

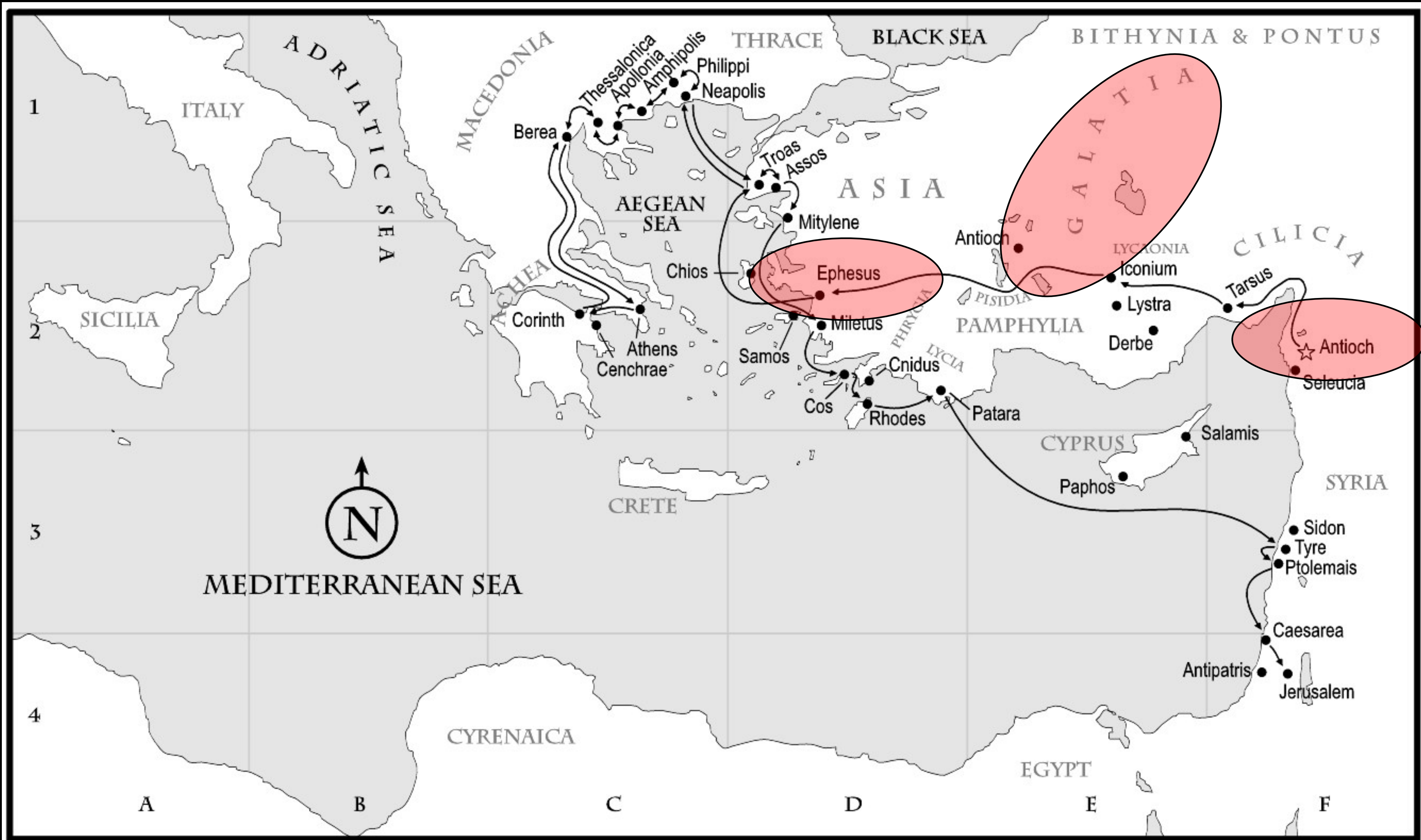
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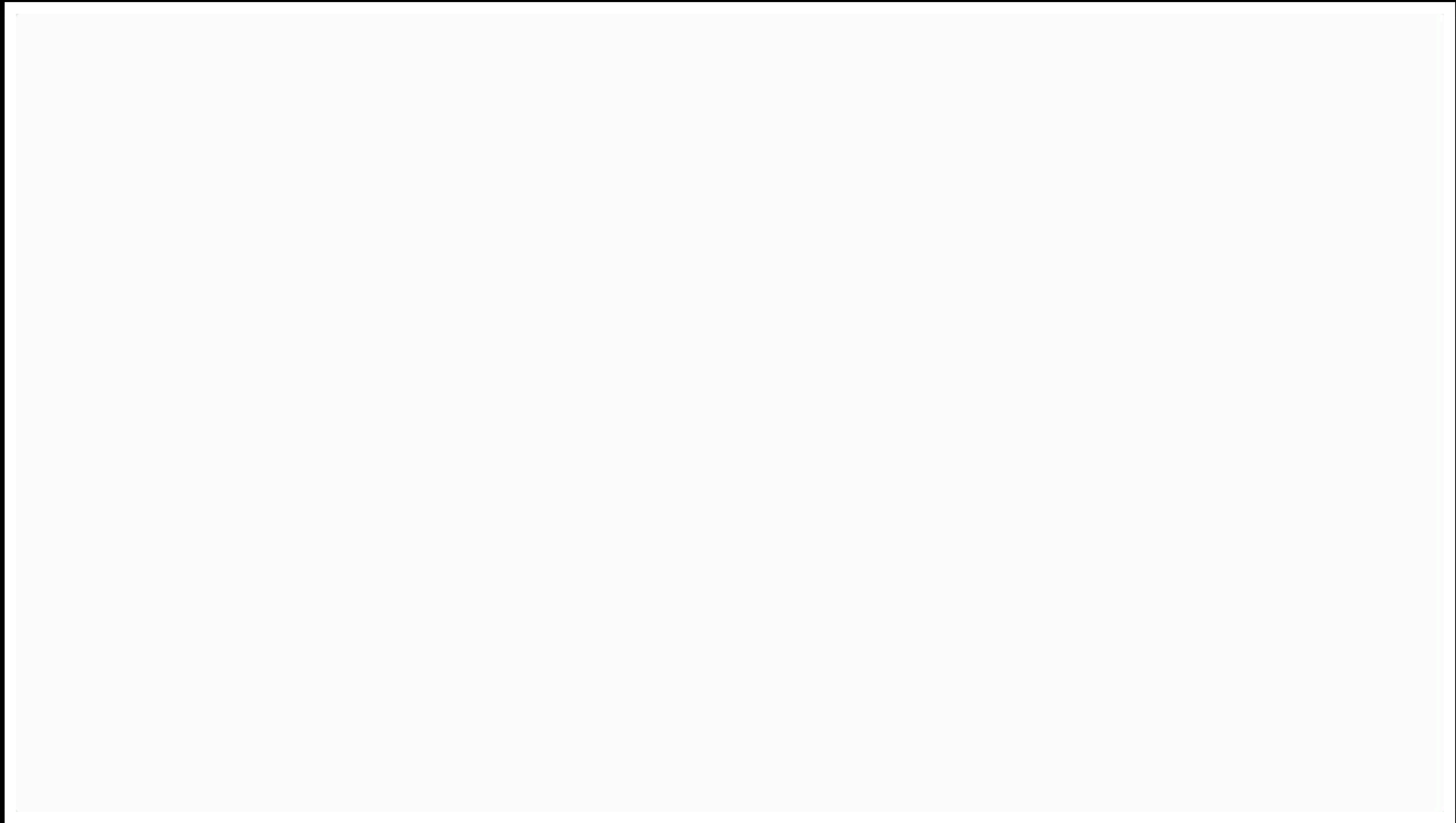
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