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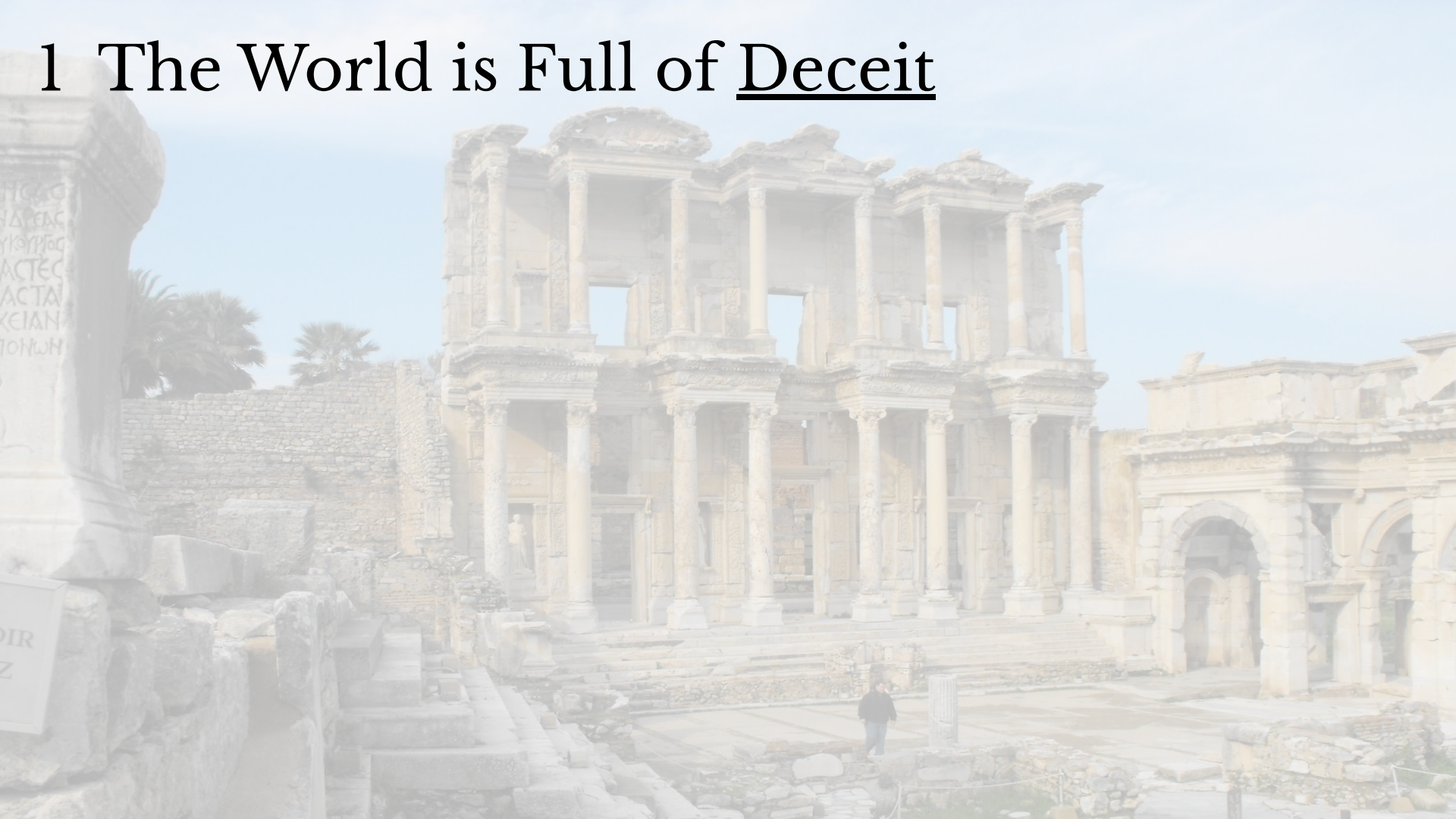




