

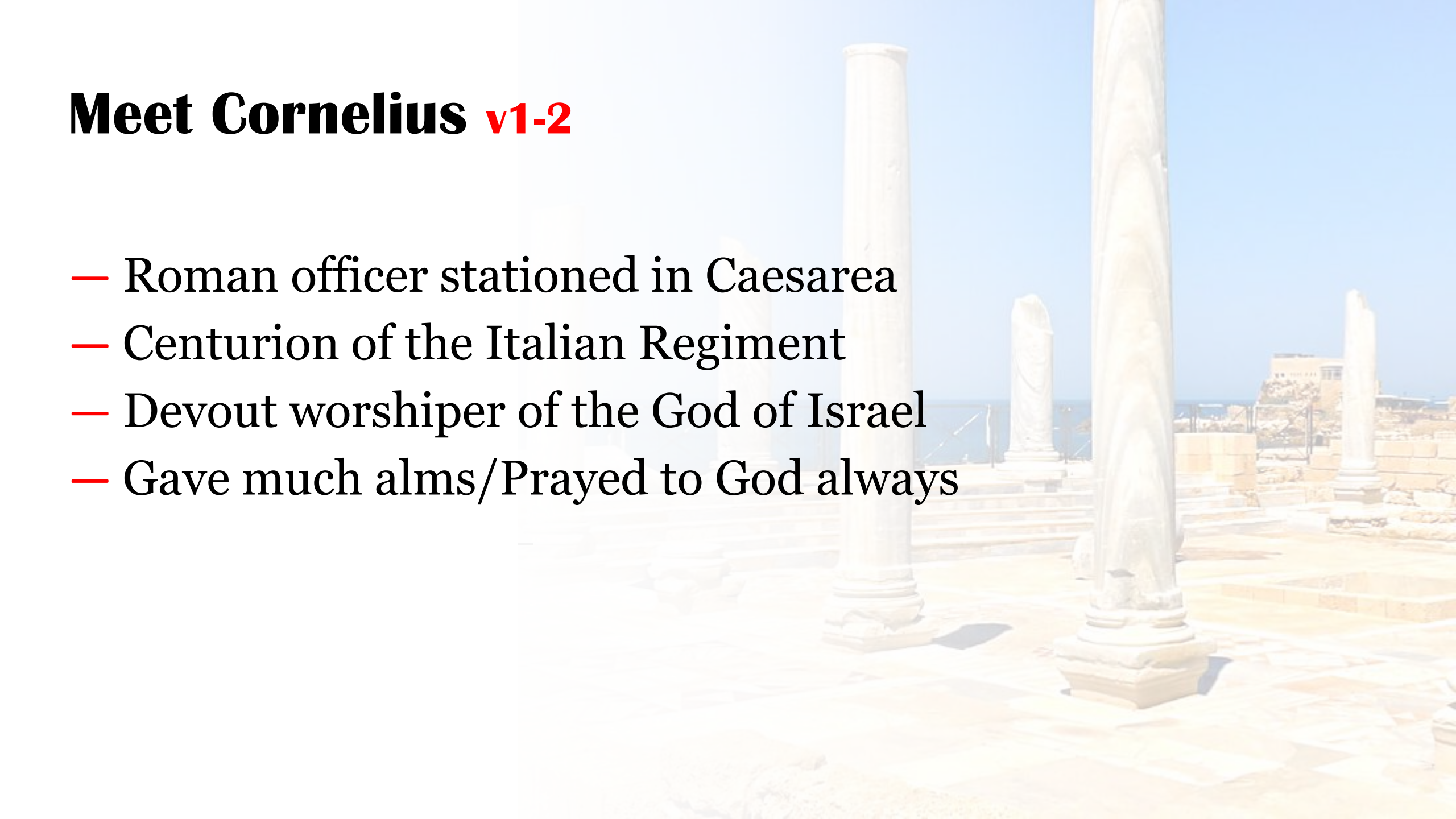


Two Visions, Two Conversions

Acts 10:1-48

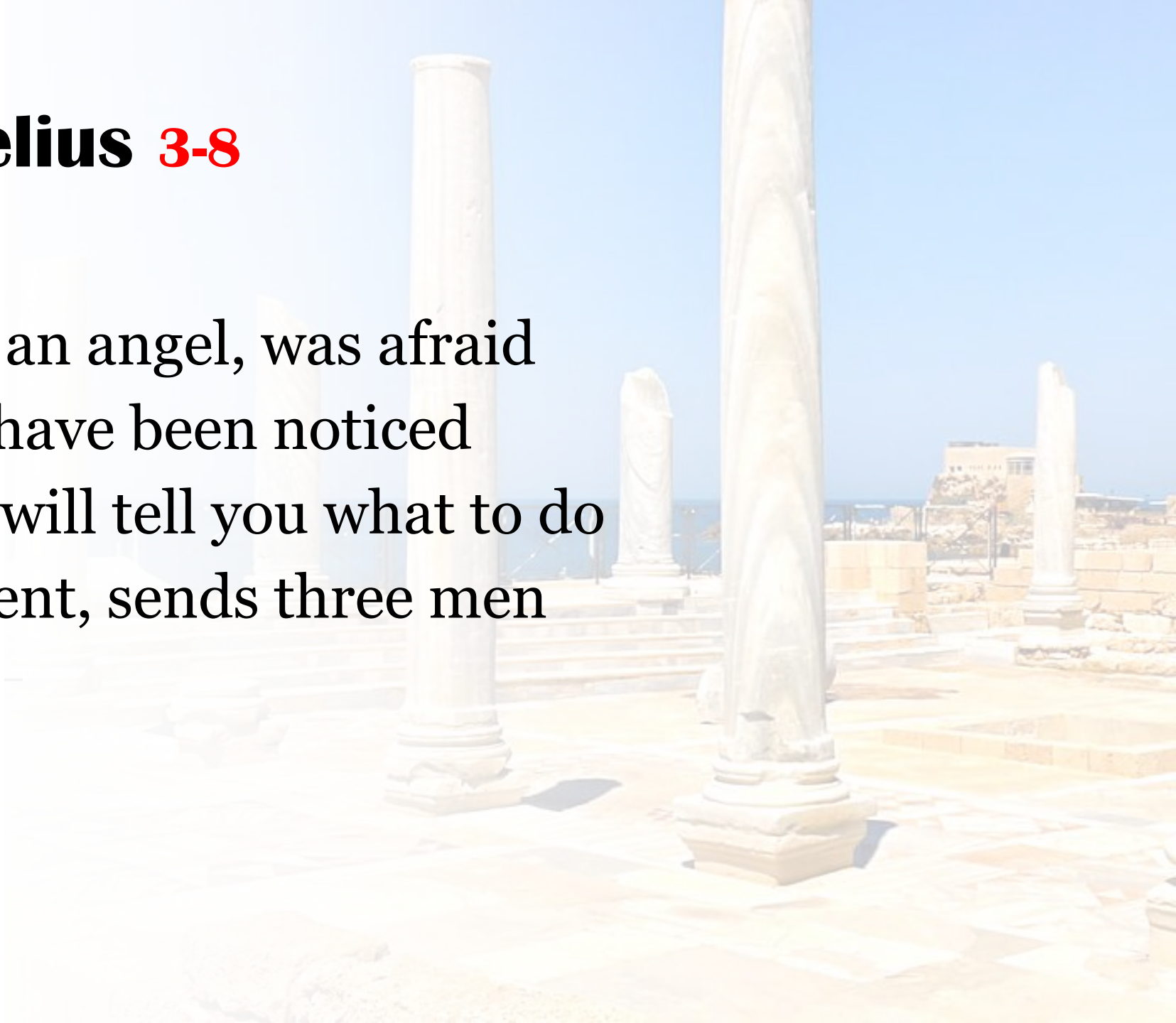
Meet Cornelius v1-2

- Roman officer stationed in Caesarea
- Centurion of the Italian Regiment
- Devout worshiper of the God of Israel
- Gave much alms/Prayed to God always



Vision #1: Cornelius 3-8

- At ninth hour saw an angel, was afraid
- His prayers/alms have been noticed
- Send for Peter/he will tell you what to do
- Cornelius is obedient, sends three men



Vision #2: Peter 9-23

- At sixth hour, Peter praying on roof
- Sheet let down with all kinds of animals
- God: Rise, kill & eat/ Peter: Not so, Lord
- “What God has cleansed, call not common”
- The men arrive: Peter sent to Caesarea

Peter's meets Cornelius 24-33

- Cornelius welcomes Peter
- Waiting for Peter with family/friends
- Falling down at Peter's feet, told to stand up
- Peter explains his presence/His vision
- Cornelius relates his vision/man in bright clothing

Peter's sermon 24-33

- Begins with what he now understands
- God shows no partiality/accepts all who fear Him
- God sent Jesus to Israel, preaching peace
- God anointed Jesus with Holy Spirit/power
- Put to death in Jerusalem but raised by God
- Prophets testify remission of sins in His name

Two Conversions 44-48

- Unexpected outpouring of Holy Spirit
 - As Peter spoke, Holy Spirit fell on those who heard
 - The Jews were astonished the gift poured on Gentiles
 - Who can forbid these water to be baptized?
- #1: Conversion of Cornelius to Christ
- #2: Conversion of Peter to true meaning of salvation

What Peter had missed..

- Luke 2:32 Jesus would be a light to the Gentiles
- Luke 3:6 All mankind will see the salvation of God
- Luke 4 Two OT stories God sending his servants to Gentiles
- Luke 7 Jesus' praise for faith of Roman centurion
- Luke 24:47 Forgiveness to be preached to all nations
- Acts 1:8 they would be witnesses to ends of the earth
- Acts 2:17-21 God would pour out His Spirit on all flesh

What this teaches us..

- The reason Peter didn't get it: the way he was raised
- Today we understand that God loves all people
- Lessons for us..
 - Conversion is not a one-time event, but continuing process
 - God continues to lead us into deeper insight, obedience
 - It is too easy for us to reach point we no longer want to grow
 - As we grow we must be willing to be like Peter



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