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No matter who you are, no
matter where you are on your
spiritual journey, you are
welcome here.

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WELCOME TO
ORDINARY
LIFE

Ordinary Life seeks to create
a crucible in which people can
deepen an awareness of who
they are,
develop relationship with
others,
grow in spiritual intelligence,
make a difference in the
world

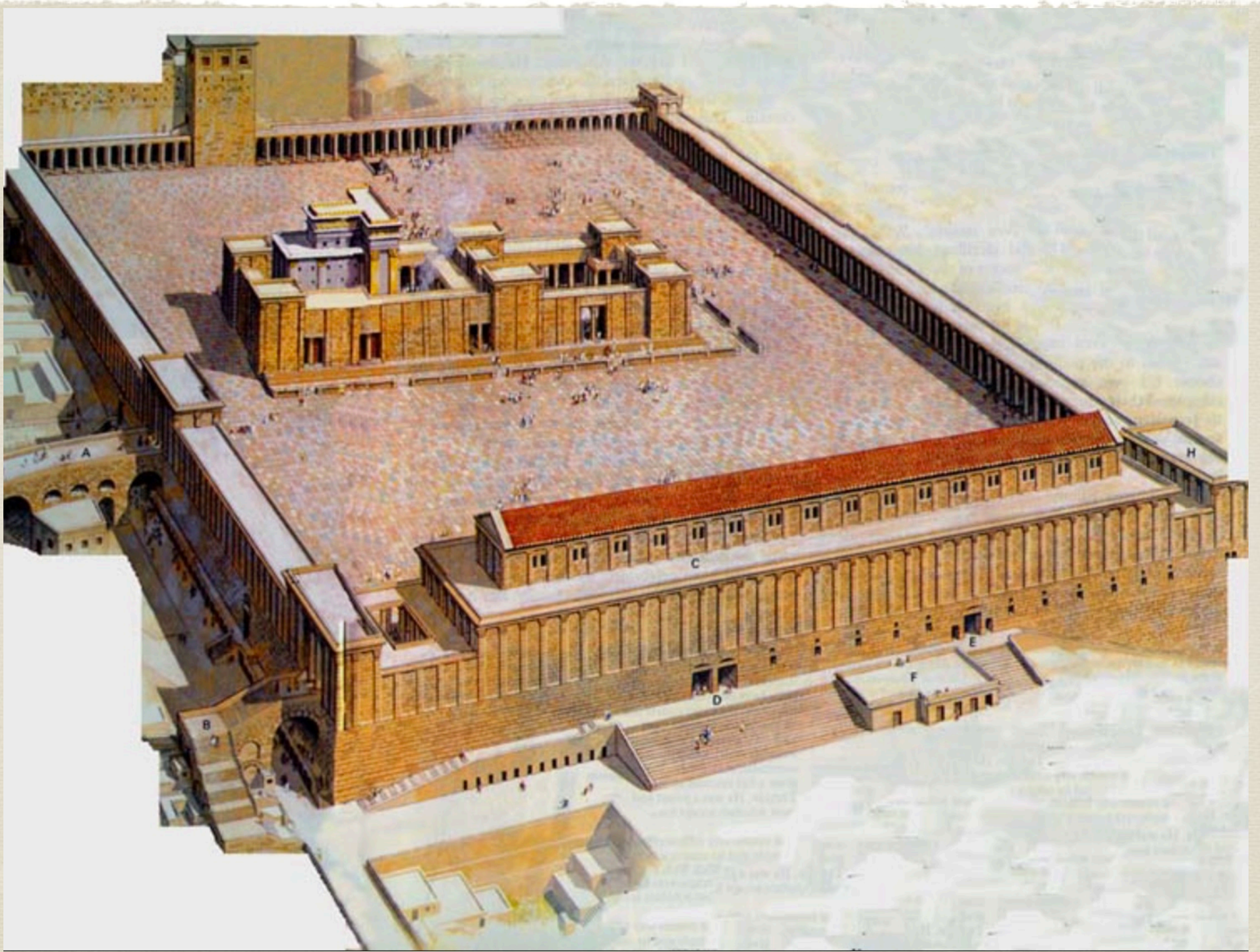
**This is what
an authentic
spiritual
awakening
really looks
like...**



THERE IS NOTHING
TO HOLD ON TO

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“Is that any of our business,
Mother - yours or mine?
Don't push me.”



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**Mikvah, or ritual bath, in Jerusalem
along the south wall**

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“John is the key to Jesus’ crucial teenage years. Jesus learned from John, disputed with him, and developed the ideas that would change his own life and the course of religious history. John led Jesus on the path that made an alienated and starving, wayward pilgrim into an apprentice in the subtleties of Judaic practice, and later into an acknowledged rabbi with a charismatic personality and a distinctive path to God that was all his own.”

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This question is symbolic of Jesus' willingness to let go of everything that his culture and religion thought was sacred in order to make his message clear that the God he called "Father" or "Abba" was not bound by humanly constructed rules and rituals.

We have to be able to say “no” to the “tribes” expectation of us.

We have to be willing to take in “mind-altering” information and wisdom.

We don't know what we don't
know and what we don't
know owns us.

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bonding
behavior
beliefs

“God speaks to us in three places:
in scripture, in our deepest selves,
and in the voice of the stranger.”

- Thomas Merton

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We can work to make ourselves more open to change and to ambiguity and we can develop the courage to let go of certainty.

It requires accepting with
joy and trust that we are
losers.

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If we don't let go, we can't
move forward in service
of life.

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