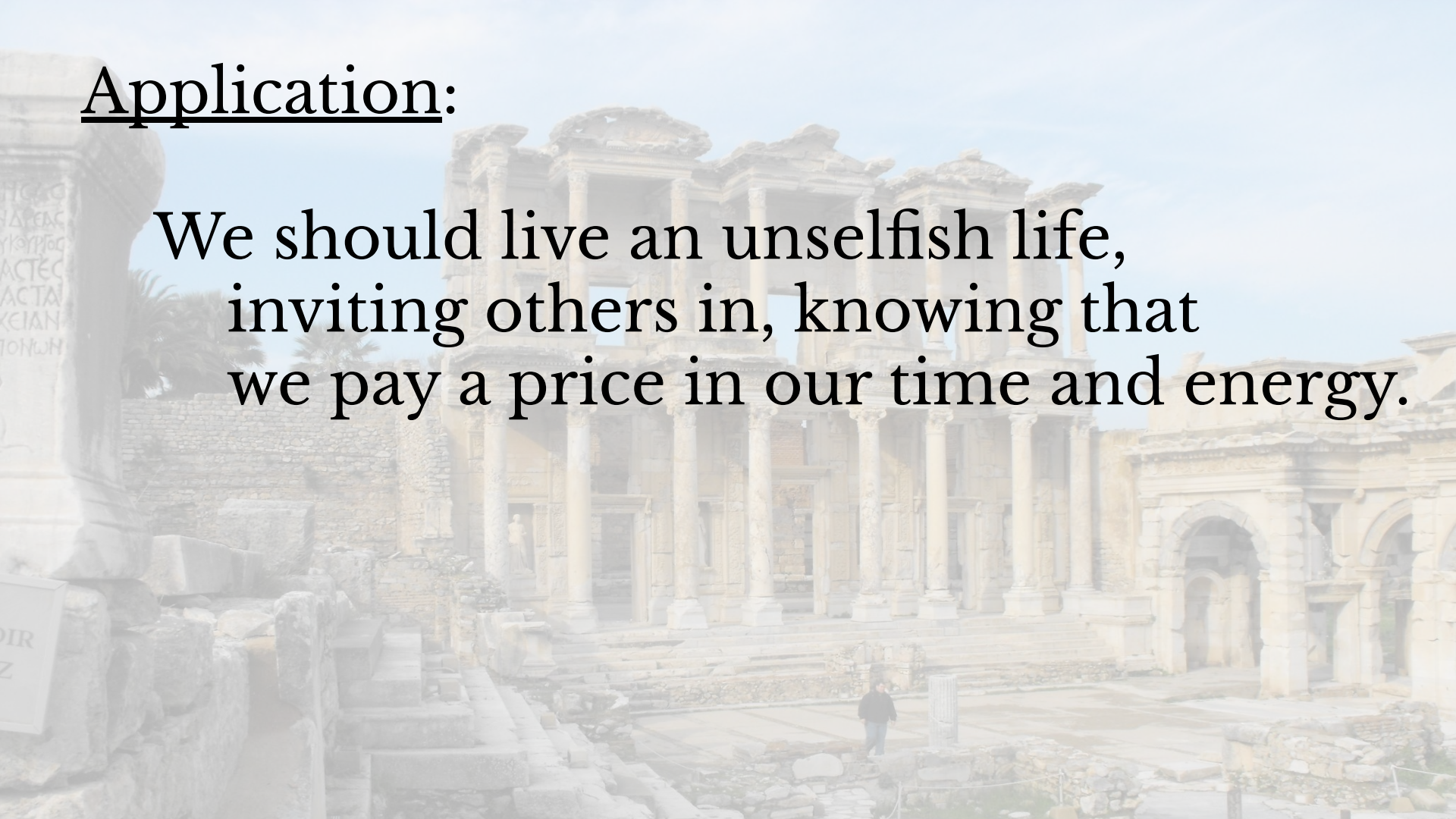
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Colossians 3:1-17 in action

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Selfishness says, “Leave me alone.”
Selflessness says, “I care about you,
and I’m willing to open my life to you.”