



ROMANS

THE ROAD OF FAITH



The Olive Tree

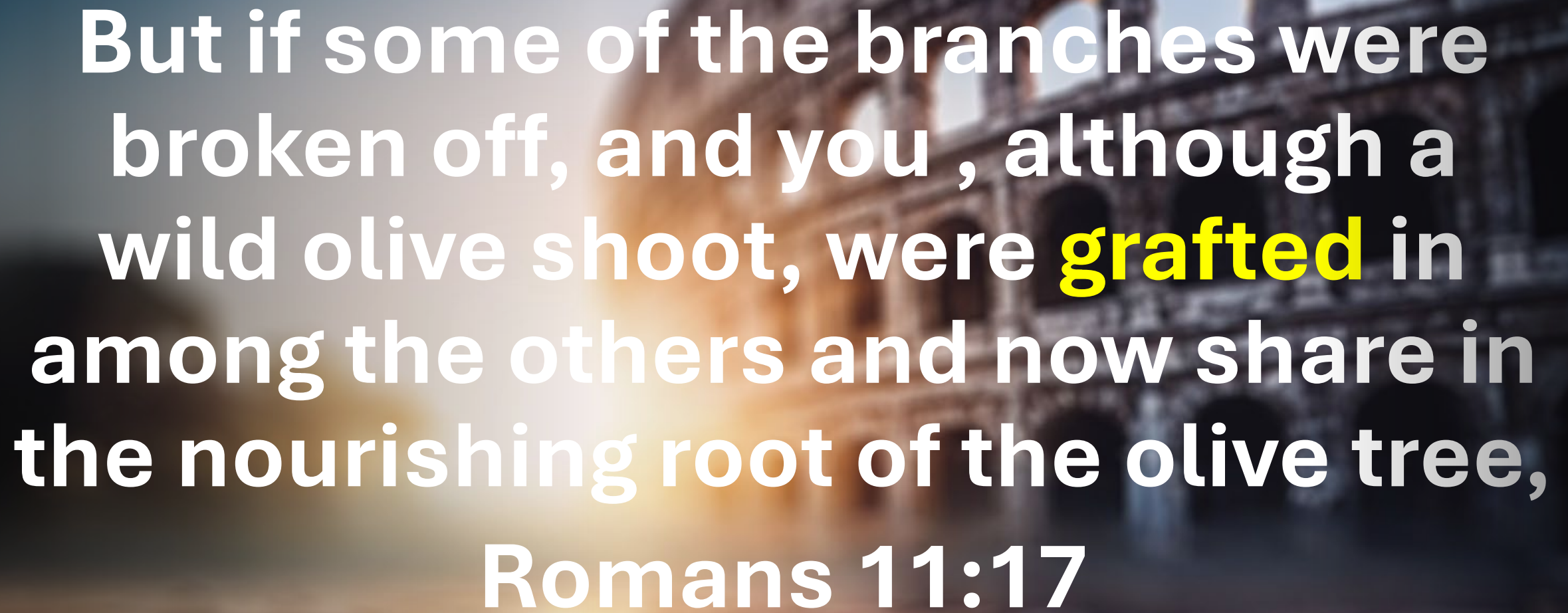
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Romans 11:24



**Now, I am speaking to you Gentiles.
Inasmuch then as I am an apostle
to the Gentiles...**

Romans 11:13



But if some of the branches were
broken off, and you , although a
wild olive shoot, were **grafted** in
among the others and now share in
the nourishing root of the olive tree,
Romans 11:17