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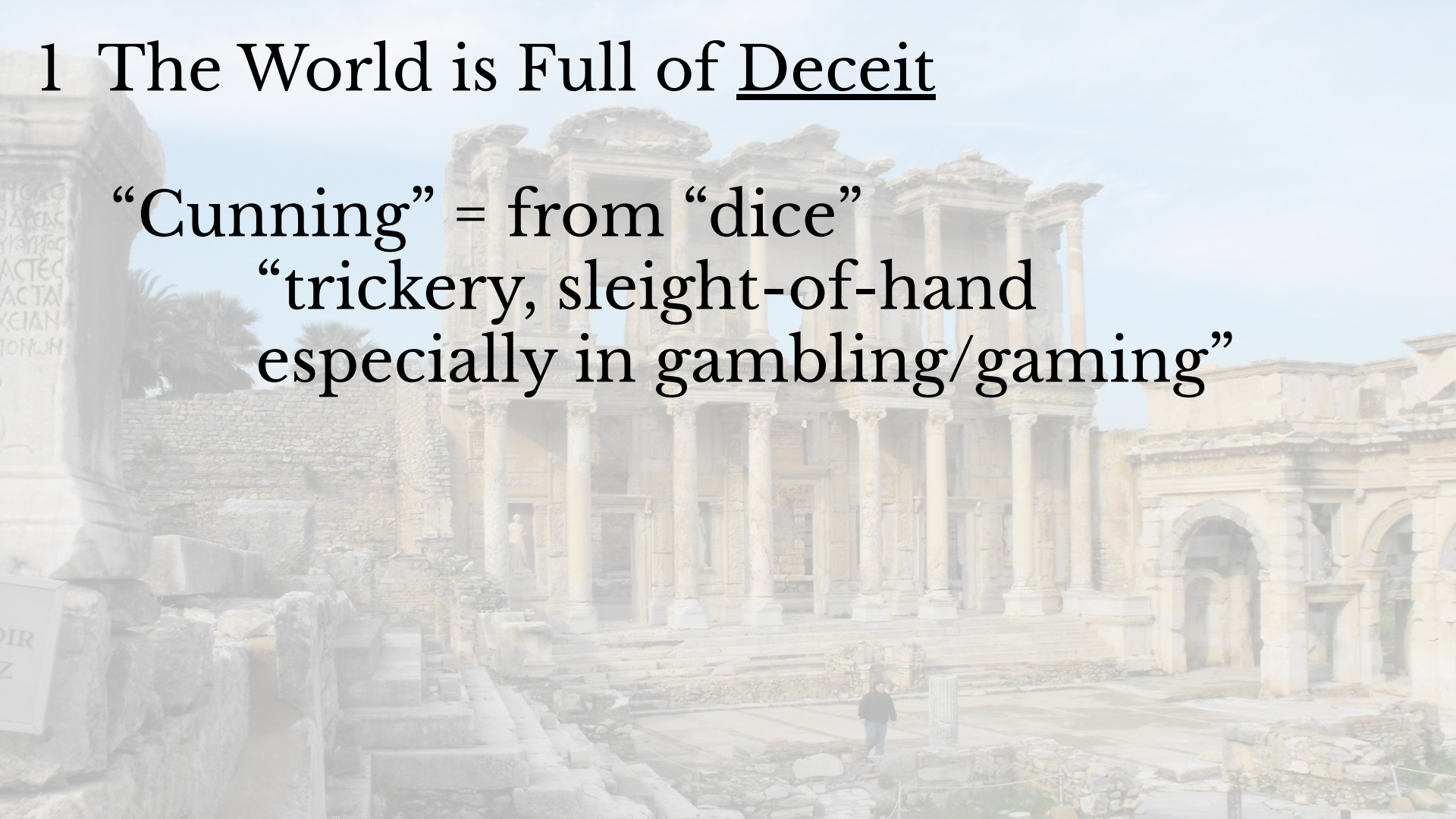
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(Ephesians 4:14-16)

