

the
Acts
of
God's Church



Sermon Series

ACTS 3:11-16

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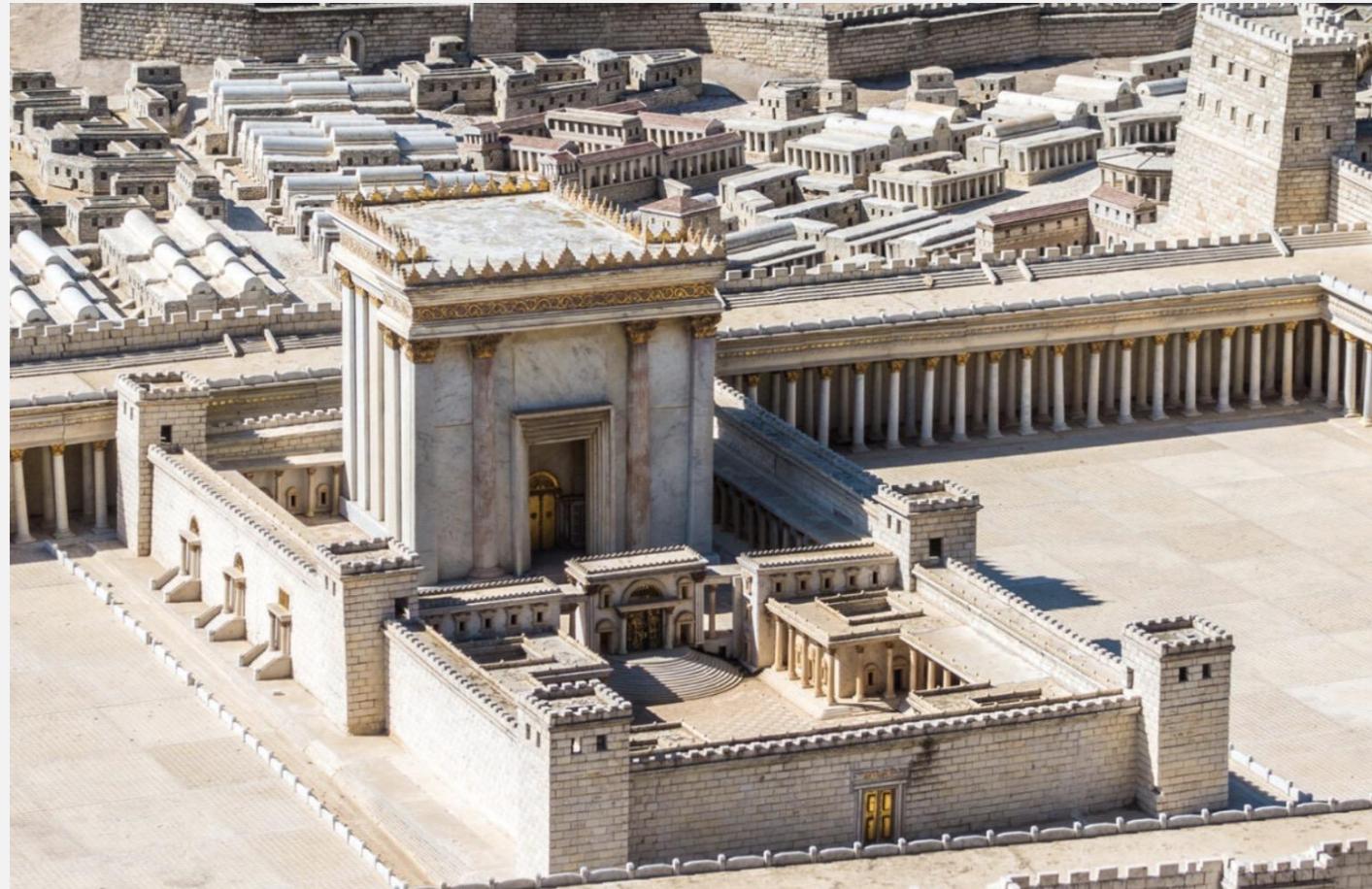
ACTS 3:11-16

¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied before Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer released to you. ¹⁵ You killed the source of life, whom God raised from the dead; we are witnesses of this.