Natural Branch

Wild Branch



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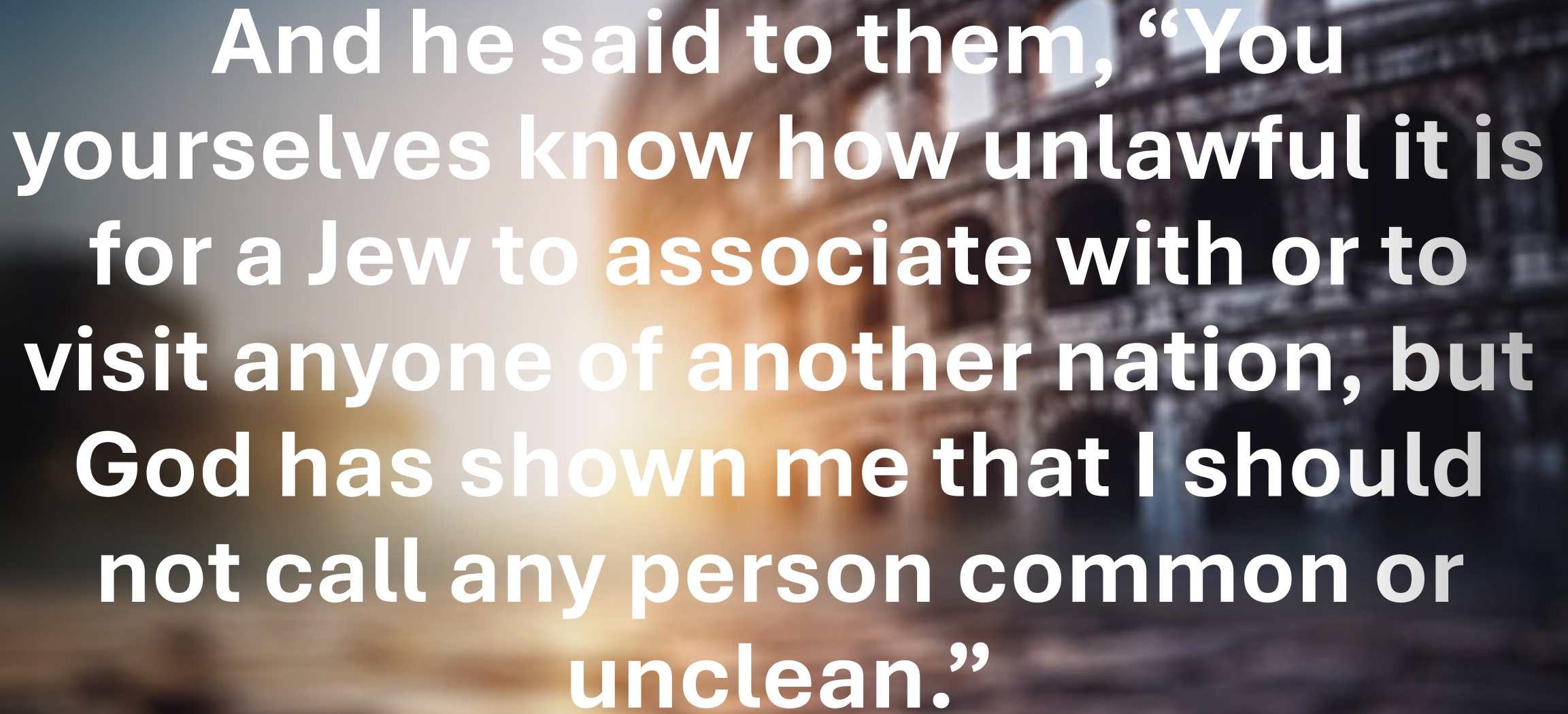
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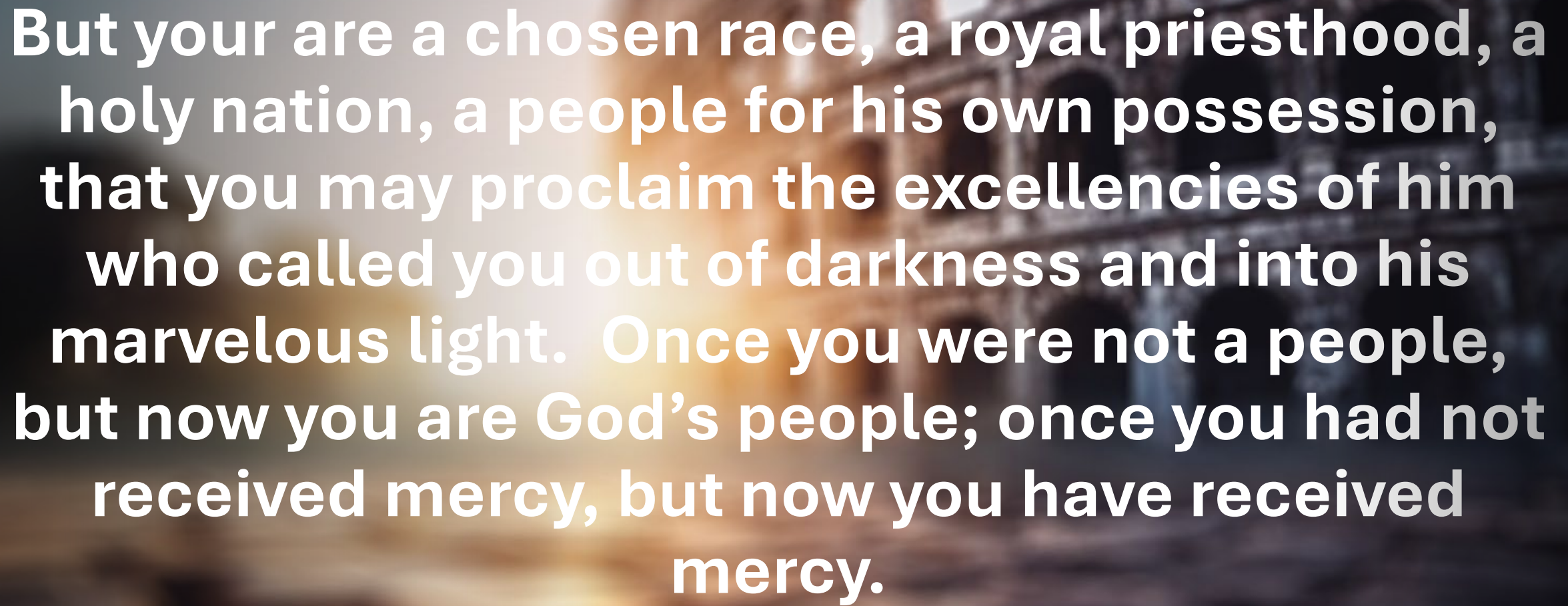
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- 4. The Gentiles are wild**



And he said to them, “You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation, but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean.”

Acts 10:28



But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness and into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2:9-10



Do not be arrogant toward the
branches. If you are, **remember** it
is not you who support the root, but
the root who supports you.