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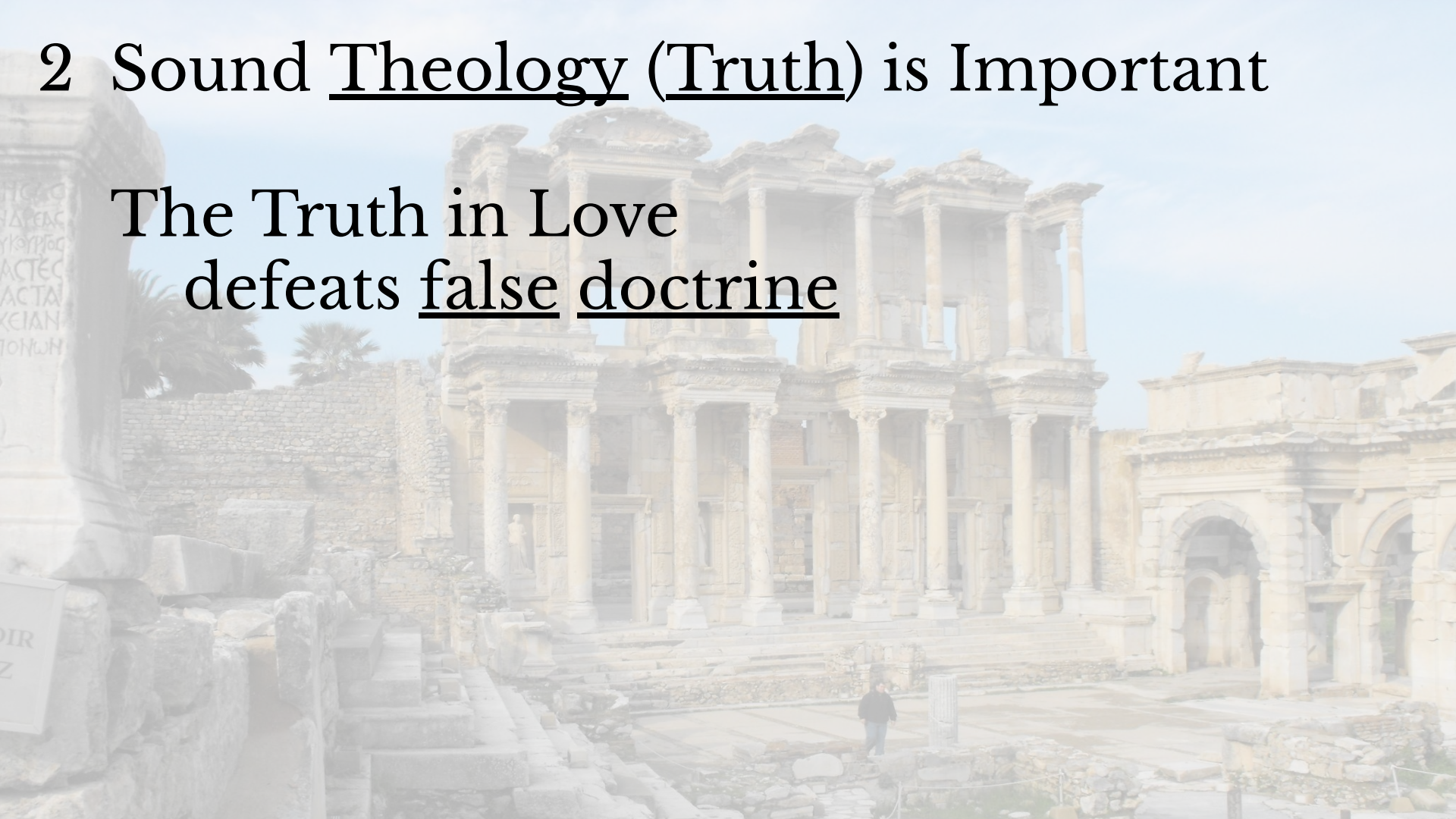
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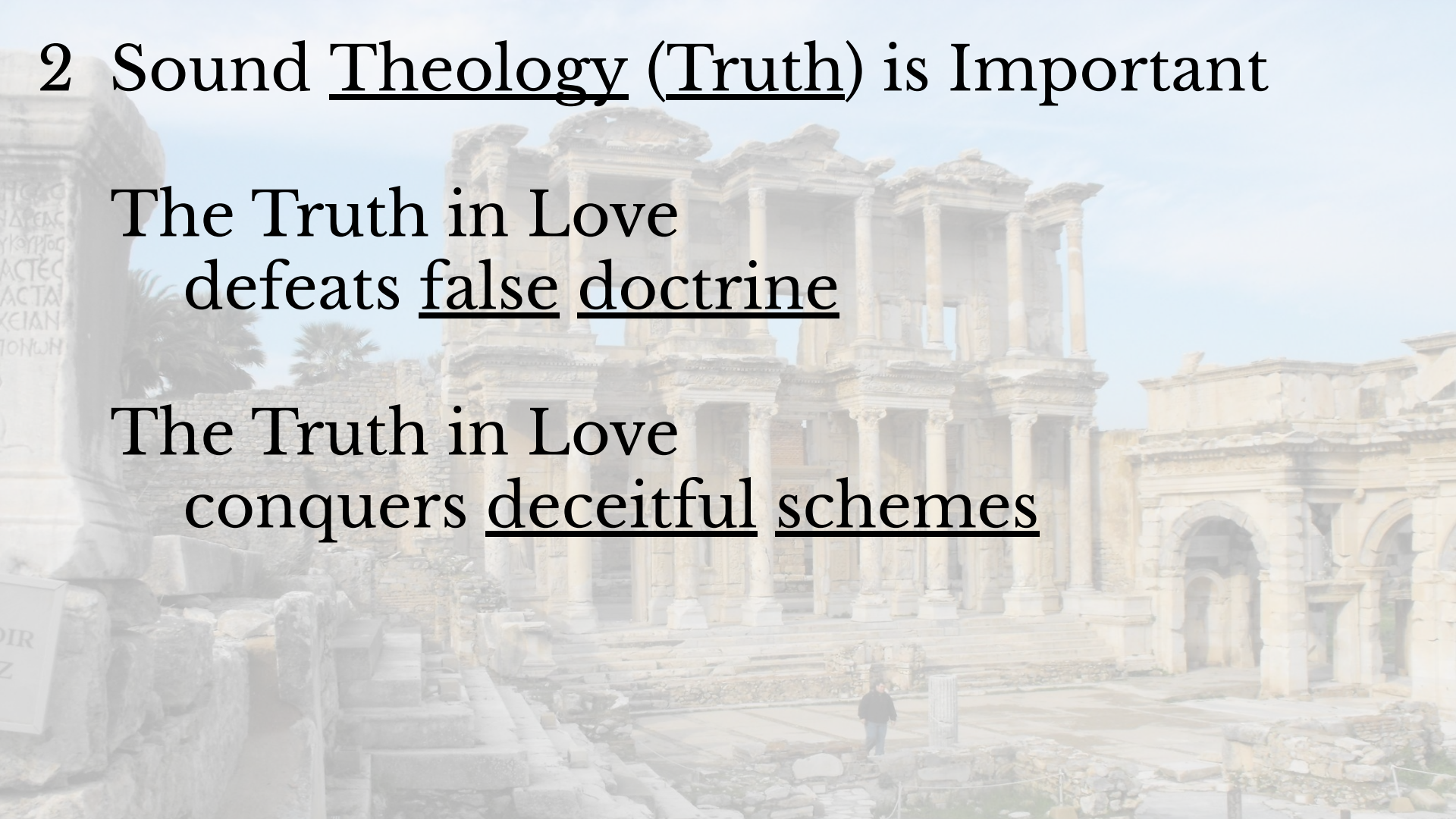
