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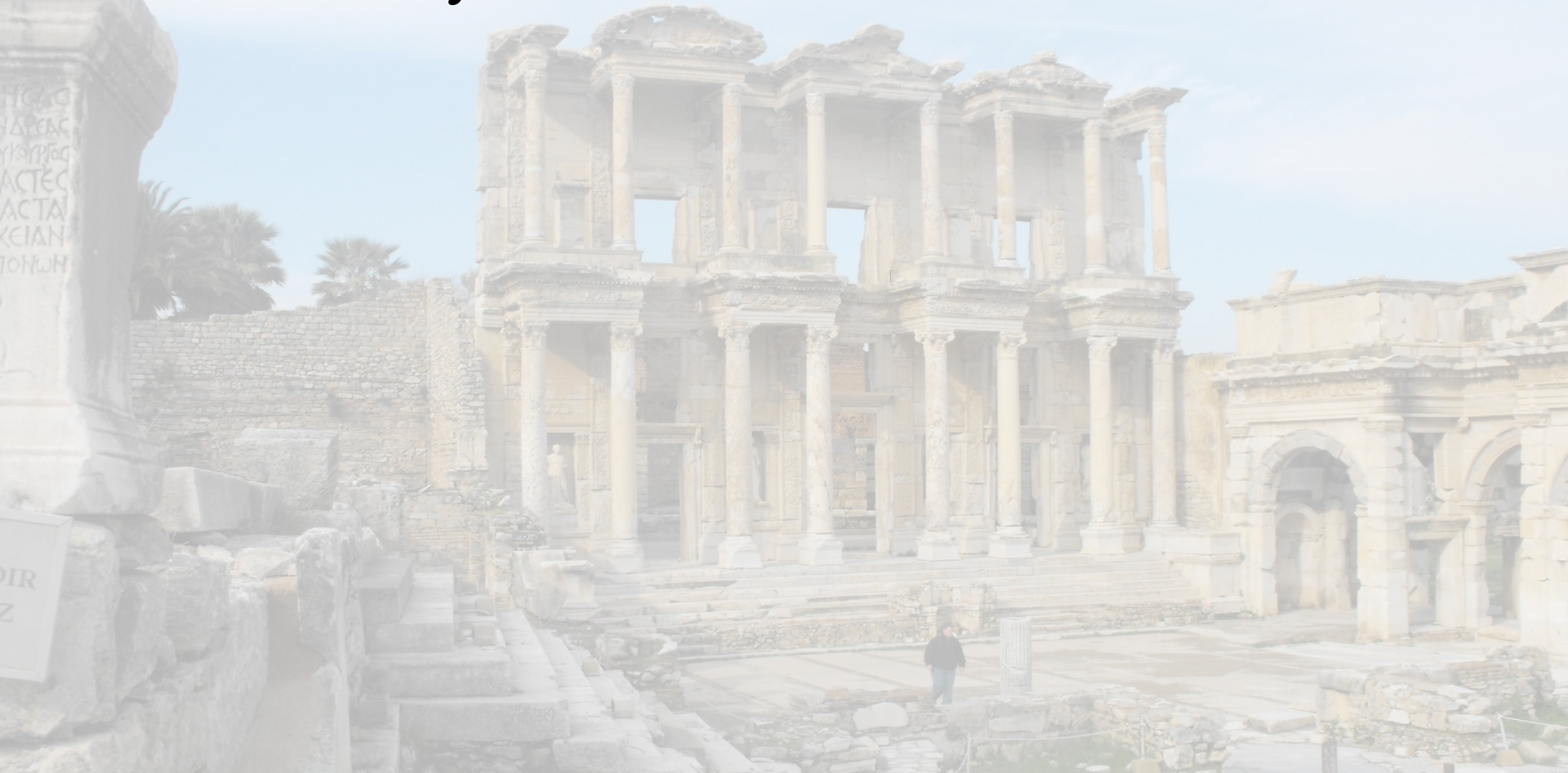
BE Who You ARE
(Ephesians 5:1-8)