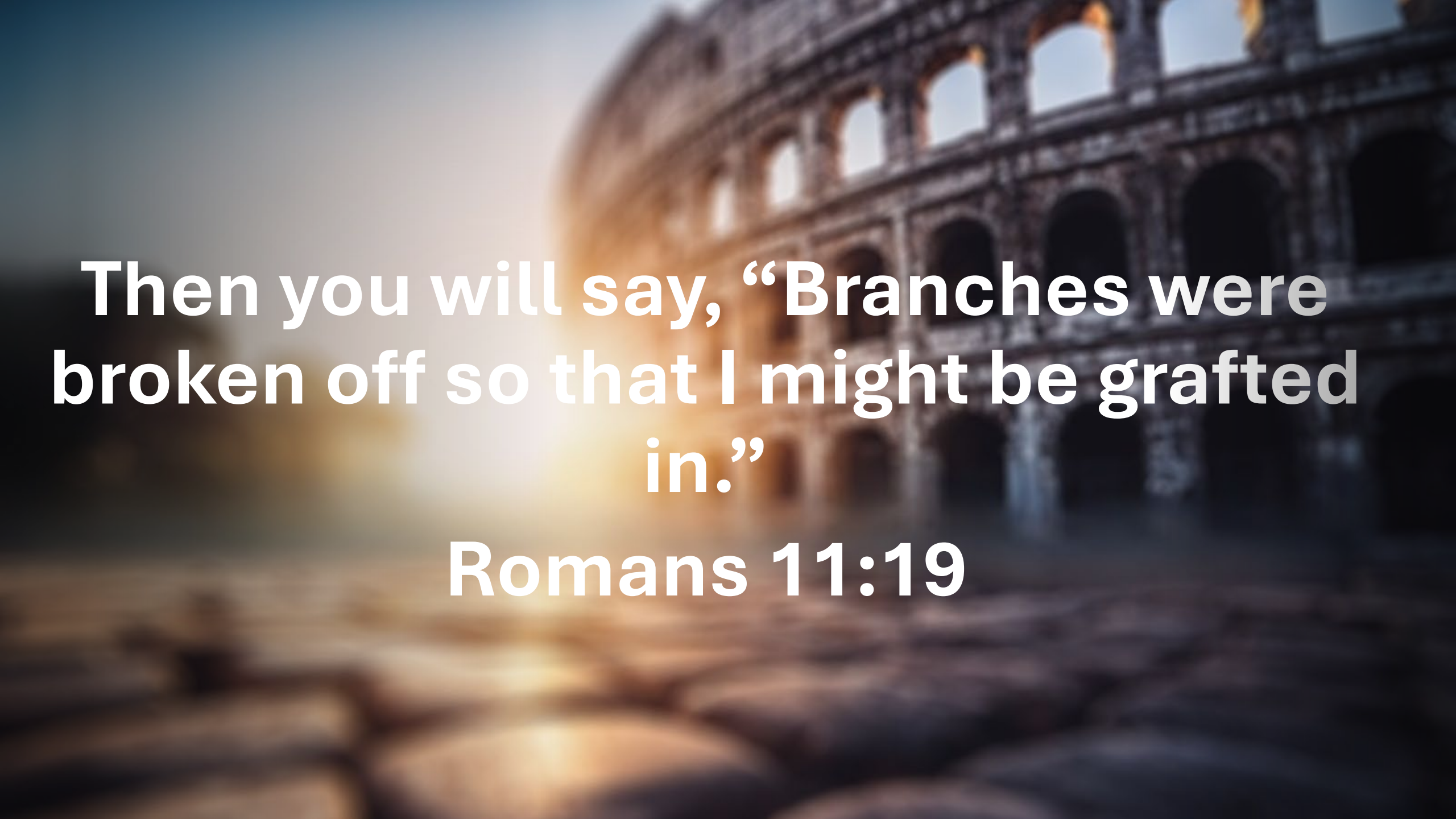
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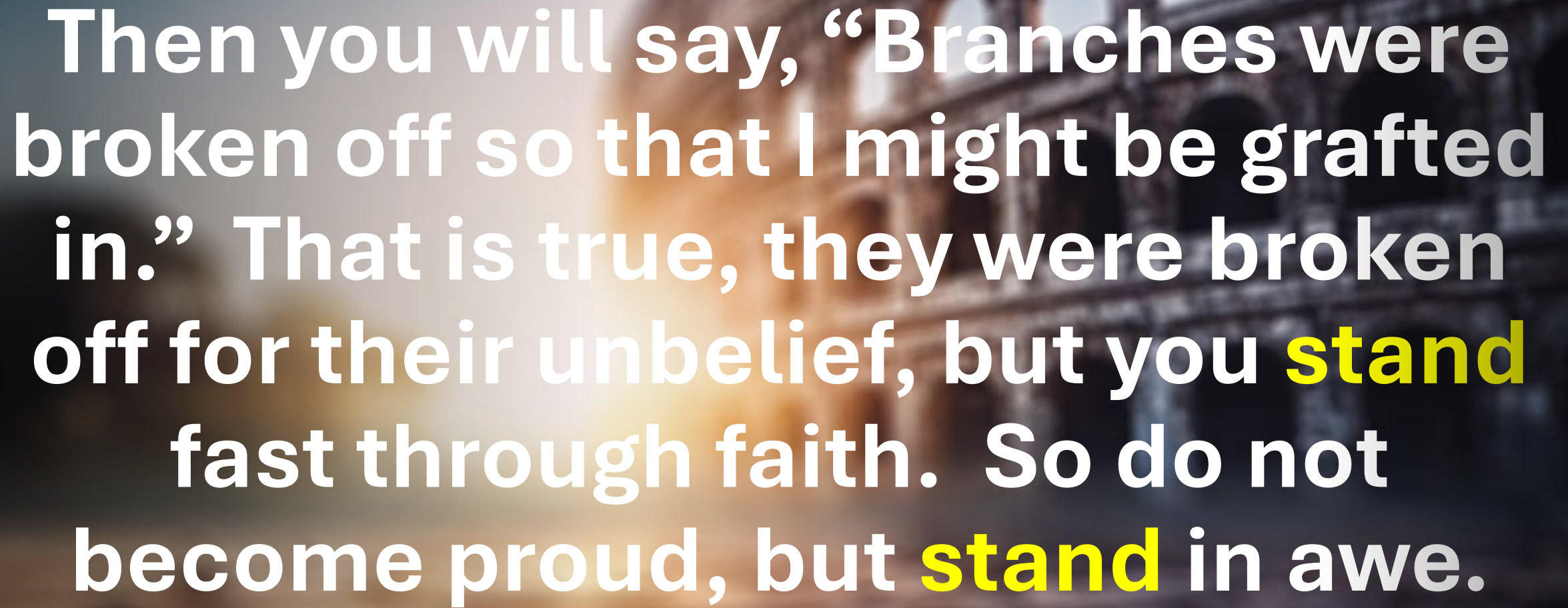
A background image of the Colosseum in Rome, Italy, during sunset. The warm, golden light of the setting sun creates a strong lens flare effect on the left side of the frame, illuminating the ancient stone structure. The Colosseum's iconic tiered arches are visible, with some sections appearing to be in ruins or partially collapsed. The sky is a soft gradient of blue and orange.

