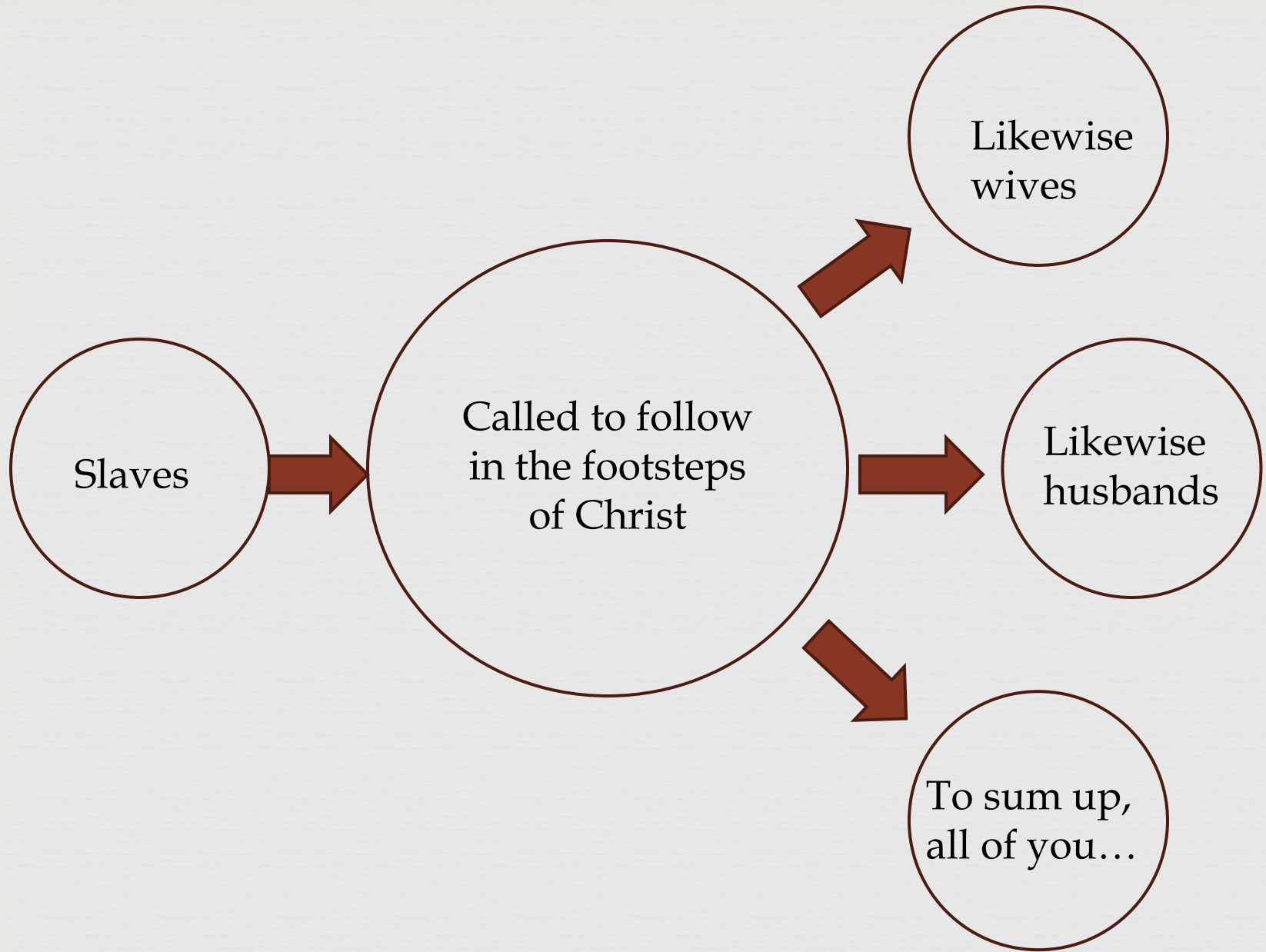


First Peter 3:1-12



Monday Night Meeting



Slaves

Called to follow
in the footsteps
of Christ

Likewise
wives

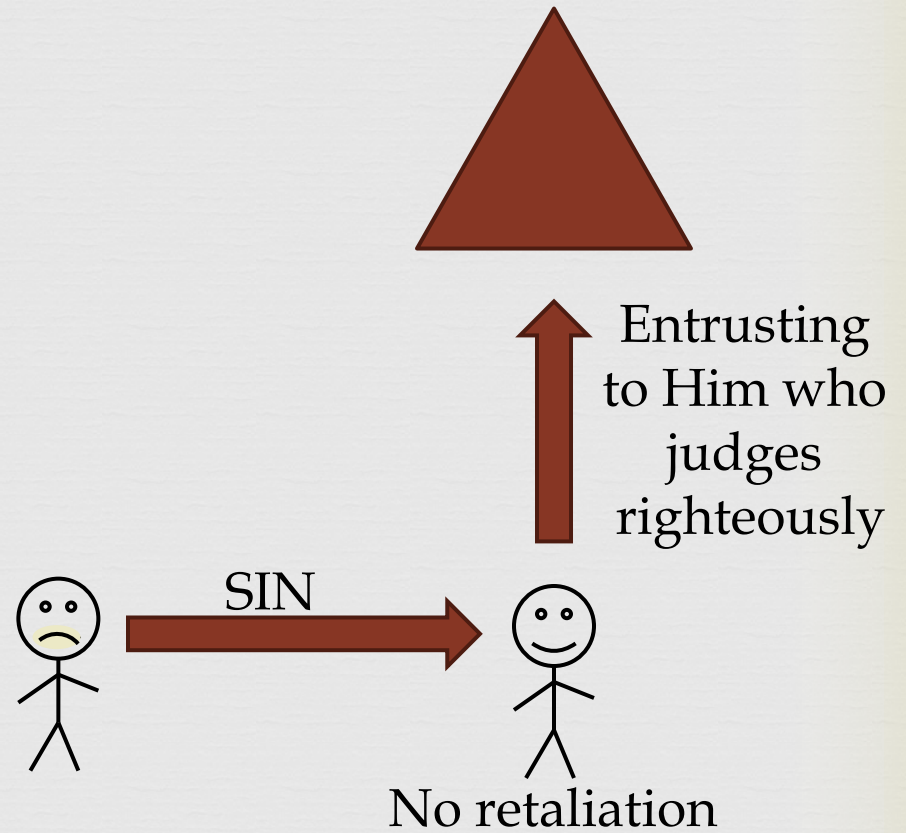