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2:3-10

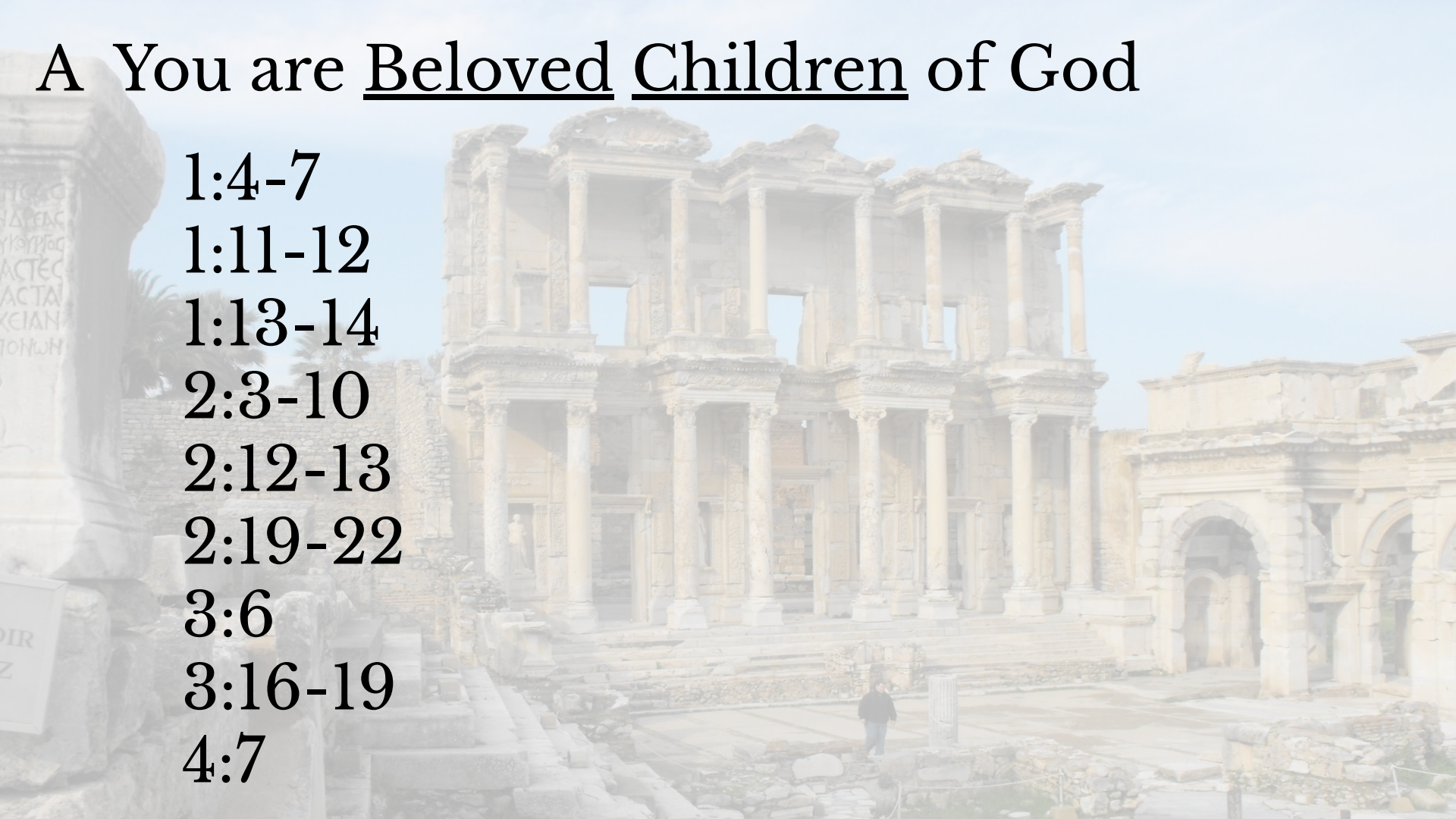
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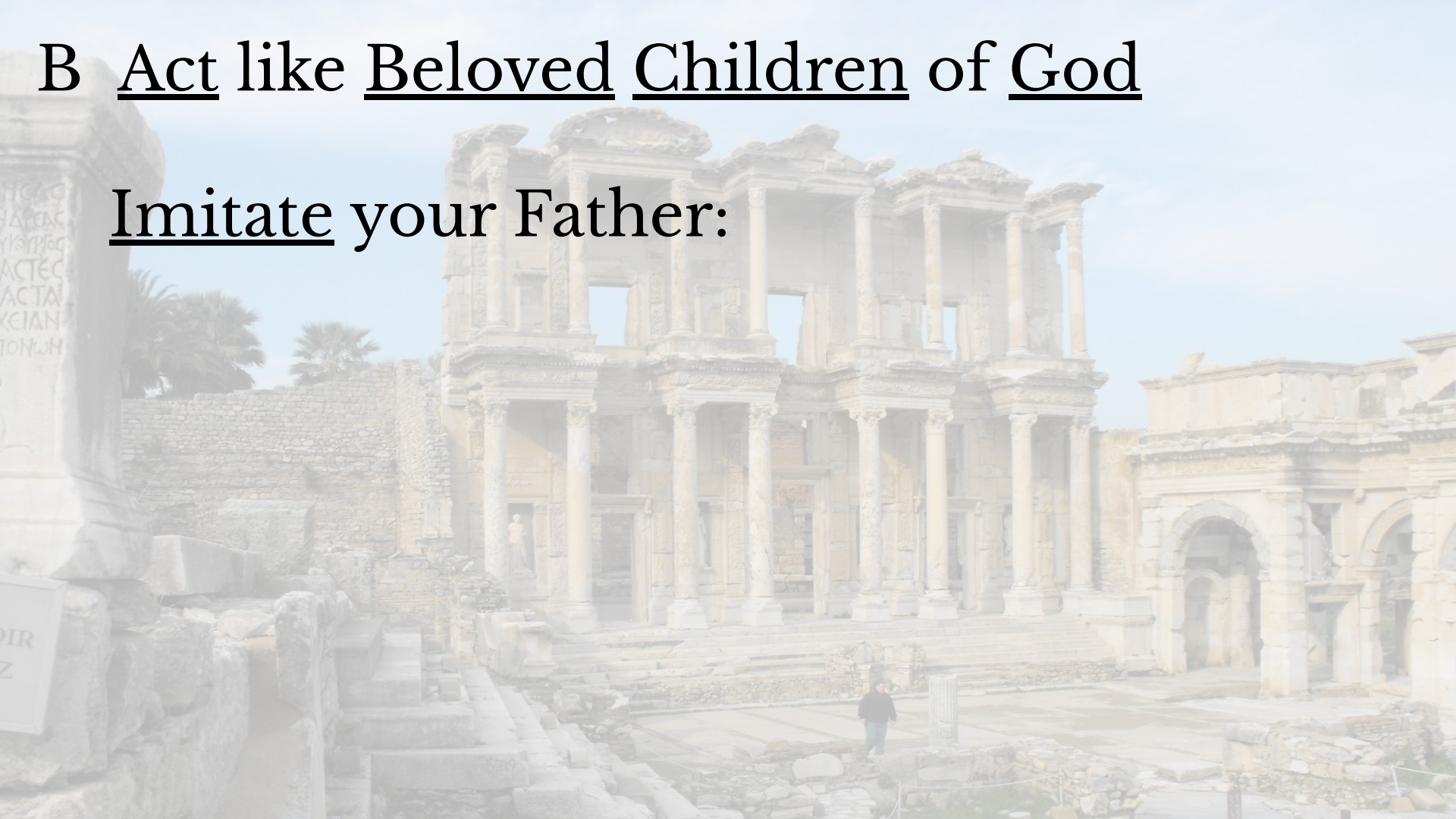