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in.”**

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Then you will say, “Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.” That is true, they were broken off for their unbelief, but you **stand** fast through faith. So do not become proud, but **stand** in awe.

Romans 11:19-20

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***Because God may not spare you.**



**For if God did not spare the natural
branches, neither will he spare you.**

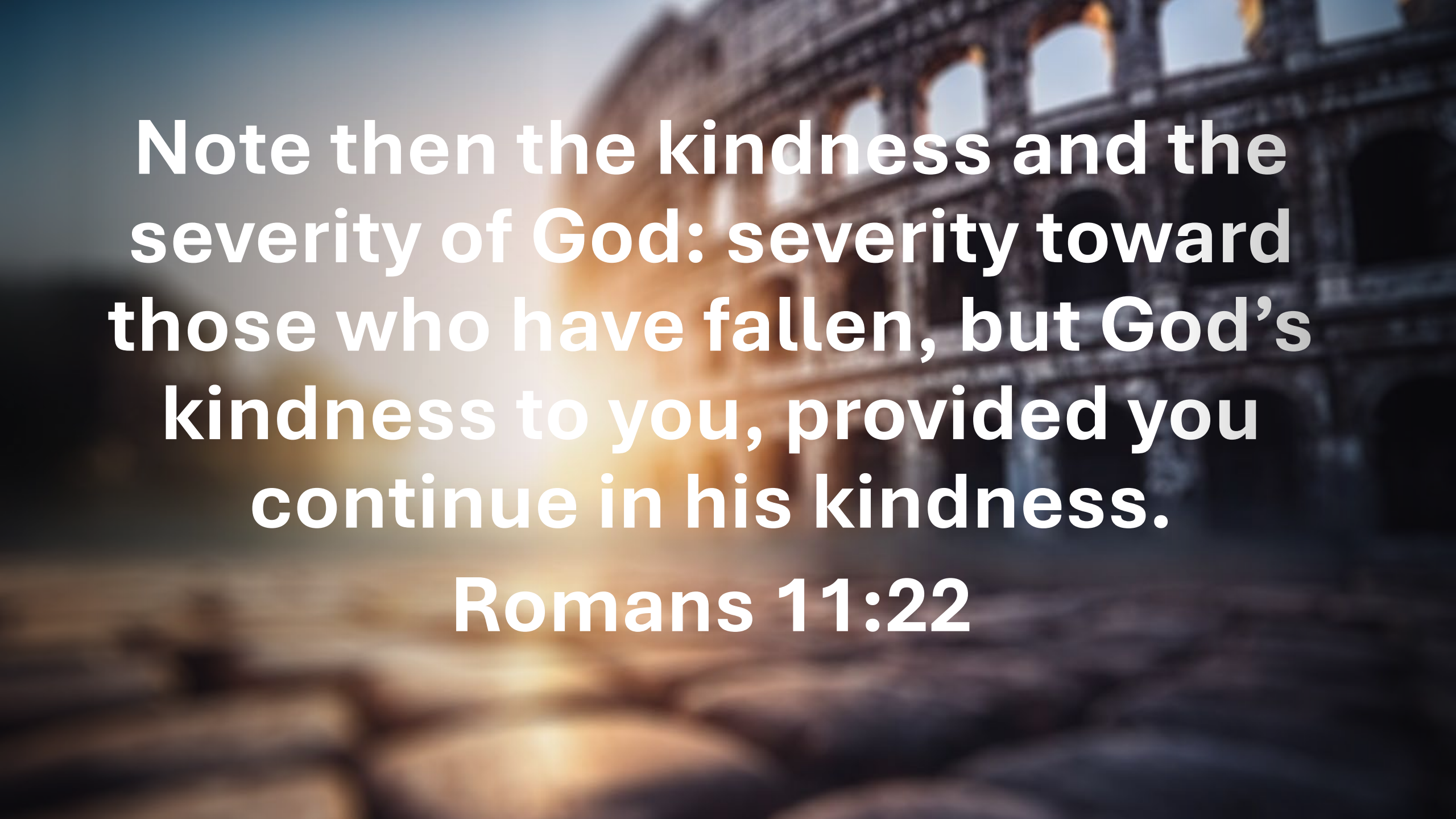
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A photograph of the Colosseum in Rome, Italy, during sunset. The warm, golden light of the setting sun creates a strong lens flare and illuminates the ancient stone structure. The Colosseum's iconic tiered arches are visible, with some windows glowing from interior lights. The foreground is dark and out of focus, showing the rough ground of the arena.