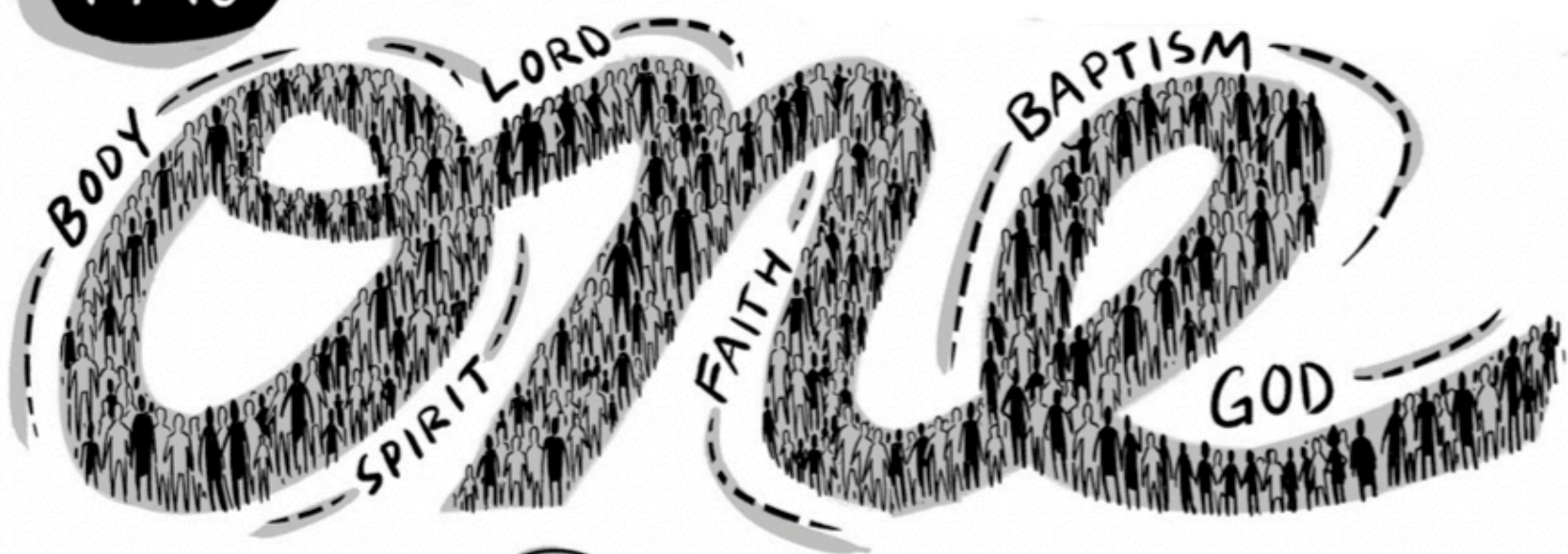
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- PASTOR
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- EVANGELIST