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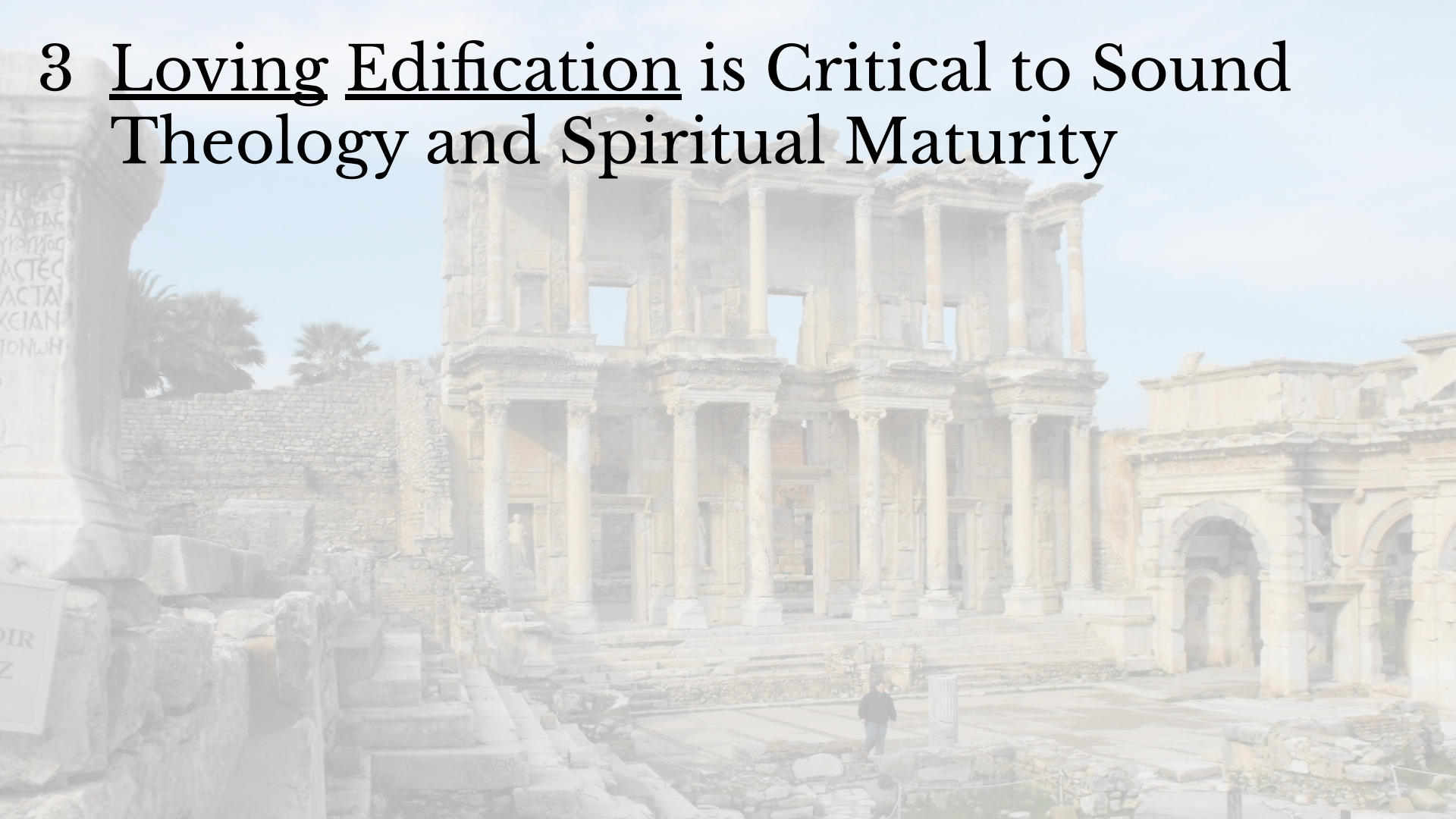
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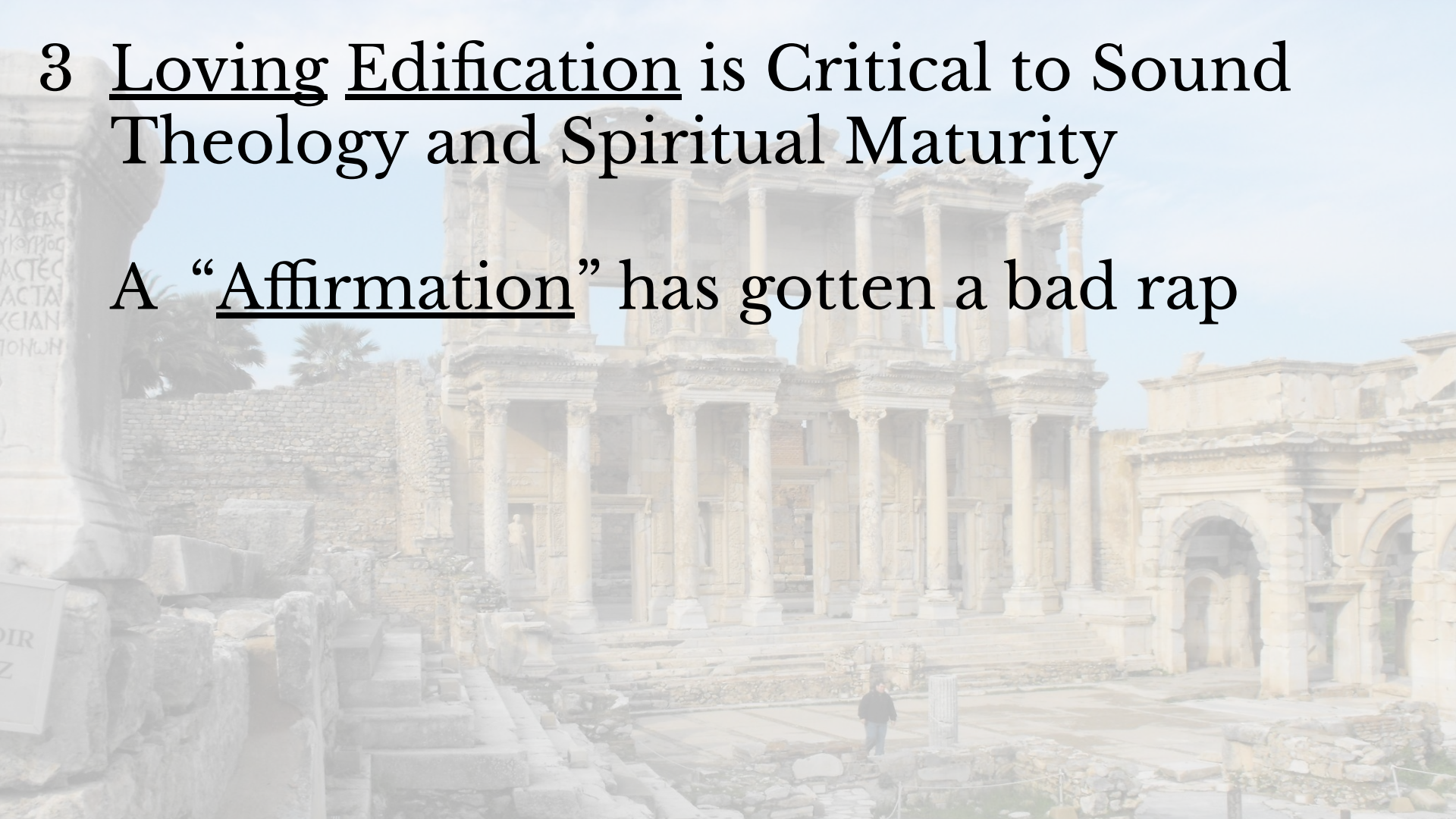