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The background of the image shows the ancient ruins of the Colosseum in Rome, with its iconic tiered arches visible. A bright, warm light flare emanates from the center-left, creating a soft glow and lens flare effect across the scene. The overall color palette is a mix of the warm tones of the light and the cool, muted blues and greys of the stone ruins.

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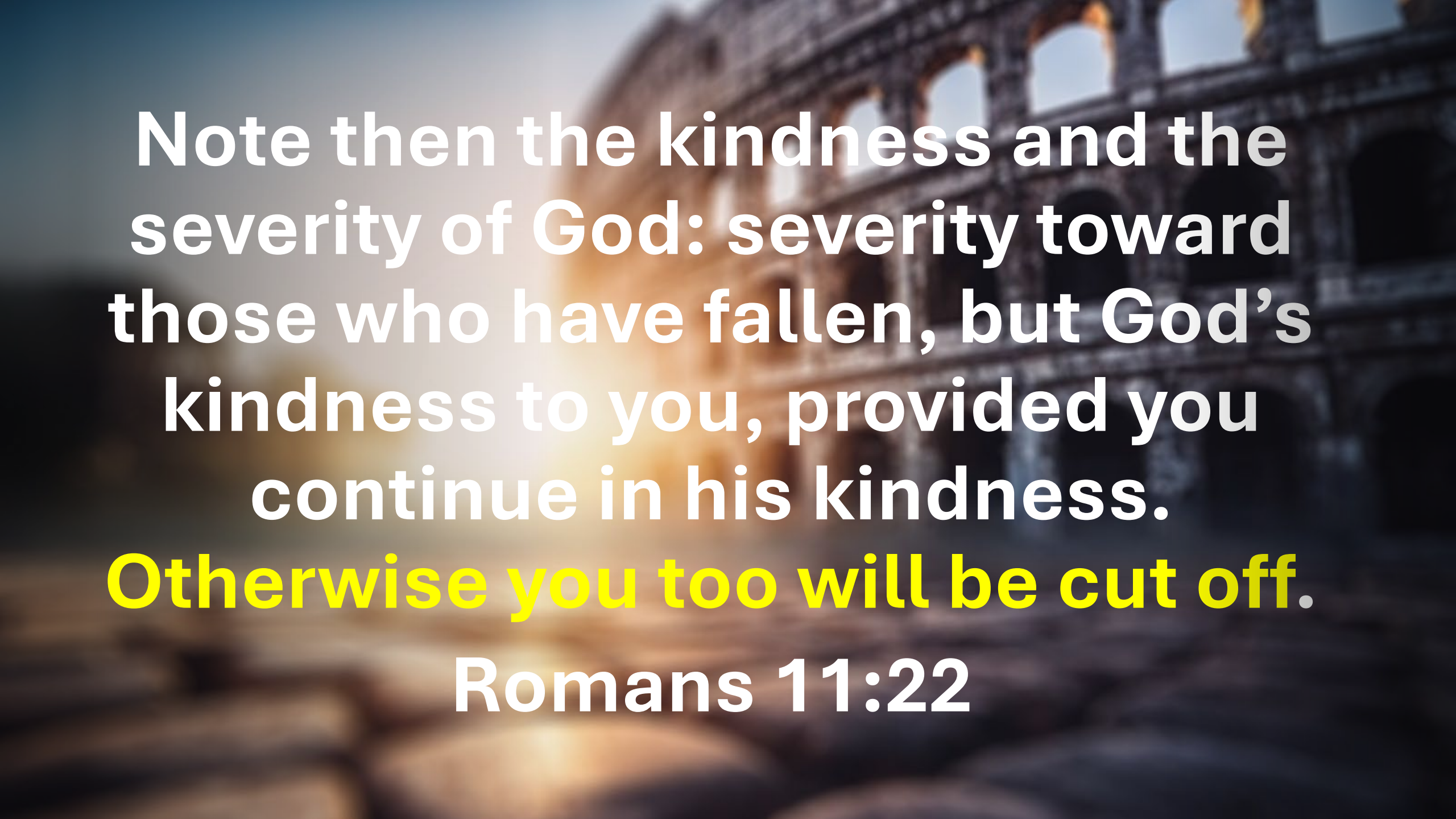
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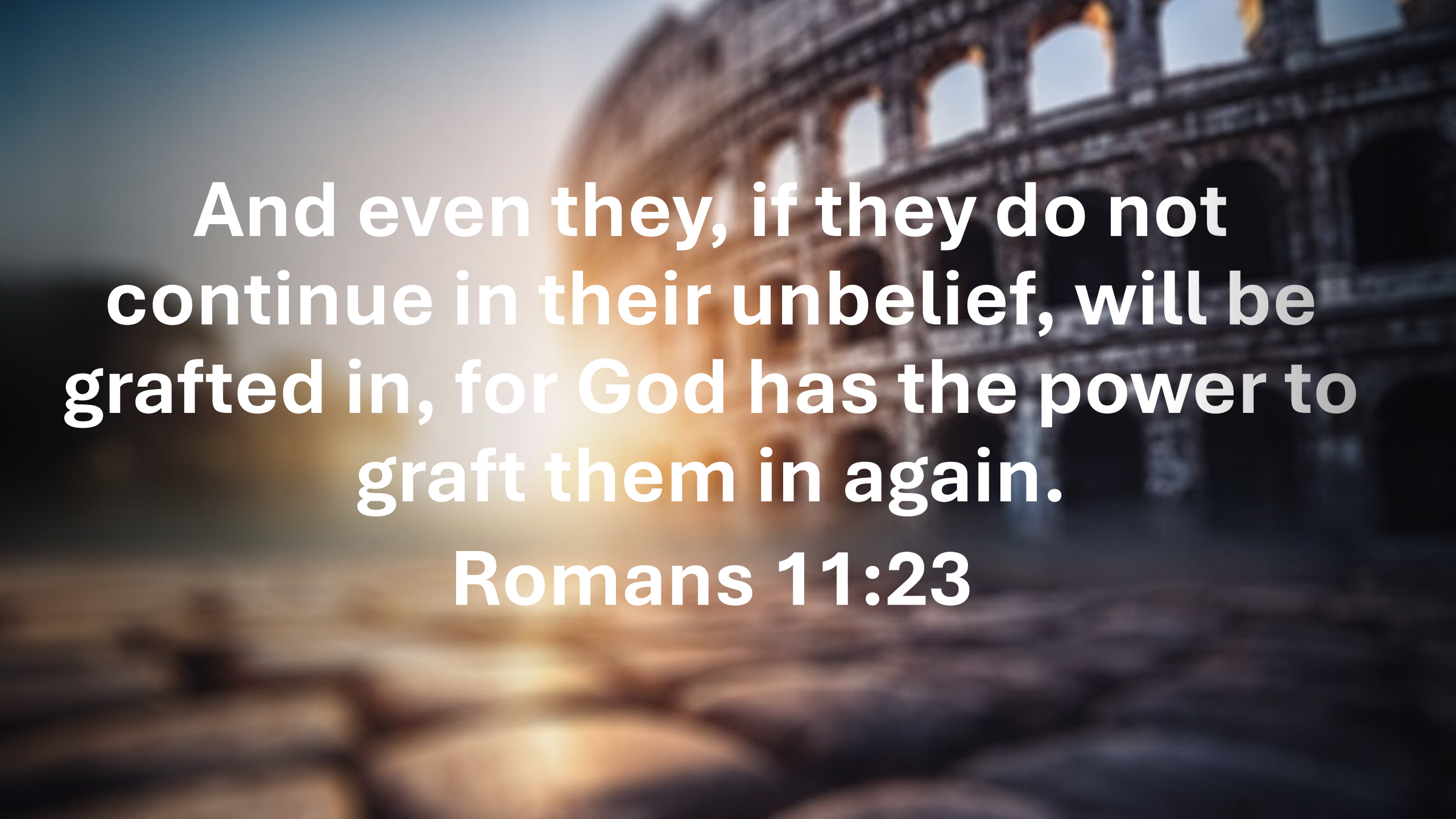
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Otherwise you too will be cut off.