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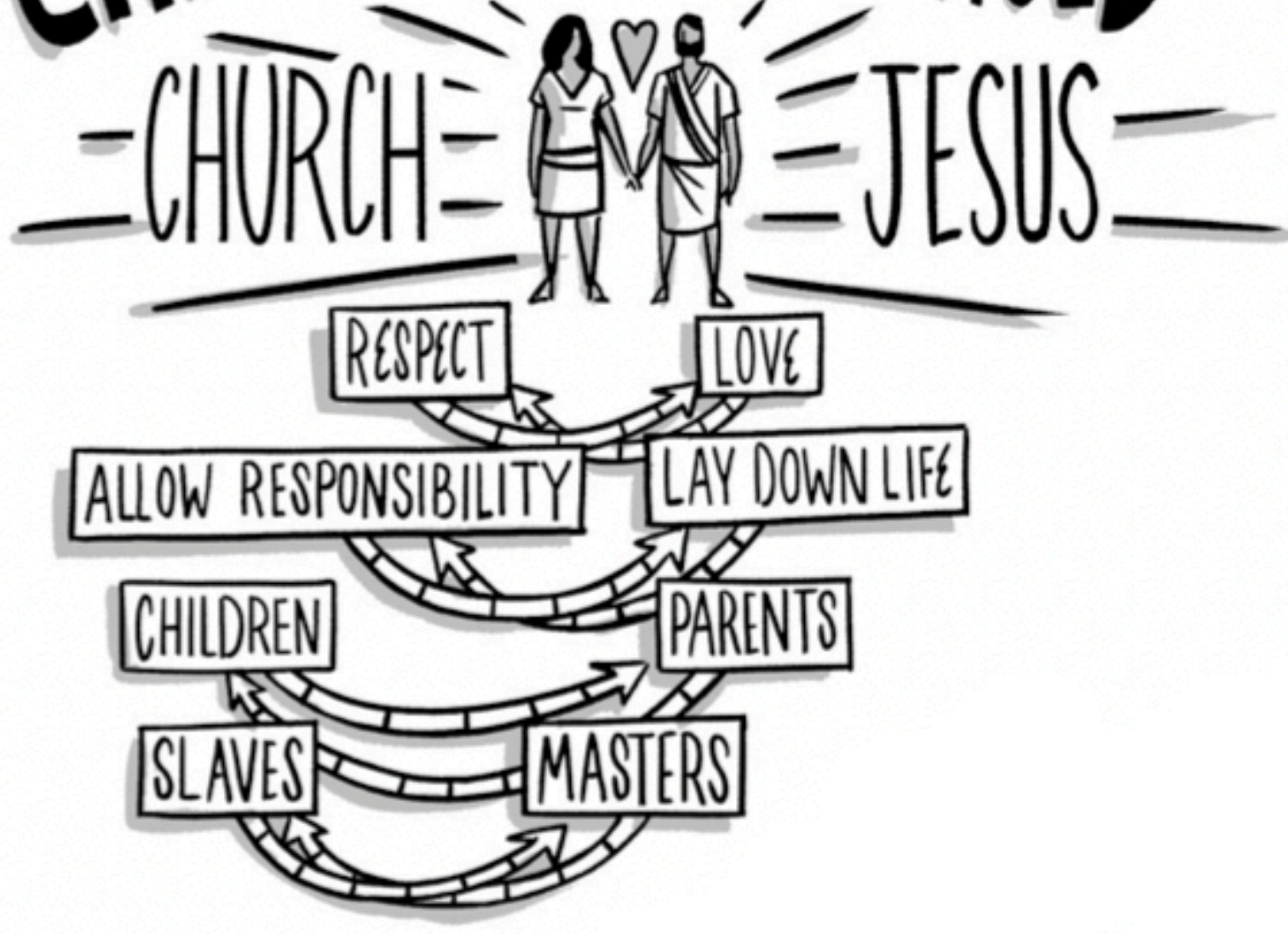
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- ② SINGING ALONE
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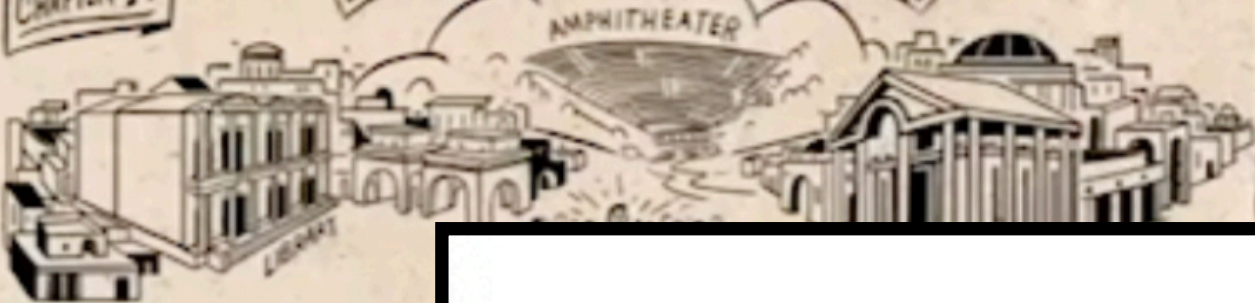