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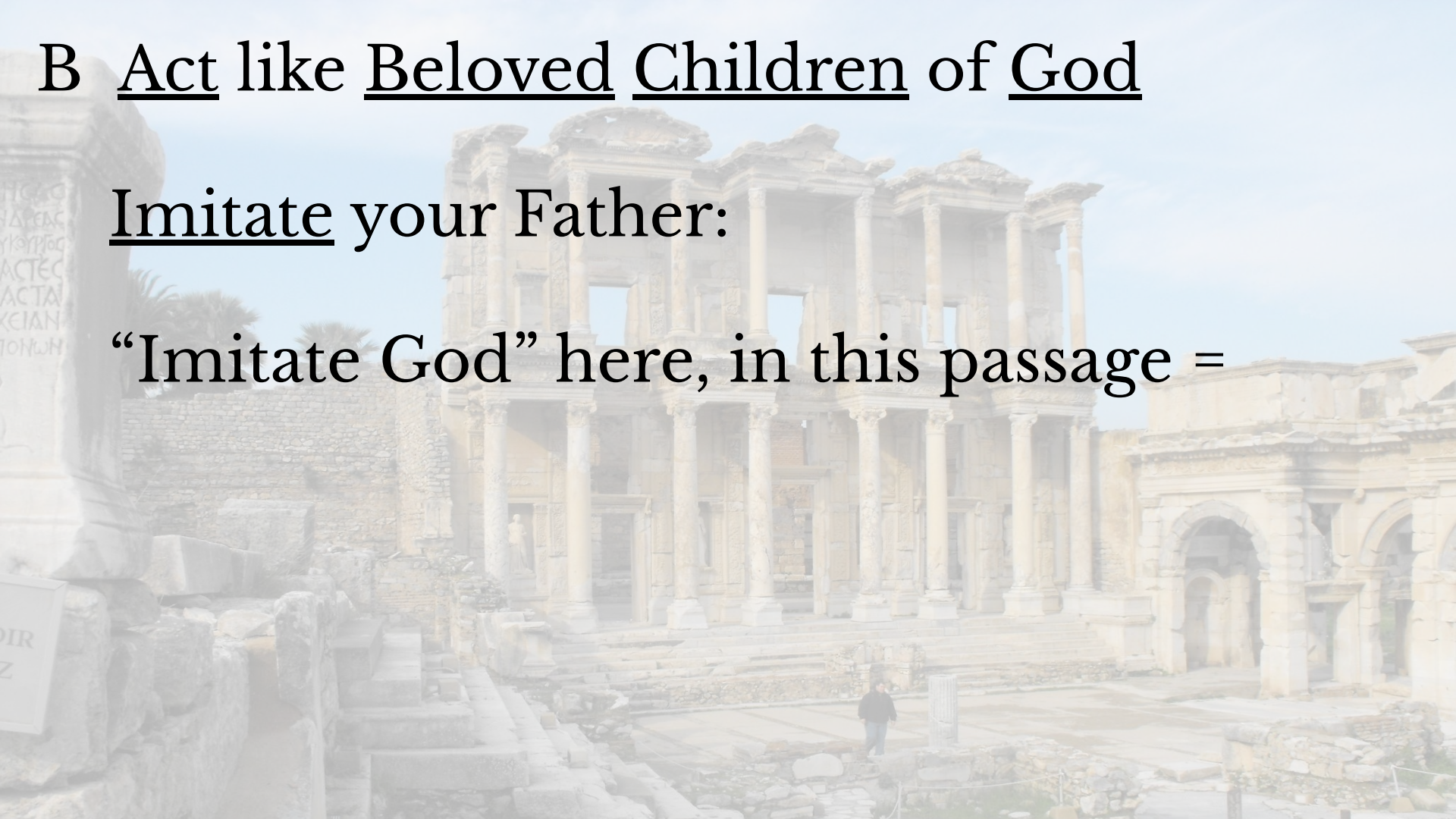
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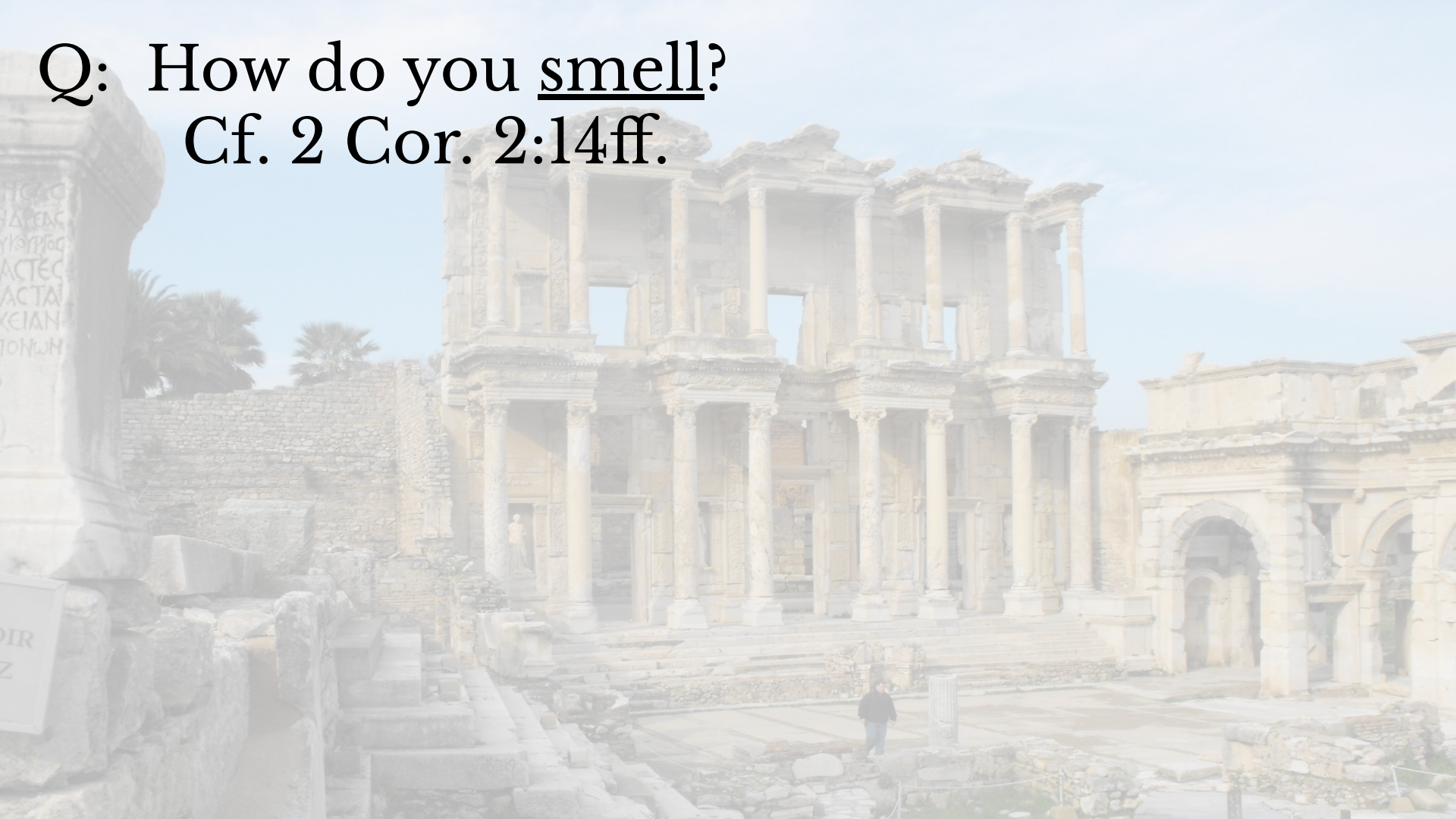
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Walk in self-sacrificing love
No greed, no coveting