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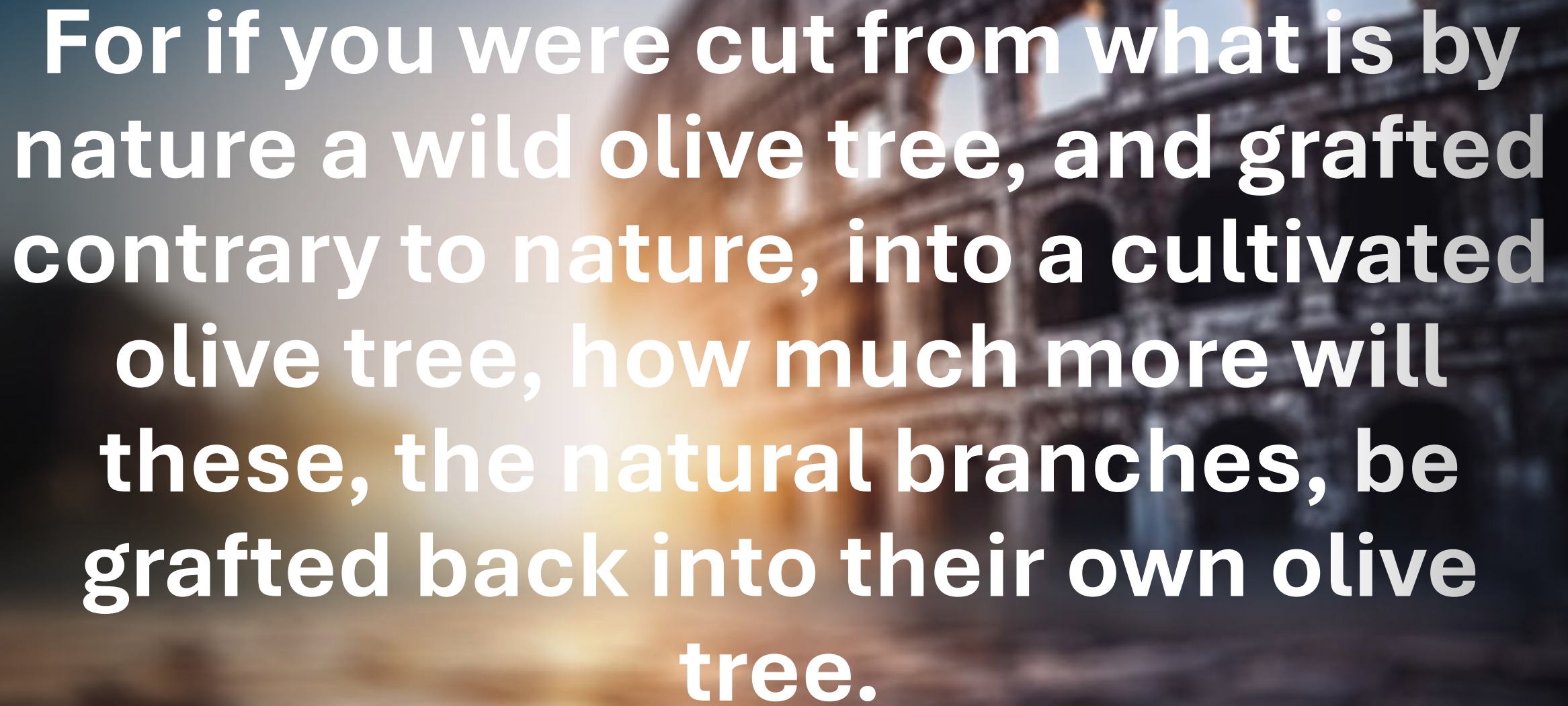