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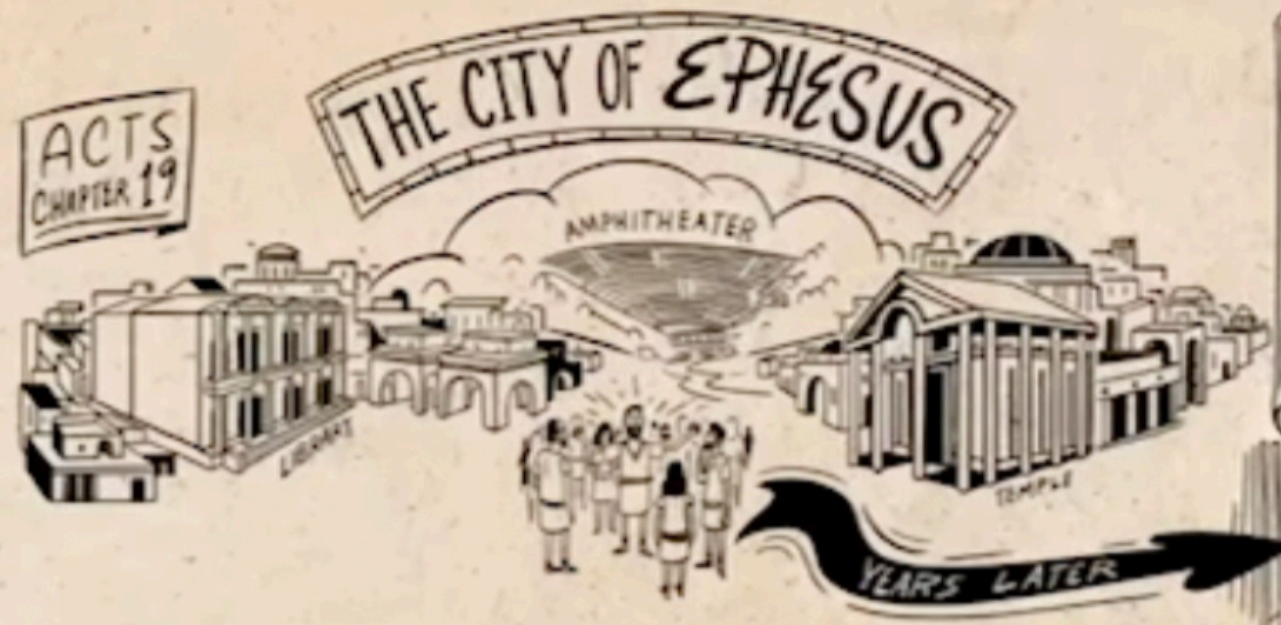
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and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. 19 Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