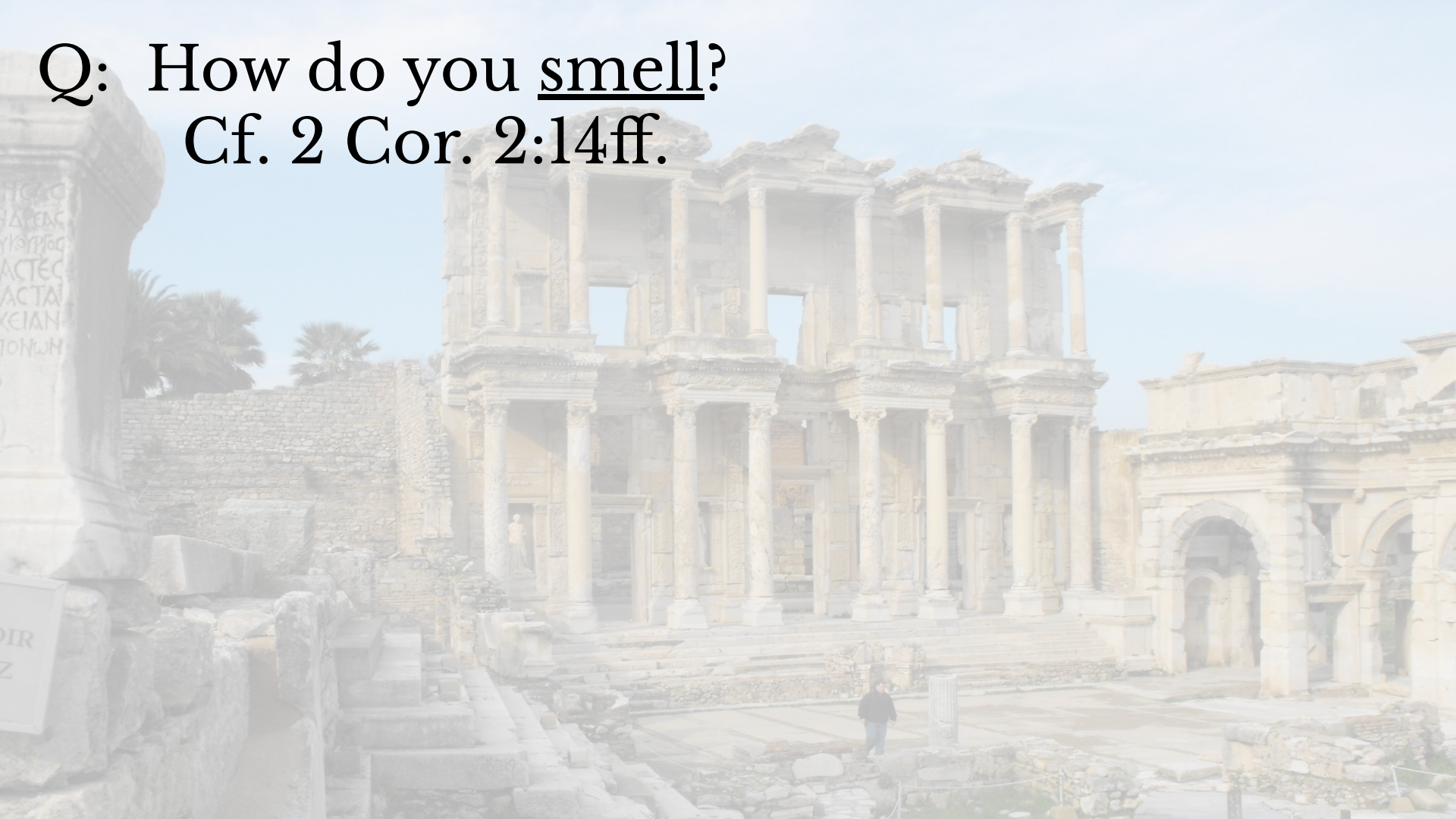
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