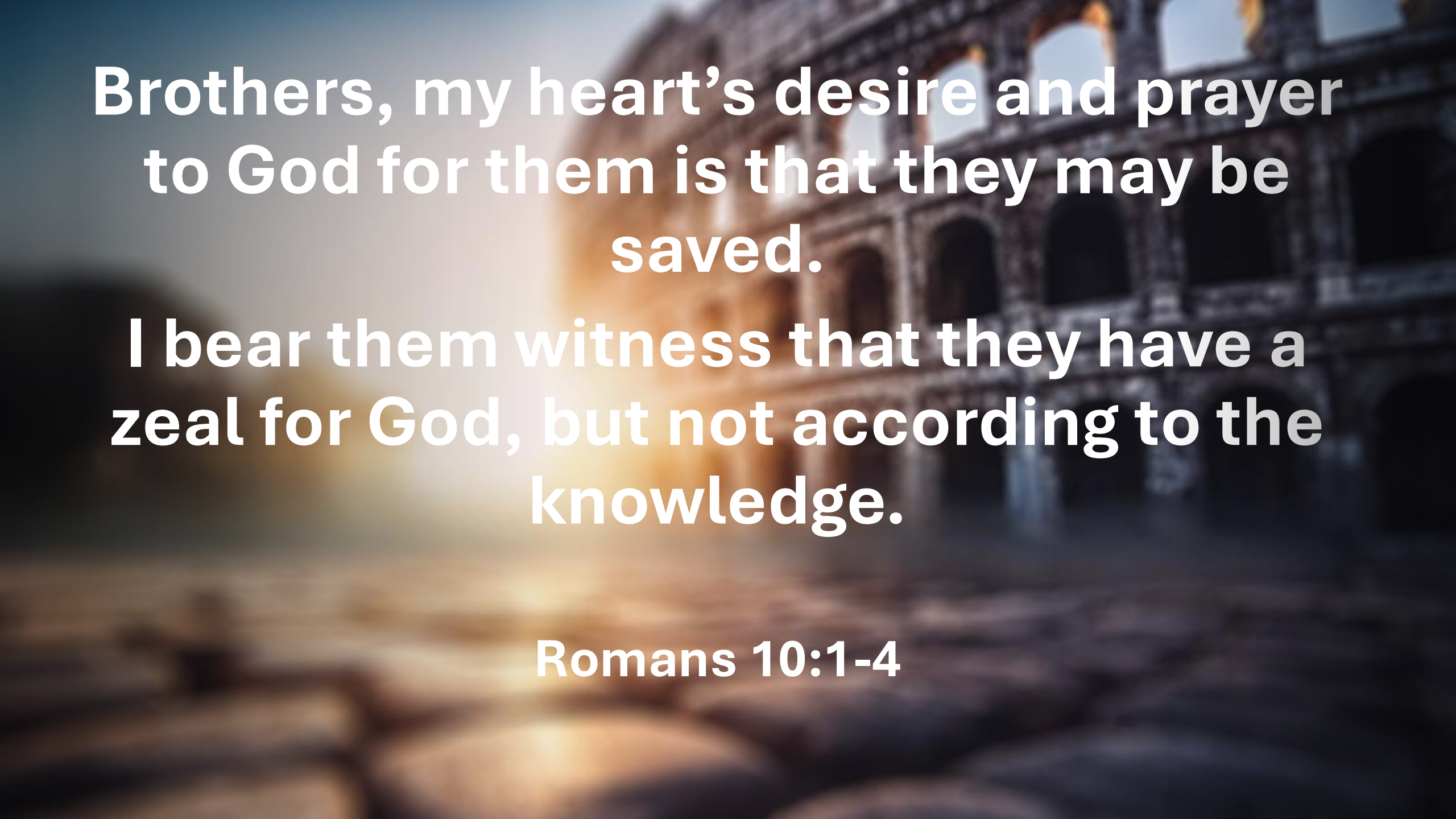


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