²¹ Tychicus, the dear brother and faithful servant in the Lord, will tell you everything, so that you also may know how I am and what I am doing. ²² I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage you.

²³ Peace to the brothers, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love.

EPHESIANS 6:10-24

What are we fighting for?

**Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit
through the bond of peace.**

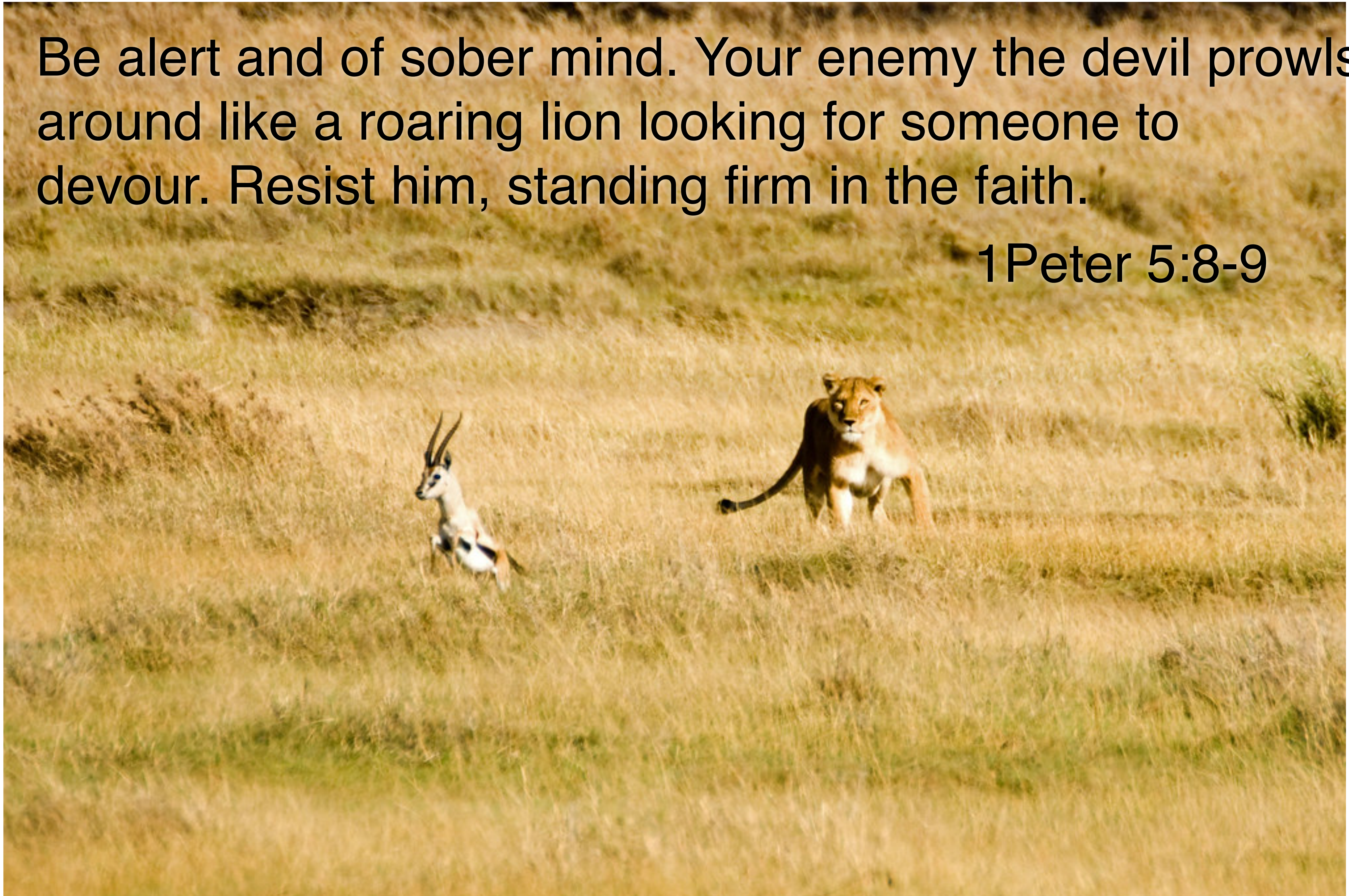
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Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith.