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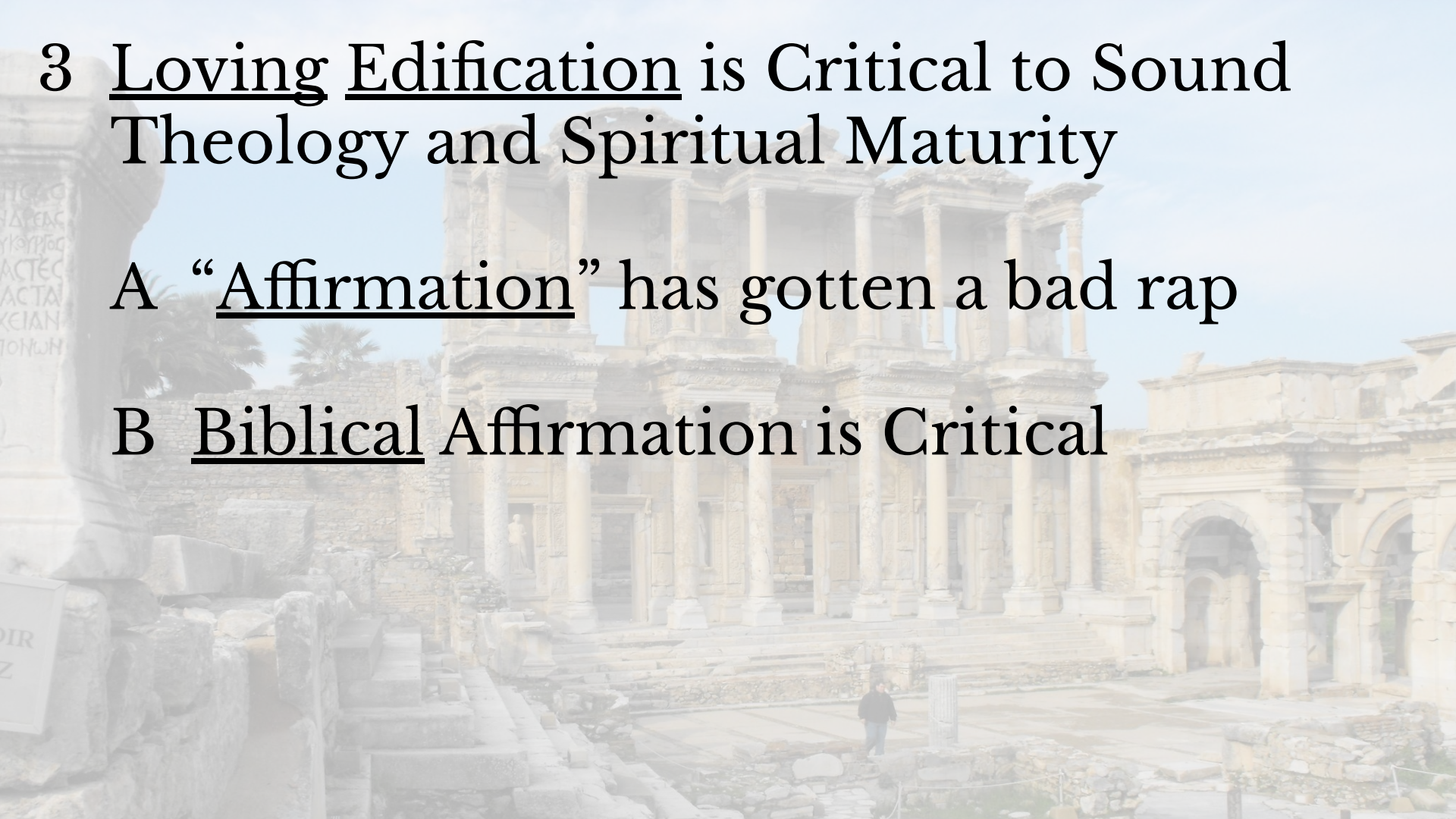
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C We need to re-orient our thinking on “speaking the Truth in love”!