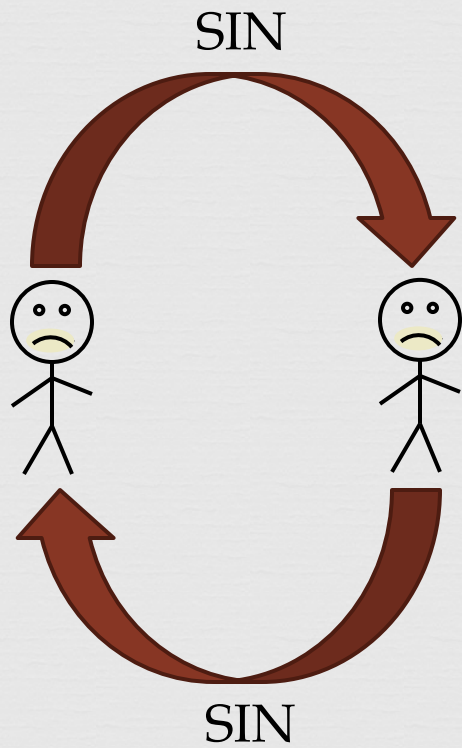
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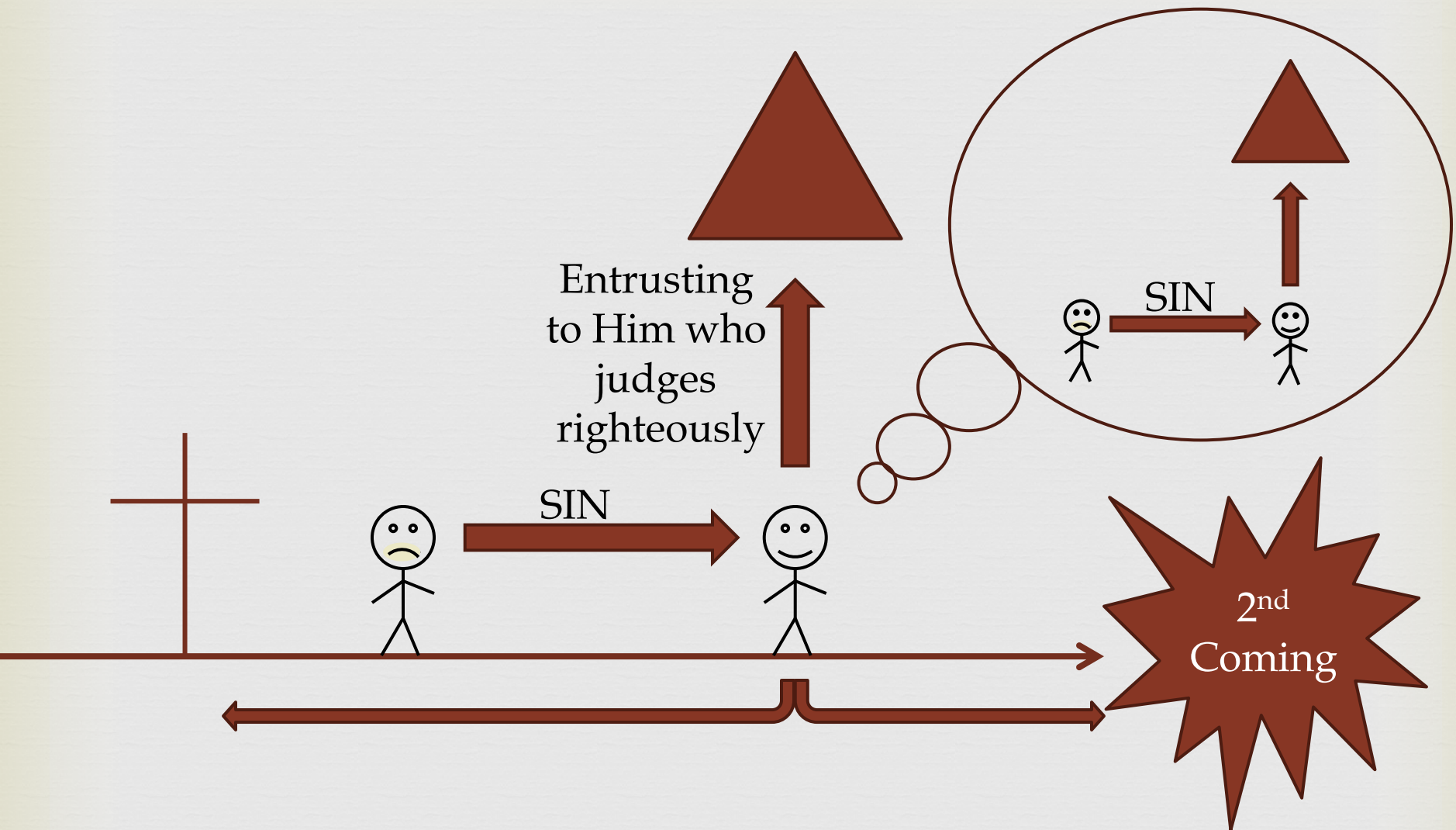
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all of you...