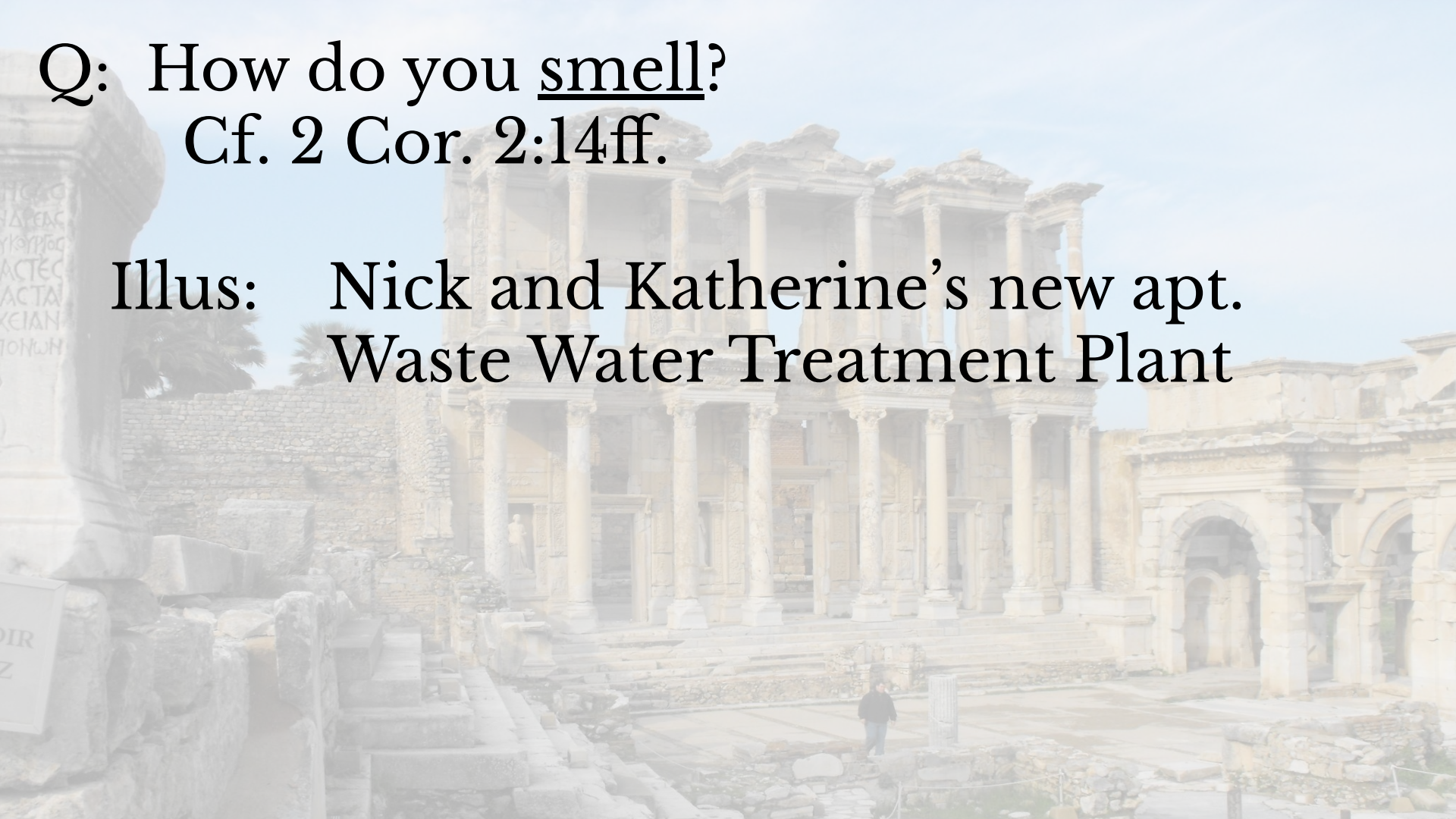
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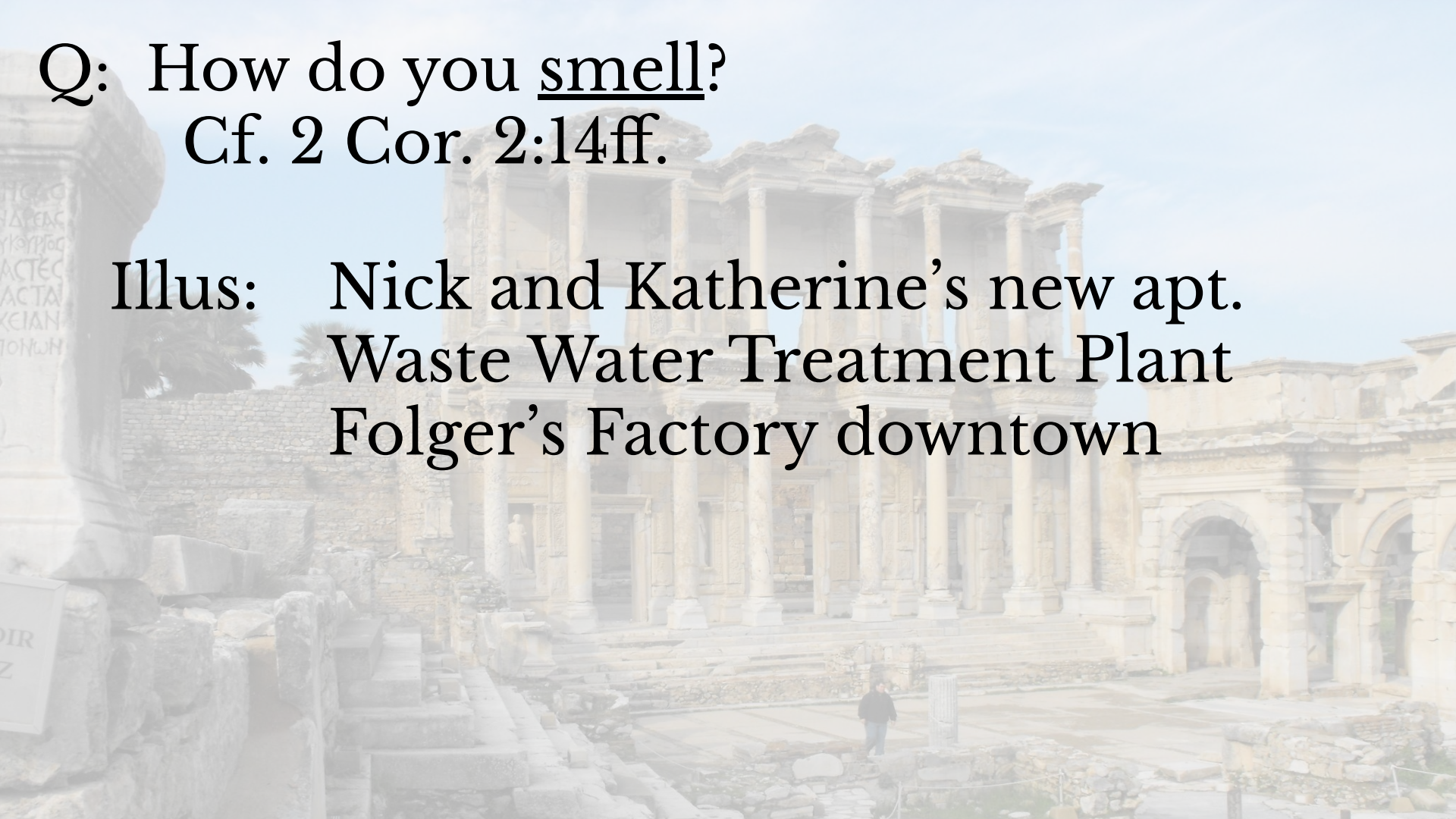