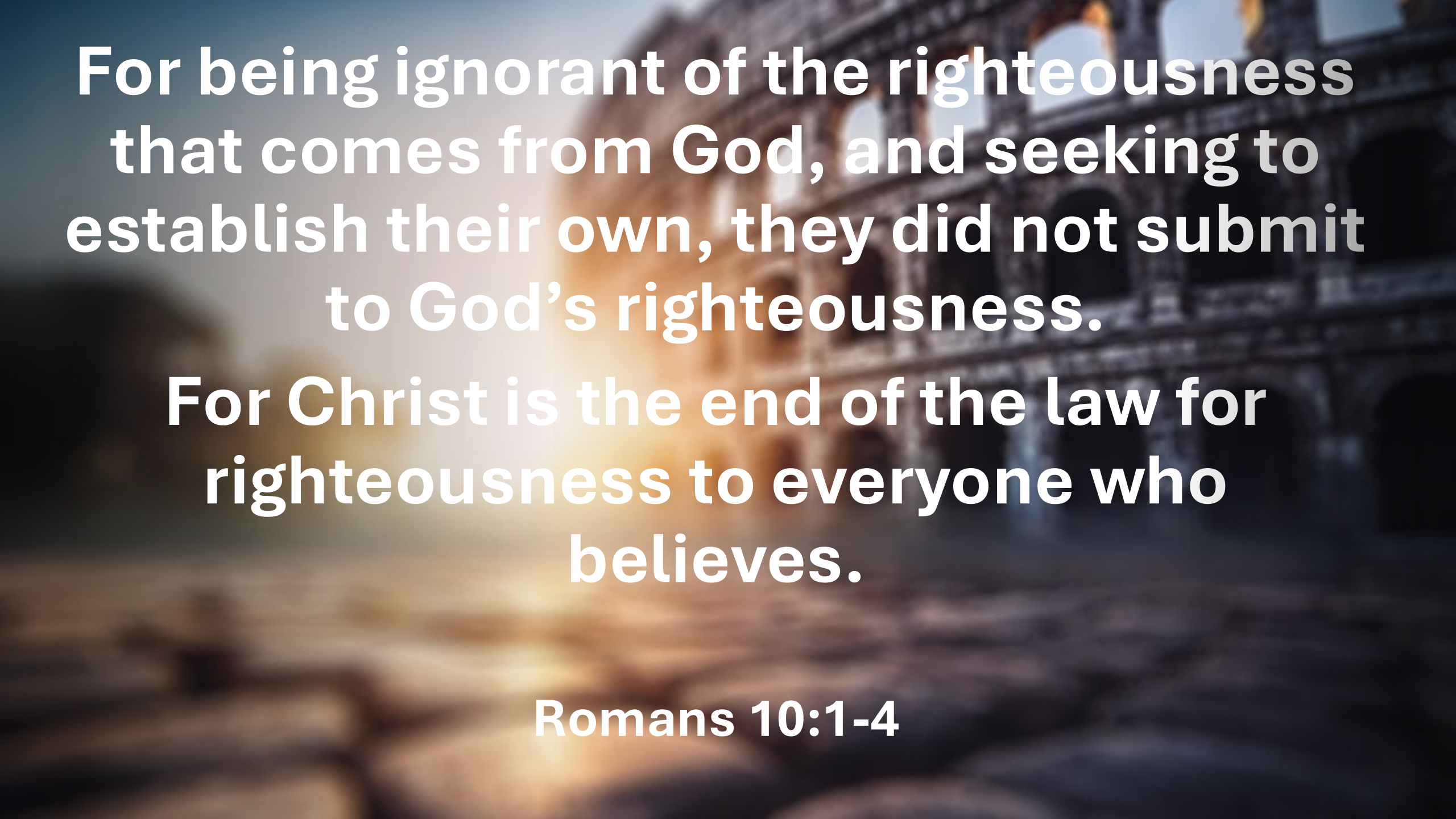
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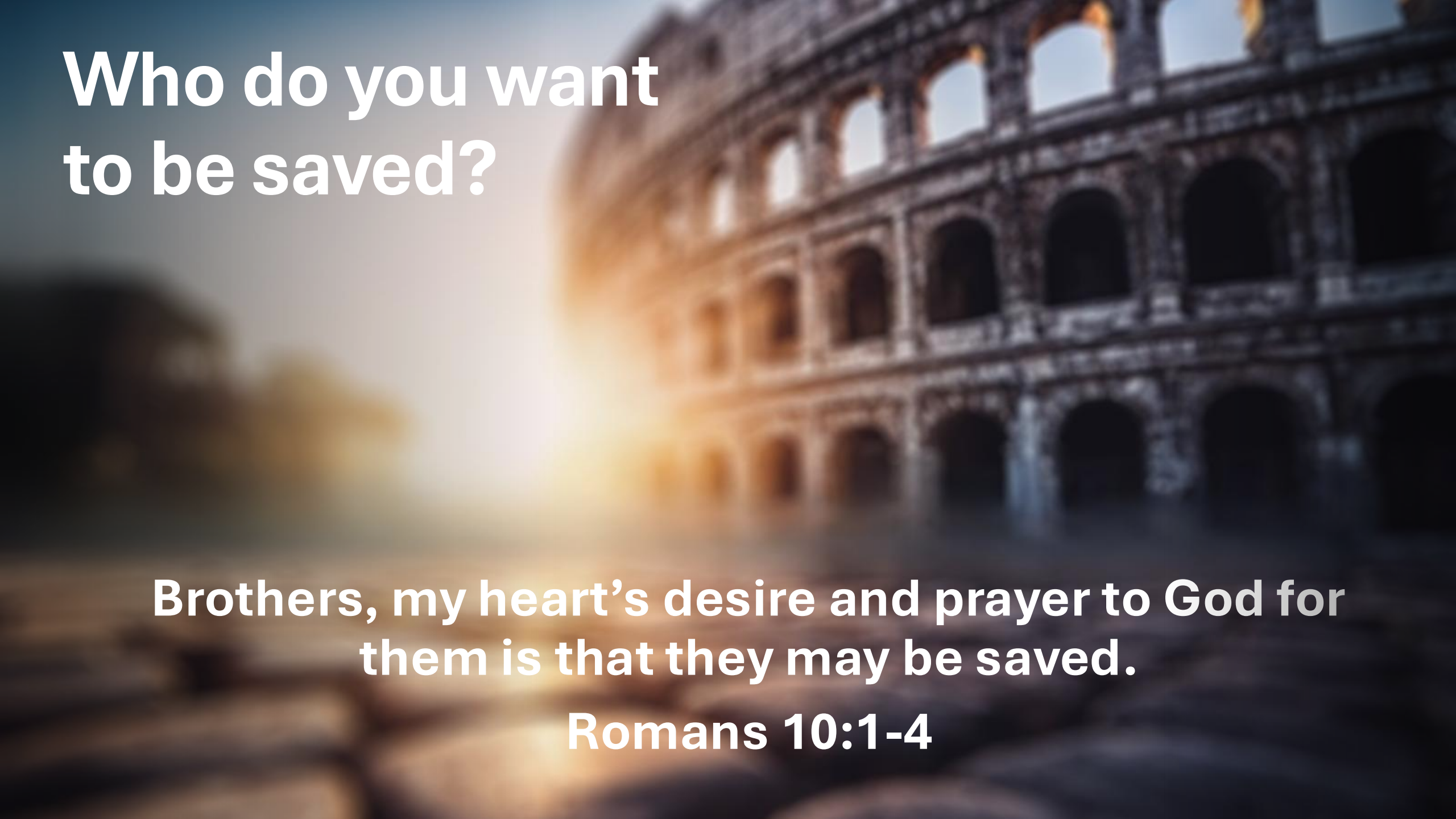