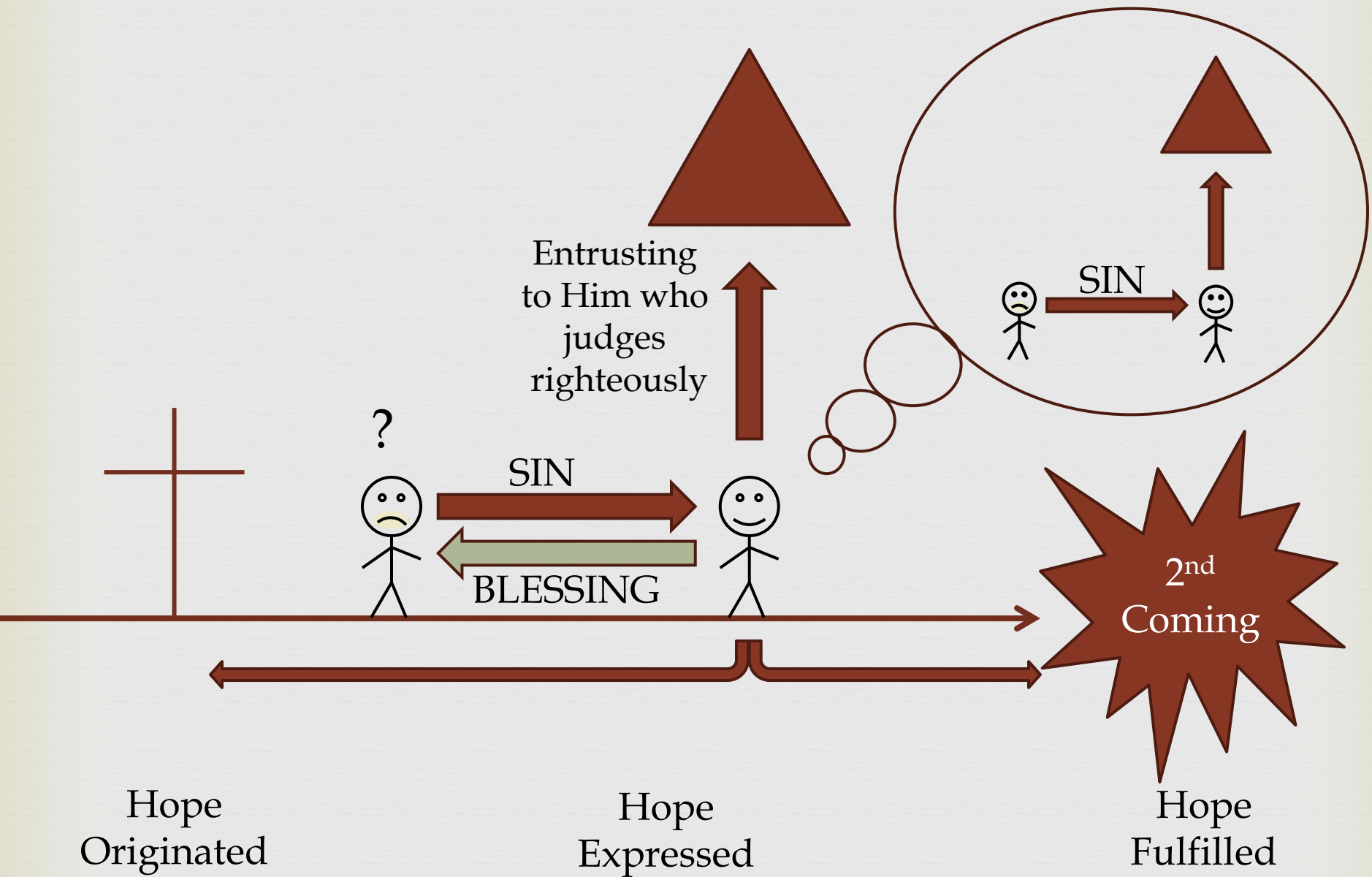
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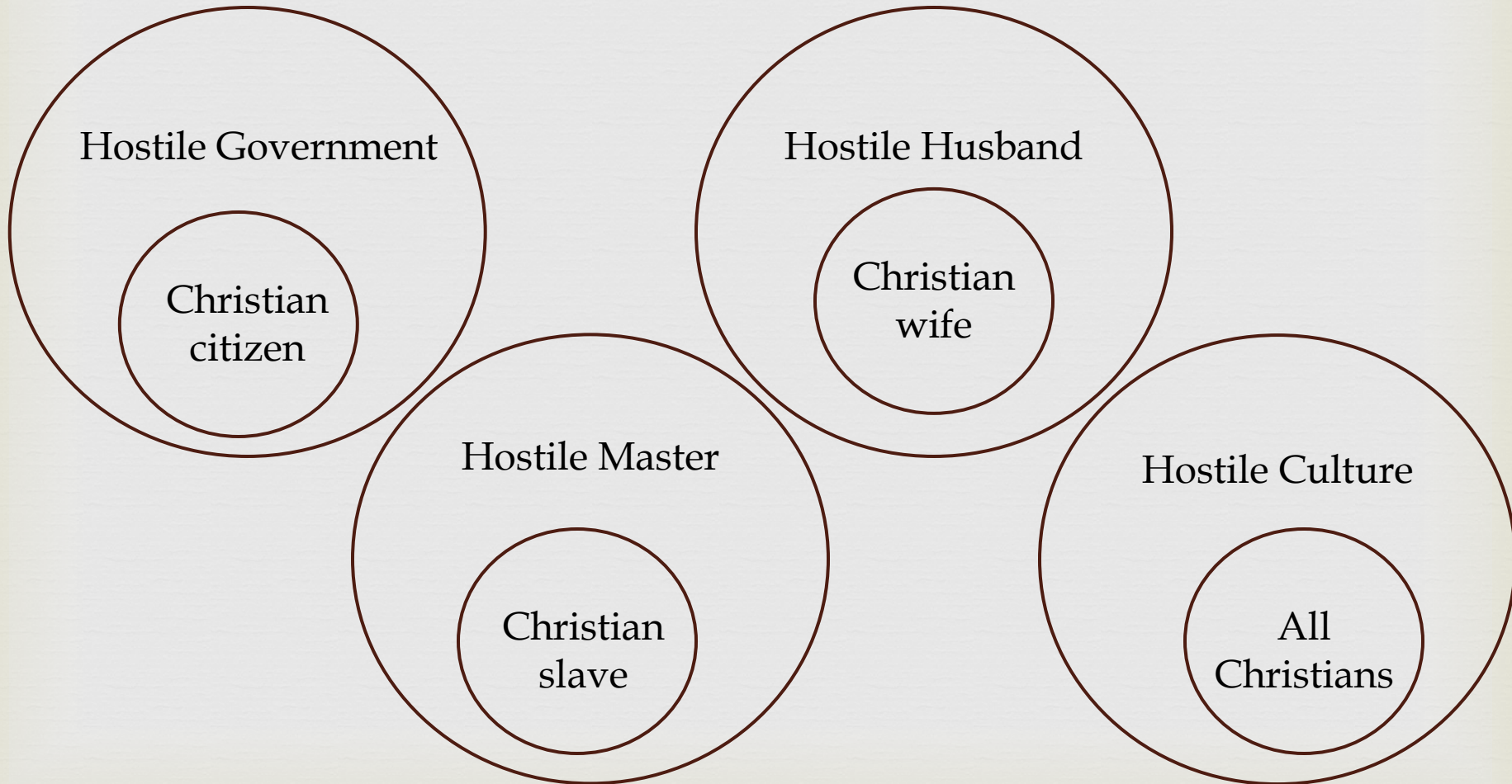
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 - ✧ Jesus' suffering is our example of righteous suffering
 - ✧ Jesus' suffering communicates power for righteous suffering