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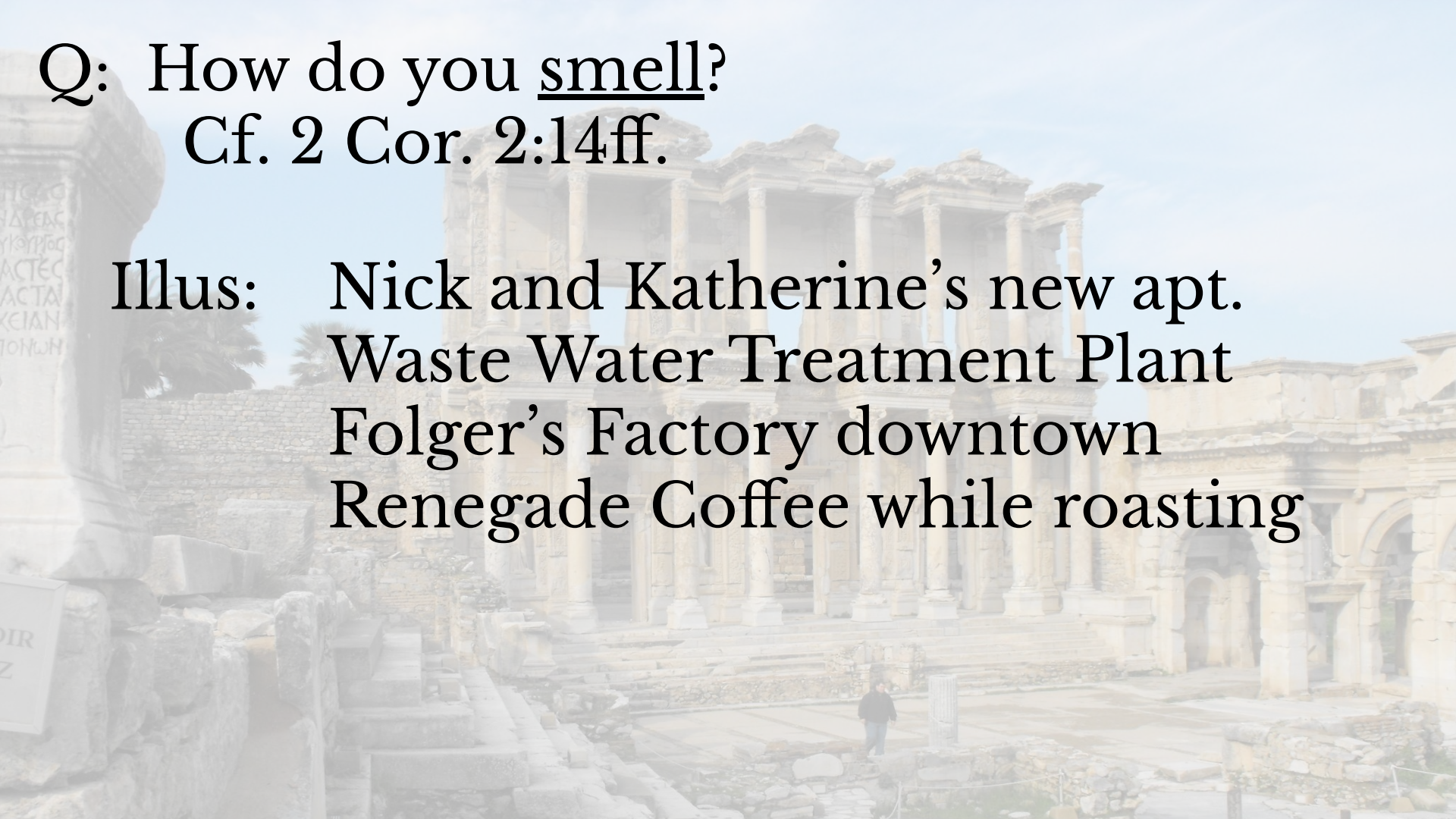