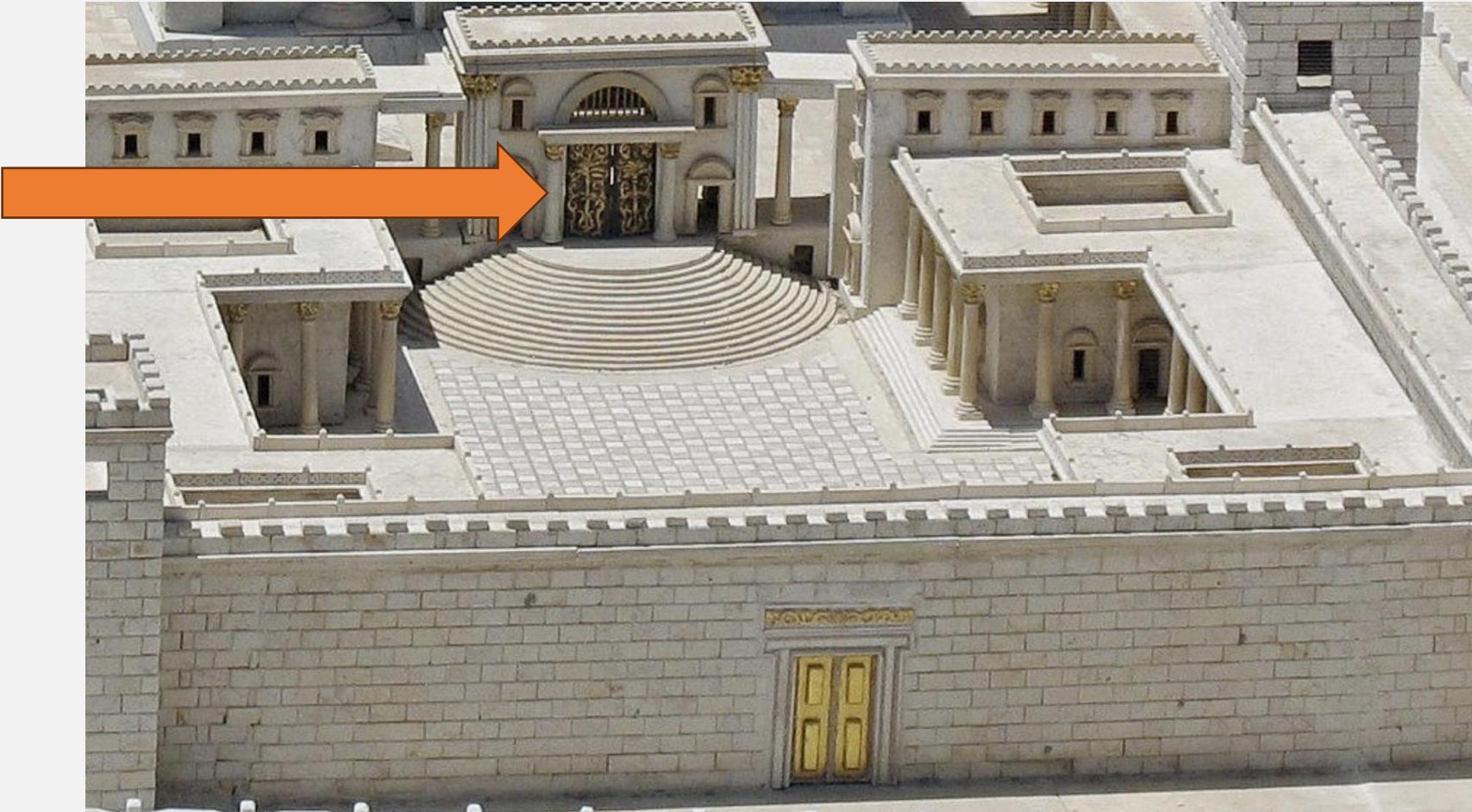
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16 By faith in his name, his name has made this man strong, whom you see and know. So the faith that comes through Jesus has given him this perfect health in front of all of you.

JERUSALEM TEMPLE:



THE BEAUTIFUL GATE:



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“Beautiful” (Greek)

hōraiōs “beautiful, timely, and pleasant.”

ACTS 3:11

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PSALM 27:4

“I have asked one thing from the Lord; it is what I desire:
to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
gazing on the beauty of the Lord and seeking him in his
temple.”

ACTS 3:11

“Astonished” (Greek)

ekstasis “amaze, and to shock, to dismay, to vex, to cause fear or dread or to make someone uncomfortable.”

ACTS 3:12

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ACTS 3:13

13 The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied before Pilate, though he had decided to release him.

I PETER 2:24

“He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree; so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.”