**And even they, if they do not
continue in their unbelief, will be
grafted in, for God has the power to
graft them in again.**

Romans 11:23

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1. God is Kind to you, provided you **continue**
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4. God can bring Israel back (full inclusion)
 - *He has the power
 - *Depends on belief
 - *It's easier



**For if you were cut from what is by
nature a wild olive tree, and grafted
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these, the natural branches, be
grafted back into their own olive
tree.**

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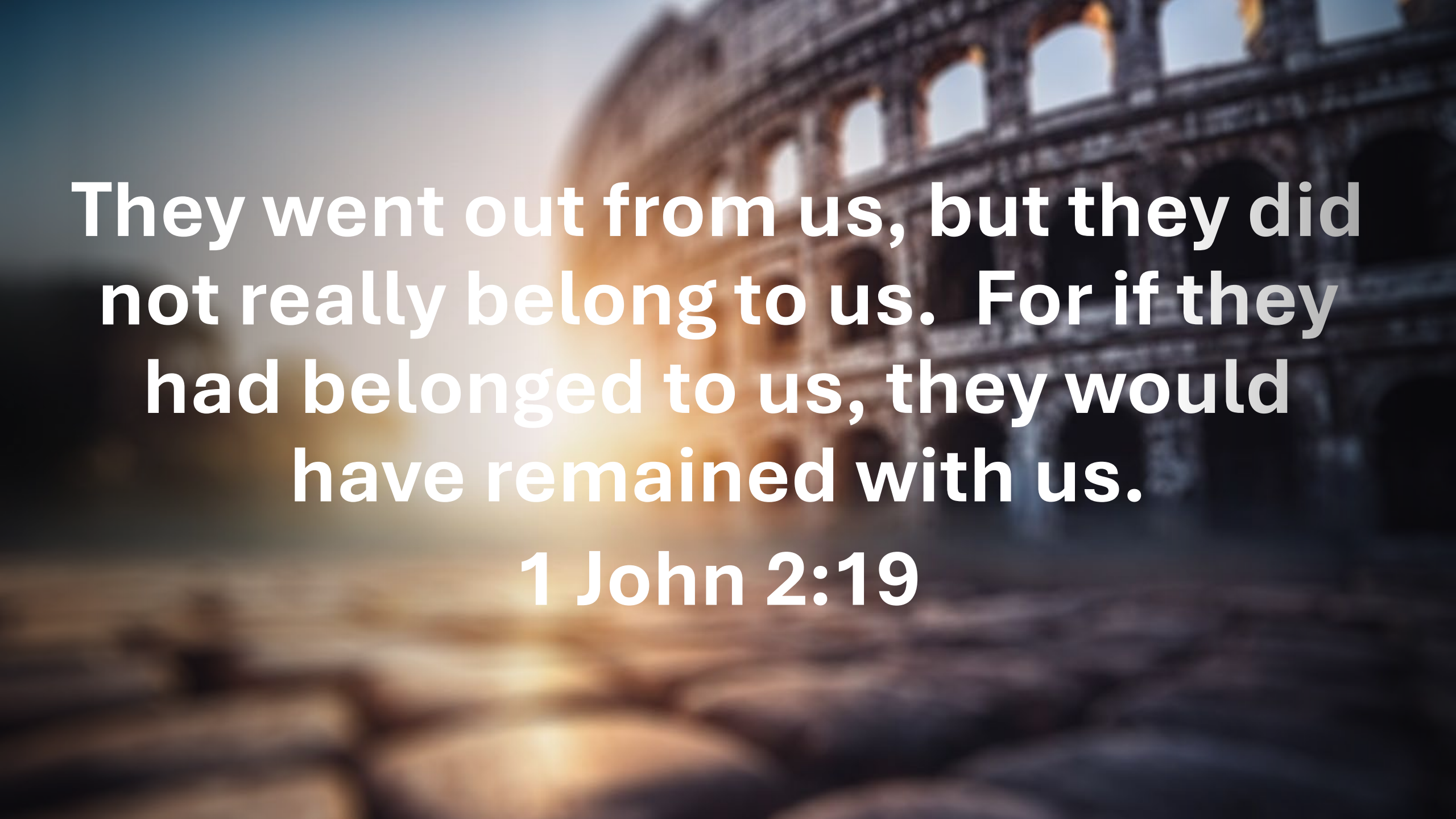
Kent Hughes