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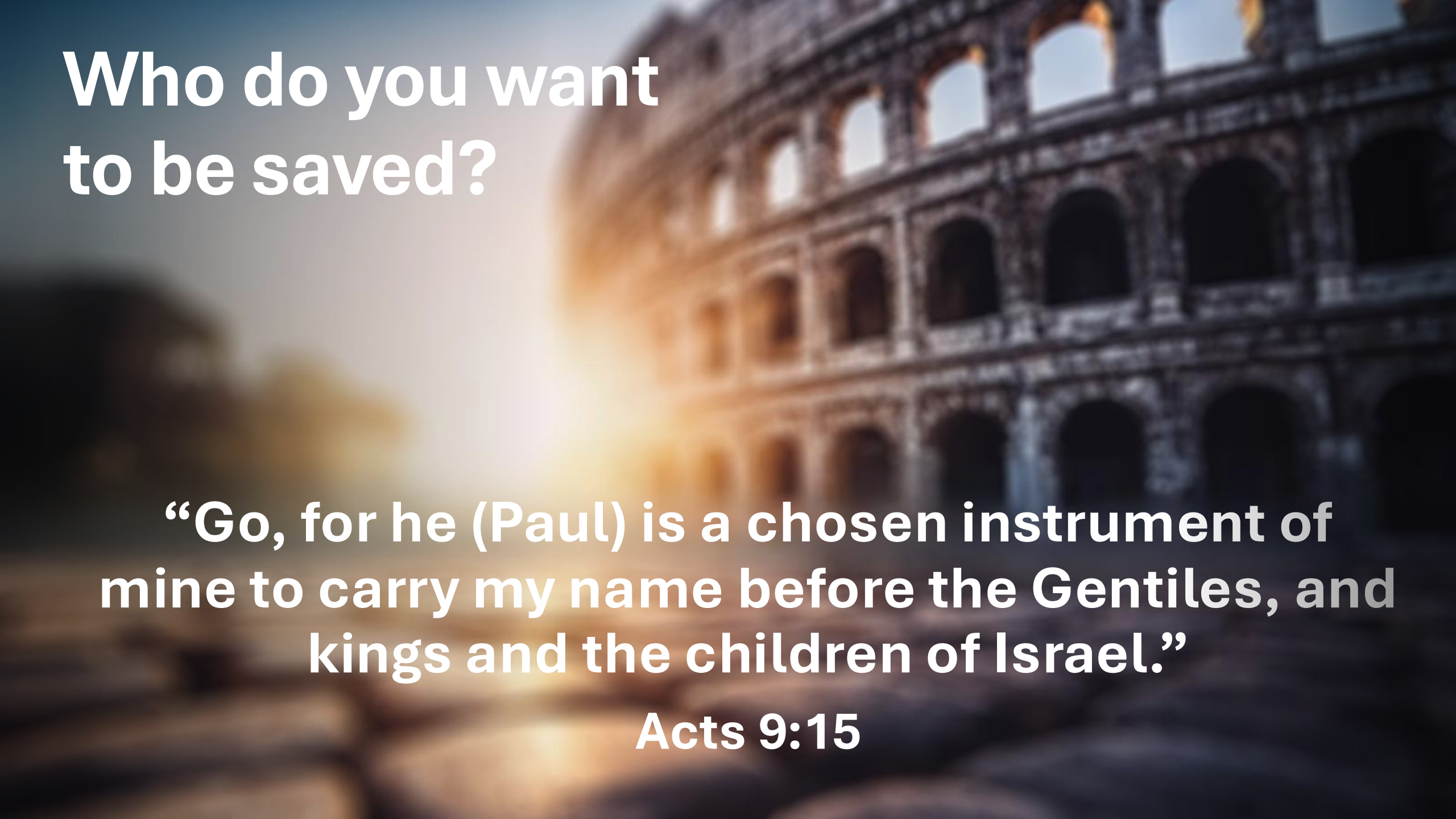