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The phrase “speak the truth in love” comes from Ephesians 4:15. To understand that verse's context, please read Ephesians 4:11-16. Speaking the truth in love is speaking that which is doctrinally correct and that which proceeds from a biblically committed life to a person who is in need of correction.

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5 Guidelines to Speaking the Truth in Love

Keep it simple. Speak with kindness. You can't take back some things that you say. It's OK to be angry, but don't sin in your anger (Ephesians 4:26). Your words have the power to restore and creatively rebuild, but they also have the power to harm relationships in a lasting and damaging way (James 3:9-10).

Speaking the truth in love will be difficult and may seem costly in the short run. It's like an investment; it pays more long-range dividends rather than short-term gains. God is able to use your words to create a better relationship, beyond what you imagine it can be (Ephesians 3:20-21).



LIGONIER MINISTRIES

Speaking the Truth in Love

Many, if not all, of us have been on the receiving end of hurtful remarks made by a brother or a sister under the guise of speaking the truth in love. Does Ephesians 4:15 give us the right to hurt others with the things that we say just because they are true? Does it mean that we should always make the truth known in every situation and never remain silent under any circumstance?

We need to examine our intentions. Are we really chiefly concerned for the best interest of the other person? Or is it a selfish desire to clear the air or get things off our chest?

No doubt, there are times when the best interests of others will require us to speak the truth in ways that may sting. But we need to be very careful and very prayerful in those situations—and in every situation—to ensure, as much as we can, that we are motivated by love and not by selfish pride.



CHRISTIANITY TODAY

Why T4G/TGC Leaders Must Fix Their Gospel

Now I need to do something unpleasant. Part of Christian fellowship among our sisters and brothers involves speaking the truth in love. Sometimes hard words are necessary but vital if we are to make progress. We all make mistakes. I certainly have and will continue to make my fair share. But accuracy and truthful representation matter. Since Xxxxxxx invited further dialogue, and since this is not about a personal offense but about public theology, I think the most effective way to communicate my concerns to him and to readers is by addressing Xxxxxxx directly via an open letter.