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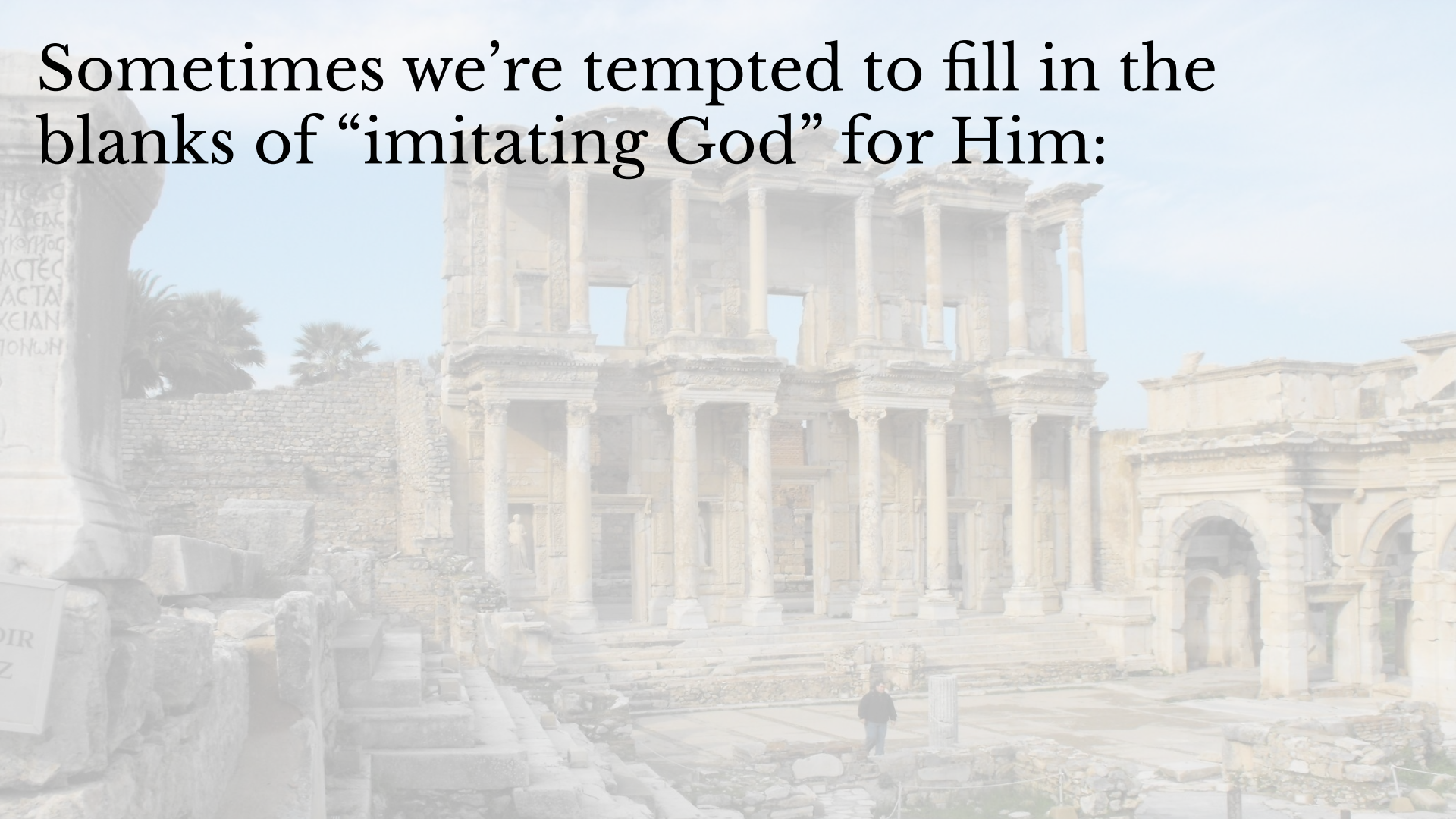