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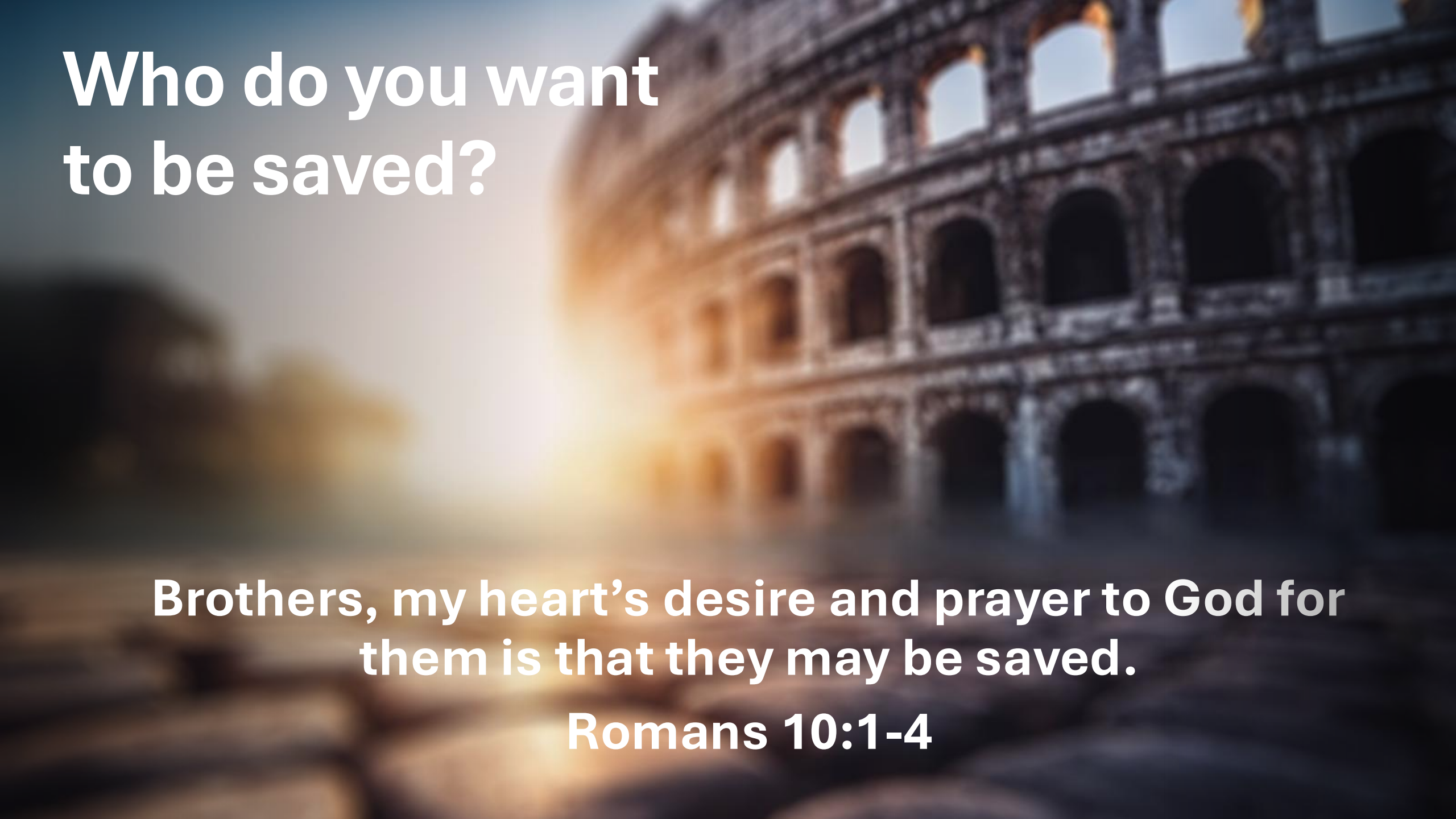
**“Go, for he (Paul) is a chosen instrument of
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kings and the children of Israel.”**