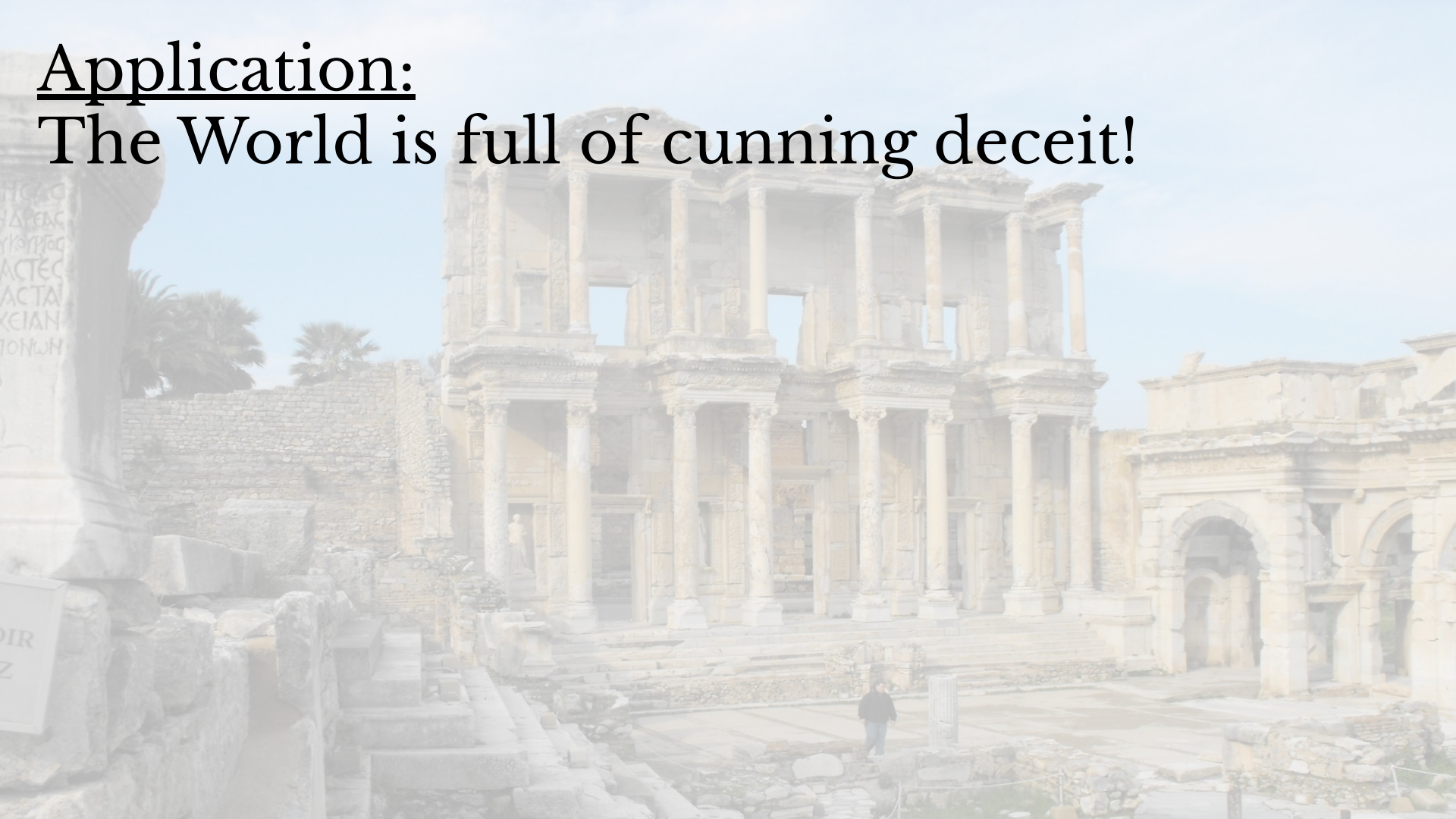
Why and How Do I 'Speak the Truth in Love?'

As a believer who wants to follow God's commands and live honorably, I've struggled to know what it means to speak the truth in love. I want to be helpful, loving, and honest. But I fail to do so, especially when my desire to get it right trumps relating well to those who I think have gotten it wrong. I've also experienced pain when others say they are speaking truth in love, but their words and actions are condescending judgments. That is not love. Holding these two concepts together challenges me, but it's a tension worth exploring.

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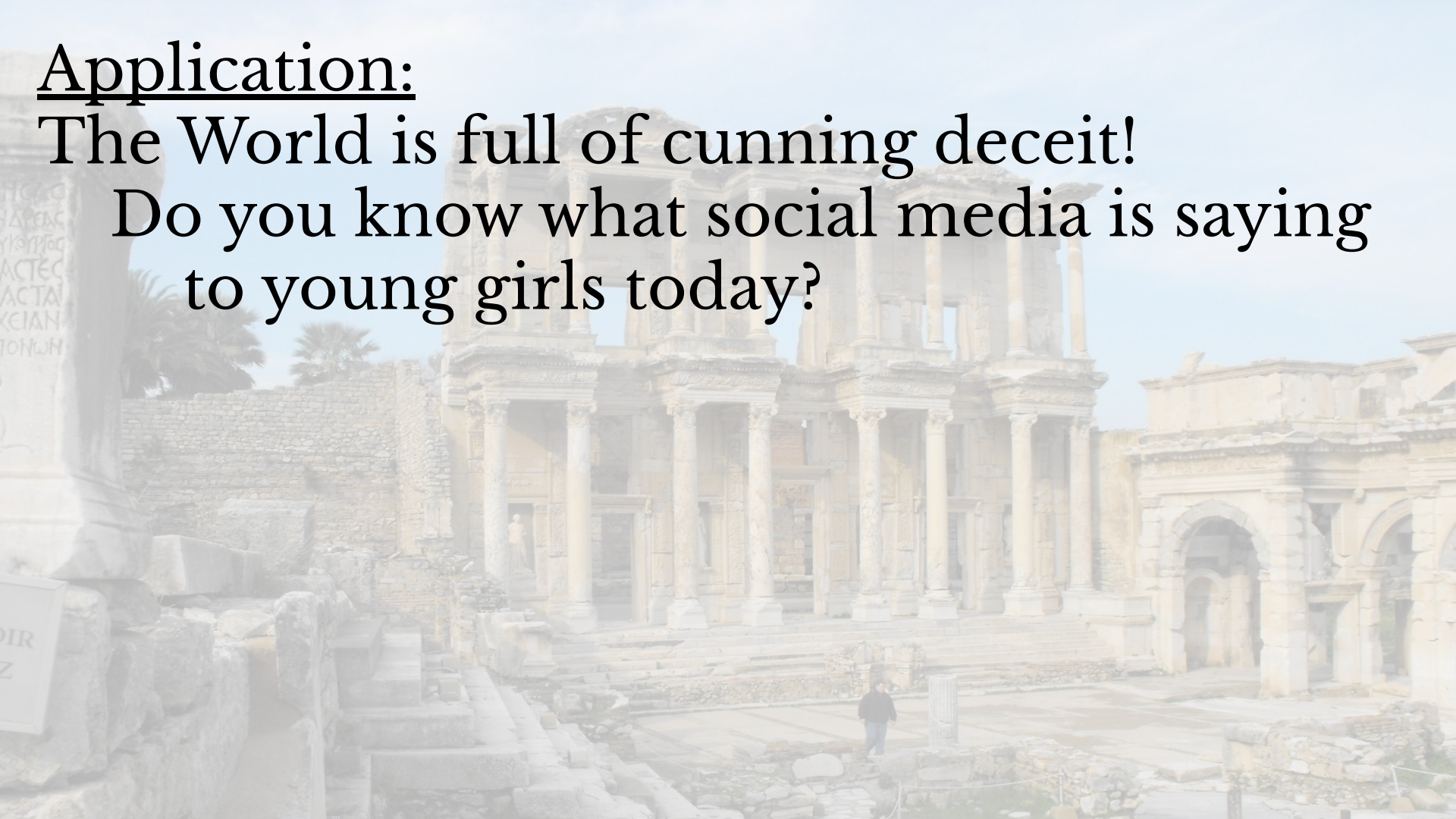
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“Your skin isn’t soft enough!”