ACTS 3:14

¹⁴ You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer released to you.

ACTS 3:15

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I PETER 1:3-4

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.”

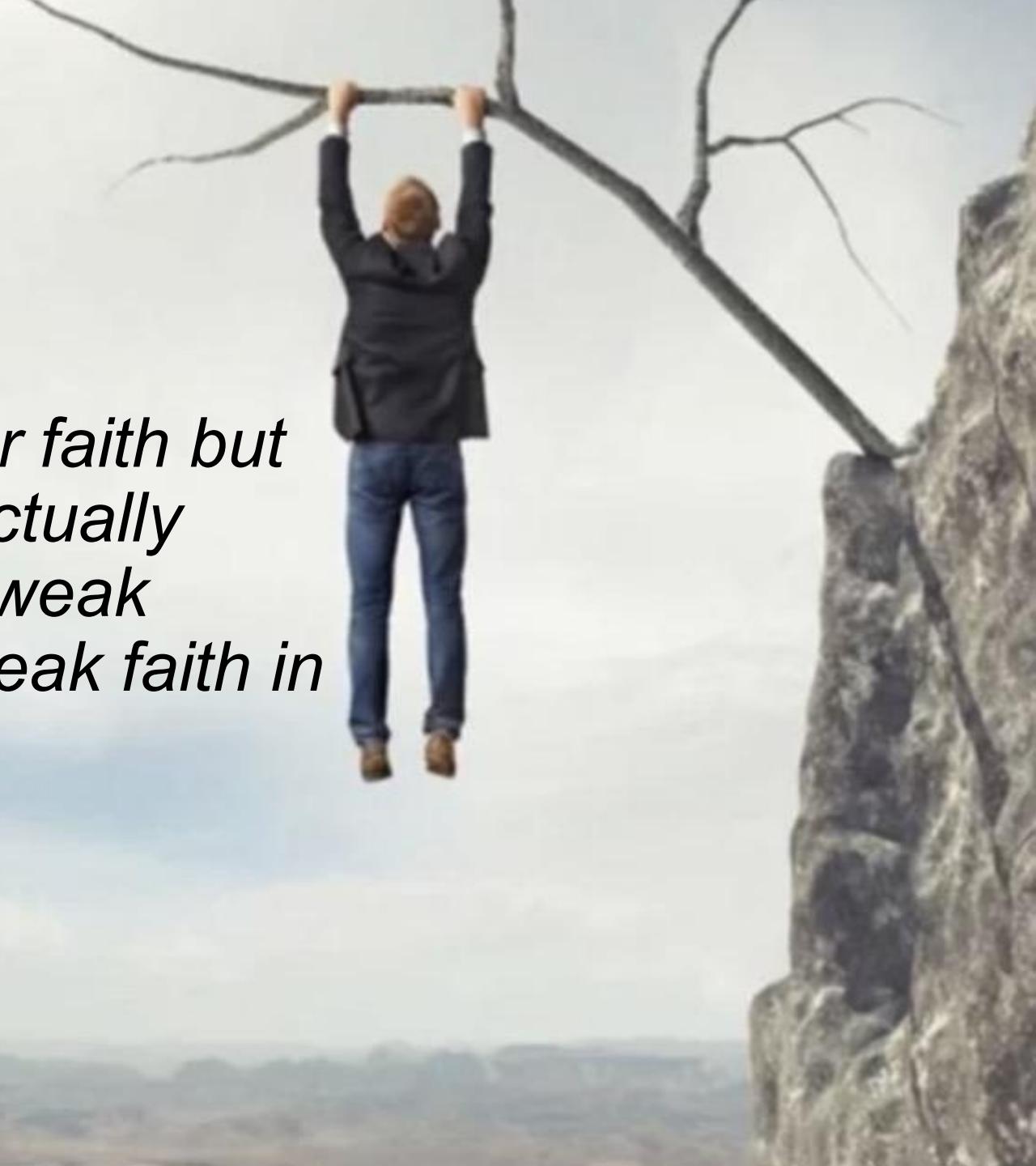
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QUOTE:

*“It is not the **strength** of your faith but the **object** of the faith that actually saves you. Strong faith in a weak branch is fatally inferior to weak faith in a strong branch.”*

-Tim Keller



JAMES 5:13-15

“Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone cheerful? He should sing praises. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? He should call for the elders of the church, and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ The prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up; if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.”