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Renegade Coffee while roasting

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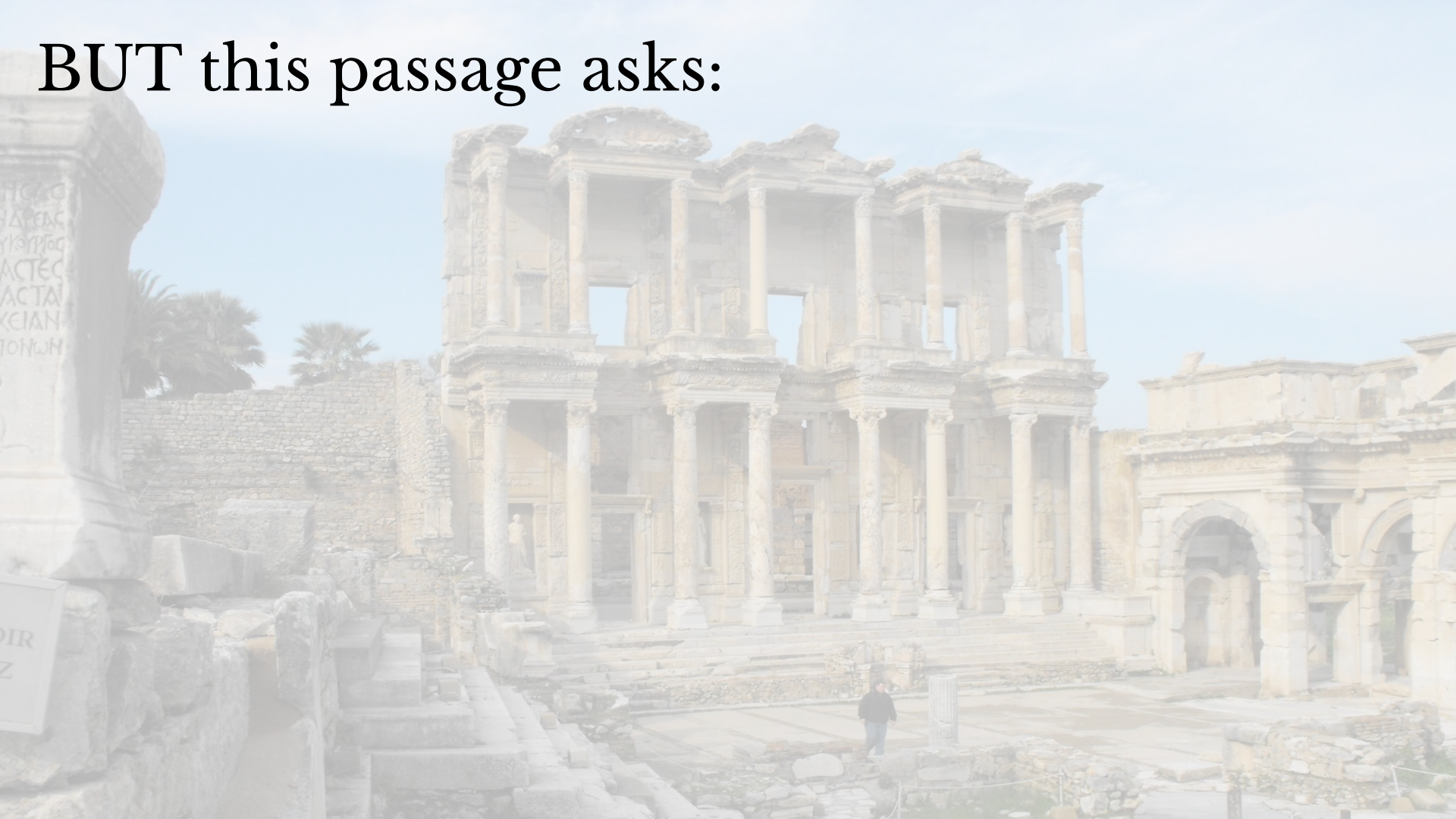




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I'm a moral person.
I have rid my life of wanton sin.
We're a decent family.
We're good people.
We treat each other well.
We don't use foul language.

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Have you offered your life up for others?
Have you made a sacrifice of your
comforts, your pleasures,
your contentment... for others?
Are you living a life of sacrificial love?

“We will live a life of purity.”

“We will live a life of righteousness.”

“We will live a life of morality.”

“We will live a life of propriety.”

“We will live a life of austerity.”

“We will live a life of poverty.”



But a life of LOVE?

Self-denial
Sacrifice

FOR OTHERS.

Not just self-denial and poverty for the
sake of being poor and living humbly.

But living for others' sake?