- ❧ Salutation (1:1-2)
- ❧ God's Gracious Activity in the Lives of Suffering Believers (1:3-2:10)
 - ❧ Destined for Salvation (1:2-12)
 - ❧ Called to a New Way of Life (1:13-21)
 - ❧ Formed into God's People (1:22-2:10)
- ❧ The Mission of Suffering Believers in the World (2:11-4:6)
 - ❧ The General Strategy (2:11-12)
 - ❧ The Specific Strategy (2:13-3:12)
 - ❧ Submit to Civil Authority (2:13-17)
 - ❧ Submit to Masters (2:18-25)
 - ❧ **Submit to Husbands (Honor Wives) (3:1-7)**
 - ❧ **Do Good to All (3:8-12)**
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- ❧ The Mission of Suffering Believers in the Church (4:7-5:11)
- ❧ Final Greeting (5:12-14)

4 Spheres of life





Many greetings, likewise, to my lady, Beruse, and Apolonarion. Know that we are still in Alexandria. Do not be anxious if they really go home; I will remain here. I, beg and entreat you, take care of the little one and, as soon as we receive our pay, I will send it to you. If by chance you bear a child, if it is a boy, let it be. If it is a girl, cast it out. You have said to Aphrodisius, “Do not forget me.” How can I forget you? I beg you, do not be anxious.