12 year olds using “eyelash serum”

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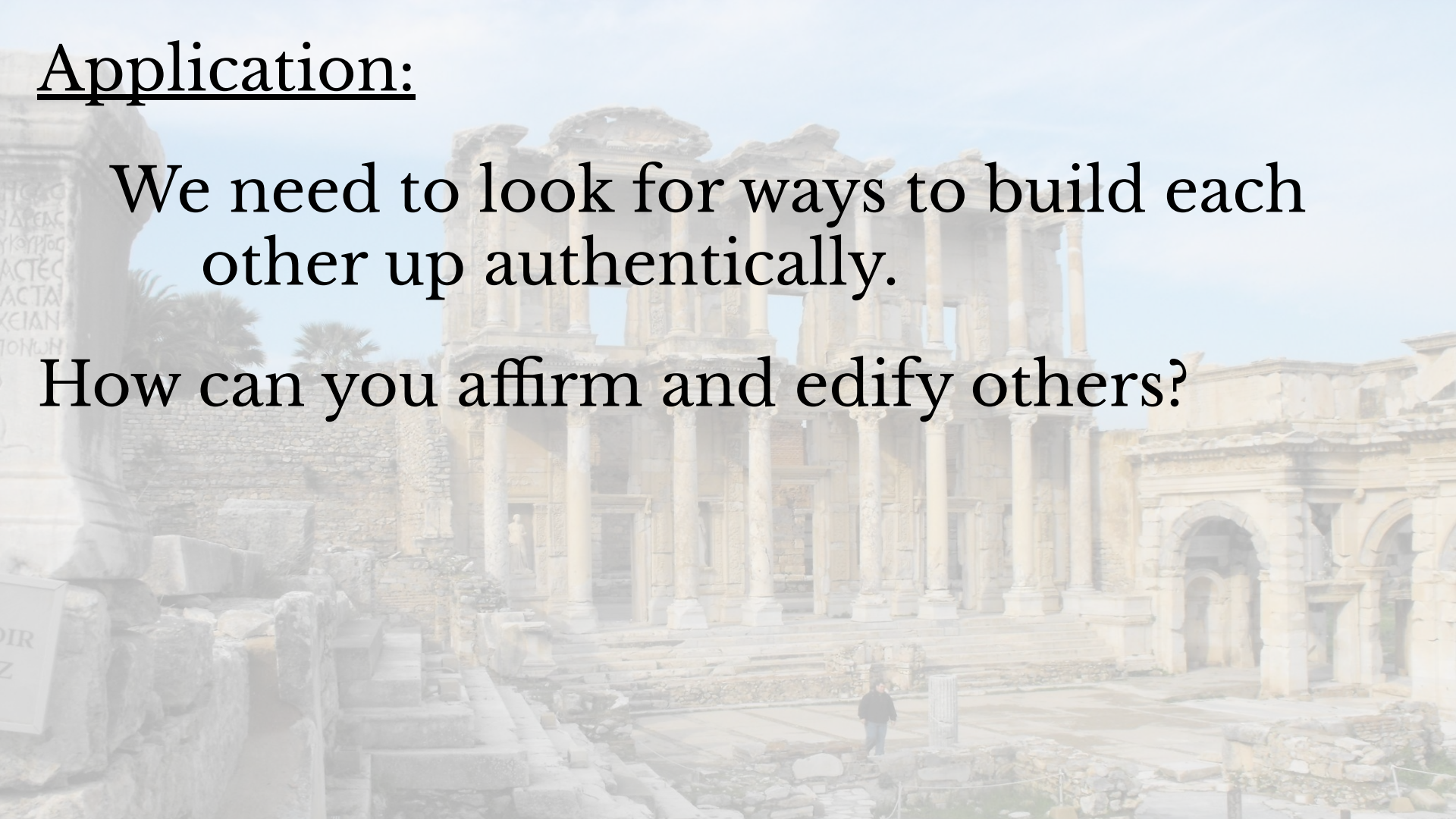
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can win the culture war

The Truth in Love
helps people grow in Christ

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rescues people from tragic errors