It will be so natural for Israel to return to health because she originally came from a productive tree. If God could engraft wild branches like you and me, how much more a natural branch! Lewis put it this way:

‘In a sense, the converted Jew is the only normal human being in the world. Everyone else is, from one point of view, a special case dealt with under emergency conditions.’

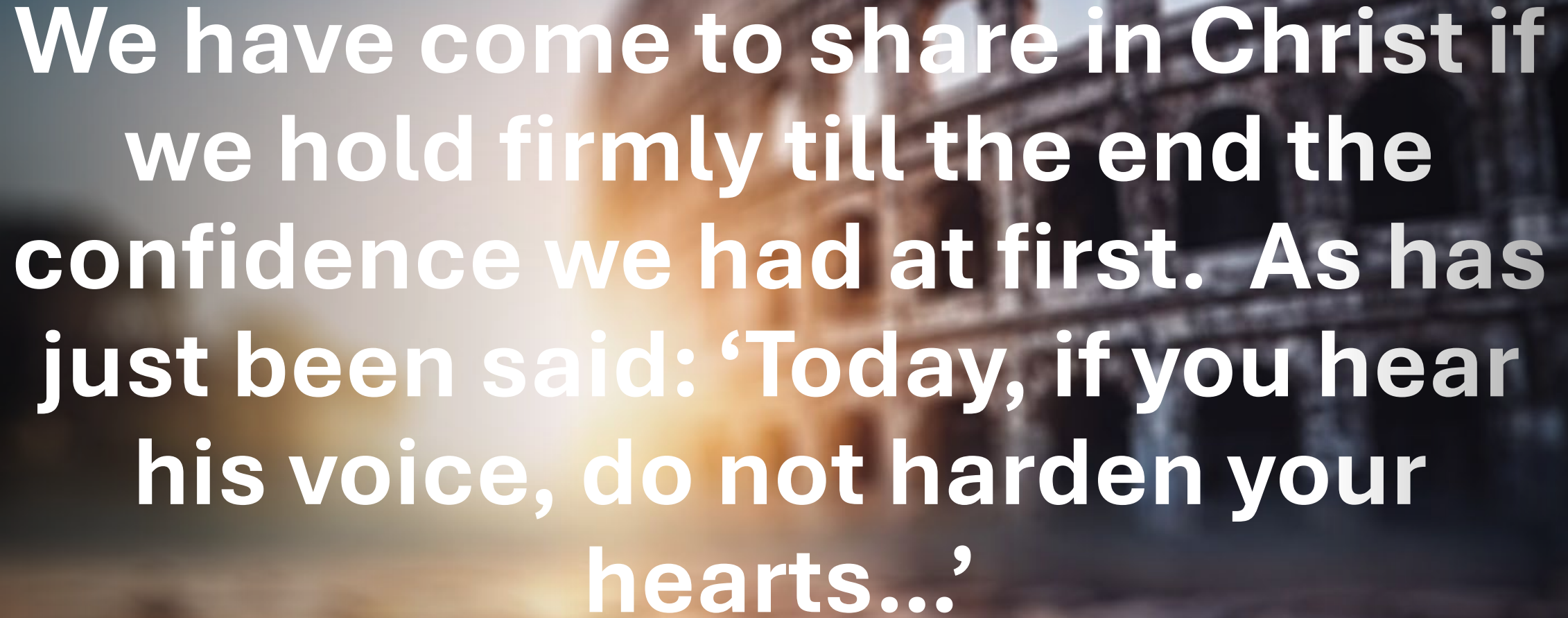
Final Thought

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**They went out from us, but they did
not really belong to us. For if they
had belonged to us, they would
have remained with us.**

1 John 2:19

The background of the image shows the ruins of the Colosseum in Rome, with its iconic tiered arches visible. A bright, warm light flare, resembling a sunrise or a spotlight, is positioned behind the text, creating a glowing effect. The overall color palette is a mix of the warm tones of the light and the cooler, muted blues and greys of the ancient stone.

**We have come to share in Christ if
we hold firmly till the end the
confidence we had at first. As has
just been said: ‘Today, if you hear
his voice, do not harden your
hearts...’**

Hebrews 3:14-15

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“The only way we know that God’s sovereign love is upon us is that we continue; we persevere in seeking to be like Jesus, until the day we meet Jesus. If that continuing disappears, if we start to live for ourselves and live in sin, or start to rely on our own performance for our relationship with God—then we will and should begin to wonder if His kindness is upon us, if we were ever chosen.” Keller

The background of the image is a photograph of the Colosseum in Rome, Italy. The sun is setting or rising behind the structure, creating a warm, golden glow that fills the sky and casts long shadows. The Colosseum's iconic tiered arches are visible, though slightly out of focus, emphasizing the dramatic lighting.

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