☞ 'Stranger, my message is short. Stop and read it. This is the unlovely tomb of a lovely woman. Her parents gave her the name Claudia. She loved her husband with all her heart. She bore two children, one of whom she left on earth, the other beneath it. She had a pleasing way of talking and walking. She tended the house and worked wool. I have said my piece. Go your way.' (*Corpus of Latin Inscriptions, CIL 6.15346*)

Submit to Husbands (Honor Wives)(3:1-7)

Wives (3:1-6)



- ☞ **v. 1- 2 Exhortation:** Submit to your unbelieving husband and let your behavior speak for you. Live without verbal reference to the gospel.
- ☞ **v. 3-4 Explanation:** Not being consumed with outward appearance but rather with your hidden inward person, your heart. Conduct will triumph over words.
 - ☞ **gentle=** (Matt. 11:29) humble, considerate
 - ☞ **quiet=** well ordered, to carry out ones responsibilities without commotion.

Submit to Husbands (Honor Wives)(3:1-7)

Wives (3:1-6)



- ☞ **v. 5-6 Example:** Be like holy women of former times who expressed their hope in God by being submissive to their husbands.
- ☞ **“The ones who hoped in God”**= Hope is expressed, not only within our mind, but by our action and words.
- ☞ **“Doing good”**= Means both remaining loyal to God and showing obedient respect towards her husband.

Plutarch



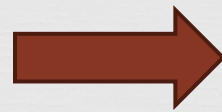
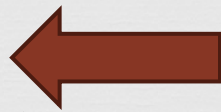
“It behooves a woman not to make peculiar and private friendships of her own, but to esteem only her husband's acquaintance and familiars as hers. Now as the Gods are our chiefest and most beneficial friends, it behooves her to worship and adore only those Deities which her husband reputes and reverences for such. But as for quaint opinions and superstitious innovations, let them be exterminated from her outermost threshold. For no sacrifices or services can be acceptable to the Gods, performed by women, as it were, by stealth and in secret, without the knowledge of the husband.” (Conjugalia Praecepta 19)

Plutarch



☞ “For, as Crates used to say, ‘adornment is that which adorns,’ and that adorns or decorates a woman which makes her more decorous. It is not gold or precious stones or scarlet that makes her such, but whatever invests her with that something which betokens dignity, good behaviour, and modesty.”
(Conjugalia Praecepta 26)

Against Culture:
Refusing to worship
the gods of her husband



Best of Culture:
Clothed with
Submission & character

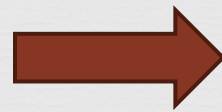
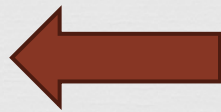
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Husbands (3:7)



- ❧ **Exhortation: Live with her according to knowledge=** Probably doesn't just mean "considerately" but "having been enlightened by God to what he requires"
 - ❧ **Reason:** "as the weaker vessel..." Peter acknowledges a distinction between male and female.
- ❧ **Exhortation: Show her honor=** Honor speaks of price, value, worth.
 - ❧ **Reason:** "as a fellow heir of the grace of life." Peter acknowledges the fundamental equality between male and female.
- ❧ **Purpose: hindered prayers=** When we are not right with our wife, we are not right with God.

Against Culture:
Men and women
are equal in value



Best of Culture:
Women are weaker...
Don't exploit them

Do Good to All (3:8-12)



- ❧ **Logic of v. 9** Which way does it read?
 - ❧ Called to inherit a blessing; therefore give a blessing
 - ❧ Called to give a blessing in order to inherit a blessing
- ❧ **Logic of v.10-12** If you want to experience blessing, you must turn away from evil and do good because God is for the righteous and against the wicked.
- ❧ **Summary:** Give evidence, by your response to those who sin against you, that you are headed to eternal blessing.

Called for this purpose

2:21

3:9

To do right
& suffer for it

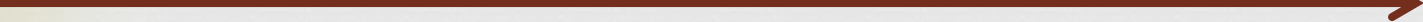
To return evil
with blessing

Because Christ
also suffered for
doing right

Because we will
inherit a blessing



So conscious of God's grace
that we extend grace to others



Question for July 29



✧ First Peter 3:18-22 is well-known for its complexity. As you read this section, ask yourself the question, “What does Christ, Noah, and baptism have to do with suffering?”