Acts 9:15





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The Desire of Paul's heart

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The Desire of our hearts?

**Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give
you the desires of your heart.**

Psalms 37:4

The Desire of our hearts?

“Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

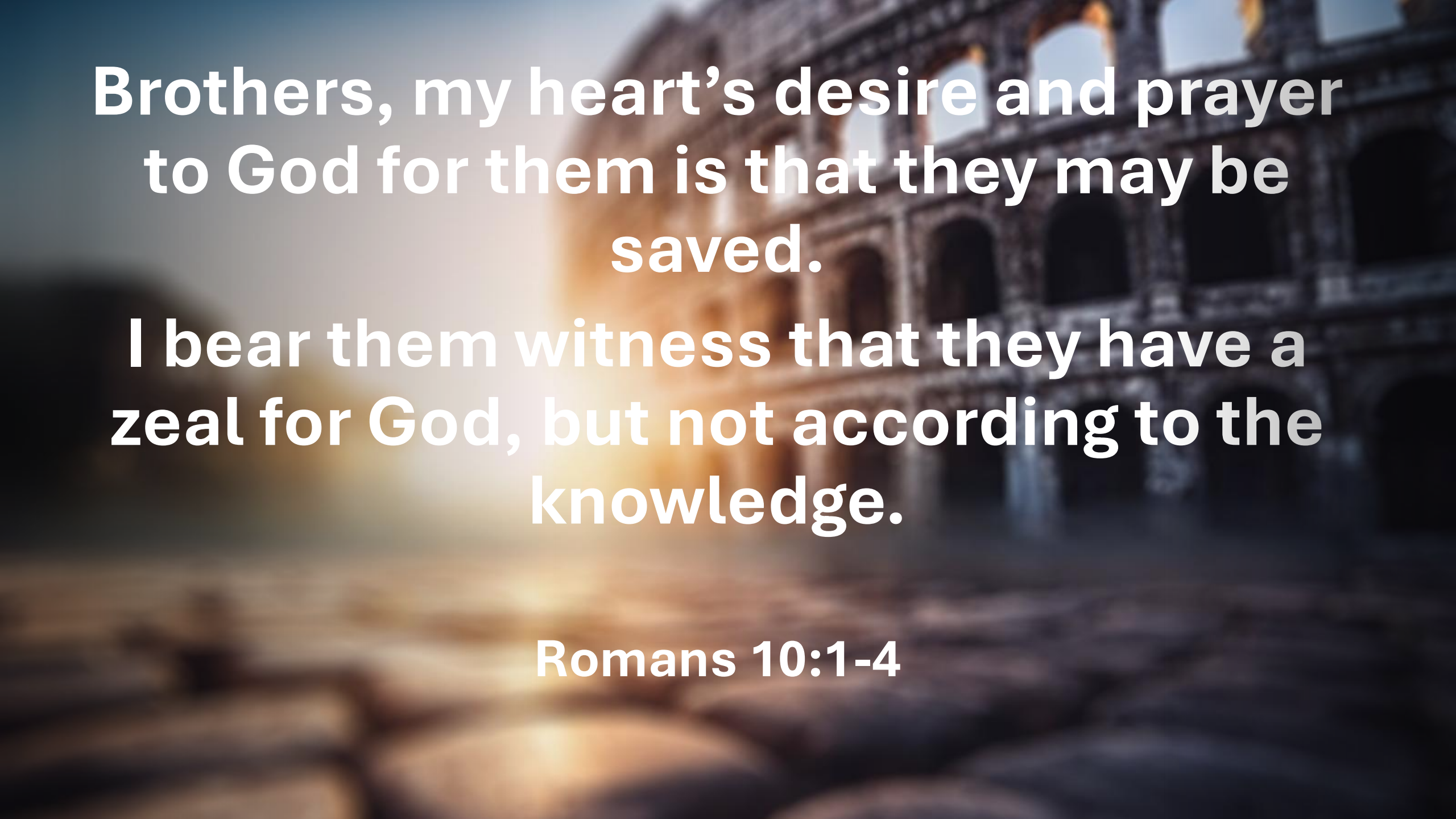
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- Have you made this desire a part of your prayer life?

The prayers of a righteous man has great power...

James 5

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...put no confidence in the flesh—though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more.

Philippians 3

The Zealousness of Paul

- Circumcised on the eighth day
- Of the stock of Israel
- Of the tribe of Benjamin
- Hebrew of Hebrews
- A Pharisee
- A zealous persecutor of the church
- Blameless before the Law