1 Peter 5:8-9





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“Paul wants his communities to know that their real enemy is never another human but the larger social, economic, political, and religious forces that govern and shape human existence.

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Paul, along with all Jews shaped by the biblical traditions, view these forces as manifestations of spiritual rulers, authorities, etc, who are opposed to the cosmic reign of the Messiah.”

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“If you collect 100 black ants and 100 fire ants and put them in a glass jar, nothing will happen. But if you take the jar, shake it violently and leave it on the table, the ants will start killing each other. Red believes that black is the enemy, while black believes that red is the enemy, when the real enemy is the person who shook the jar.

**The same is true in society. Men vs Women.
Black vs White. Faith vs Science. Young vs Old.
Etc... Before we fight each other, we must ask
ourselves: Who shook the jar?"**

Anonymous

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

1 JOHN 4:1

**Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.
It is not surprising, then, if his servants also
masquerade as servants of righteousness.**

2 CORINTHAINS 11:14-15

13 Some Jews who went around driving out evil spirits tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who were demon-possessed. They would say, “In the name of the Jesus whom Paul preaches, I command you to come out.” 14 Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this.

**15 One day the evil spirit answered them,
“Jesus I know, and Paul I know about, but who are
you?” 16 Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped
on them and overpowered them all. He gave them
such a beating that they ran out of the house naked
and bleeding.**

17 When this became known to the Jews and Greeks living in Ephesus, they were all seized with fear.

ACTS 19:13-17

How do we prepare for this fight?

Let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

1 Thessalonians 5:8

12 Let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. 13 Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. 14 Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

Romans 13:12-14

Out of the stump of David's family will grow a shoot — yes, a new Branch bearing fruit from the old root. And the Spirit of the Lord will rest on him — the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might... He will wear righteousness like a belt and truth like an undergarment.

ISAIAH 11:1-2,5

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the messenger who brings good news, the good news of peace and salvation, the news that the God of Israel reigns!

ISAIAH 52:7

He made my mouth like a sharpened sword

ISAIAH 49:2

The Lord looked and was displeased that there was no justice. He saw that there was no one, he was appalled that there was no one to intervene; so his own arm achieved salvation for him, and his own righteousness sustained him. He put on righteousness as his breastplate, and the helmet of salvation on his head;

ISAIAH 59:15-17

Paul explicitly links his imagery in his letters to the divine armor of the messianic king in Isaiah.

The point is that God's weapons have now been transferred to the new humanity, who are united in and with the Messiah. So whether it be defensive or offensive, they will need to put on the character of the Messiah and be prepared to fight.

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