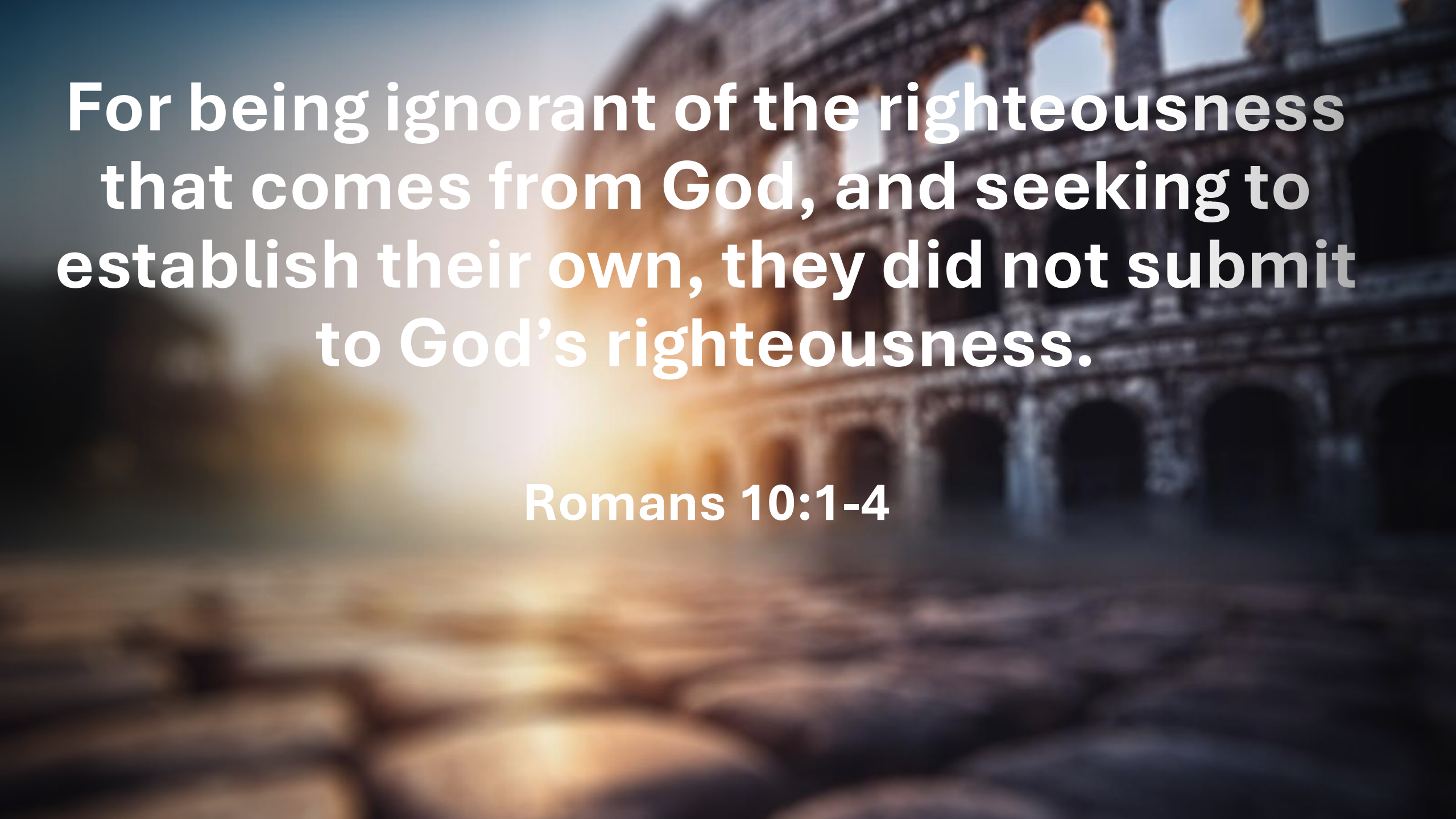
The Righteousness of Paul

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—

Philippians 3:7-9

St. Augustine

**It is better even to limp in the right direction
than to run with all your might in the wrong
direction**

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David Jeremiah

“One of the saddest things in all the world is to see people who are steeped in religion but do not know God. And don’t misunderstand—this isn’t a “smart vs. dumb” issue. It has nothing to do with intelligence. It has everything to do with responding to God with a heart that wants to know and do His will...Head knowledge without heart readiness is a dangerous thing.”

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IV. Paul's Invitation to gospel faith

For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit

Romans 8:3-4

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