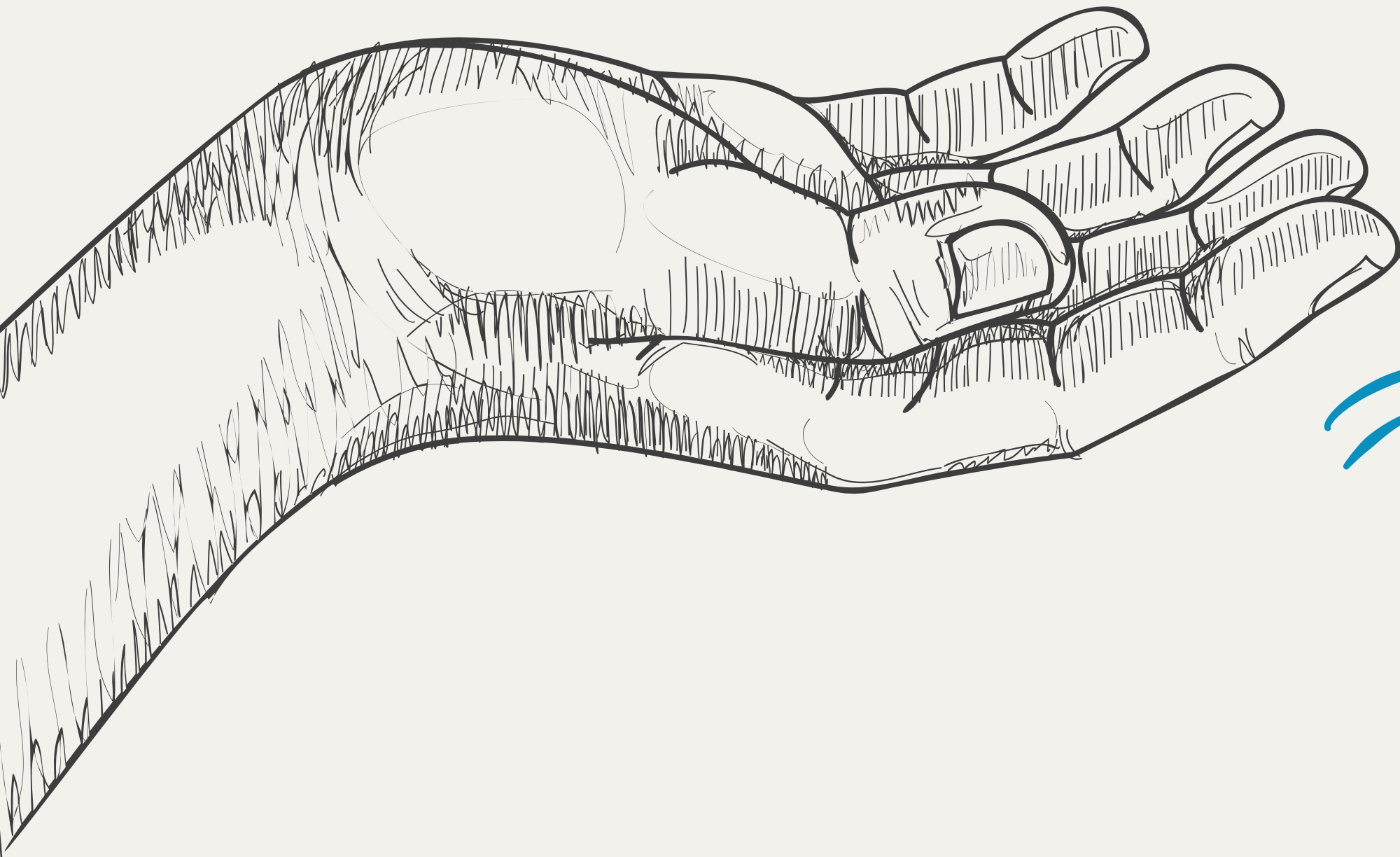


FORGIVENESS

The Oxygen
of the Kingdom



**WHY SHOULD
I FORGIVE?**

**WHY IS
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**WHAT HAPPENS
WHEN I DON'T
FORGIVE?**

FORGIVENESS

From Rupture
to Repair

Pastor Phil Holcomb

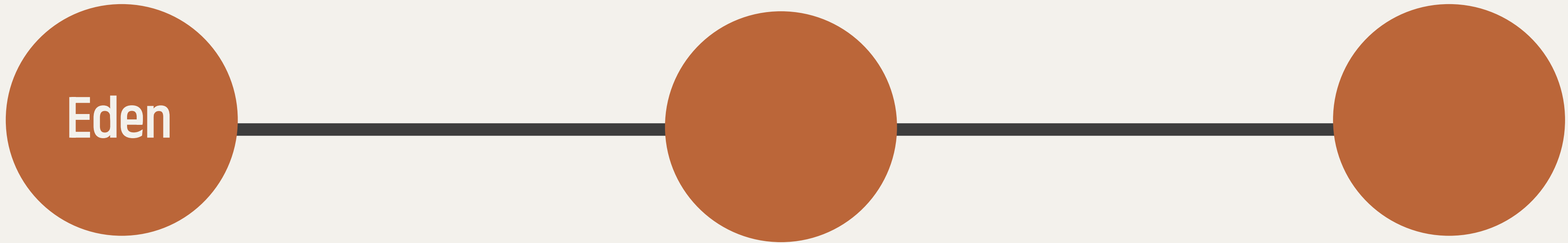


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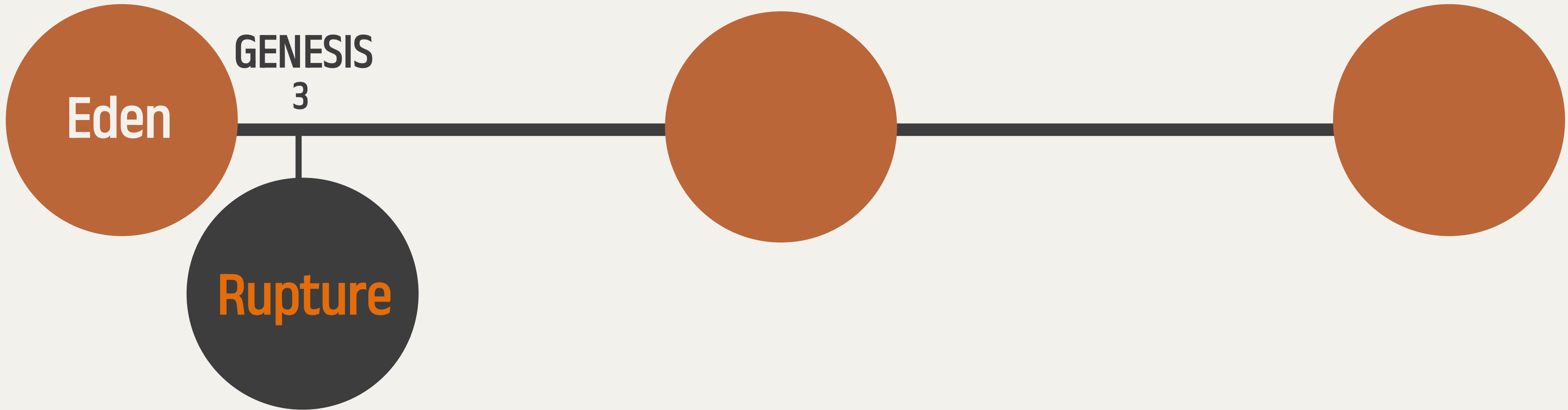
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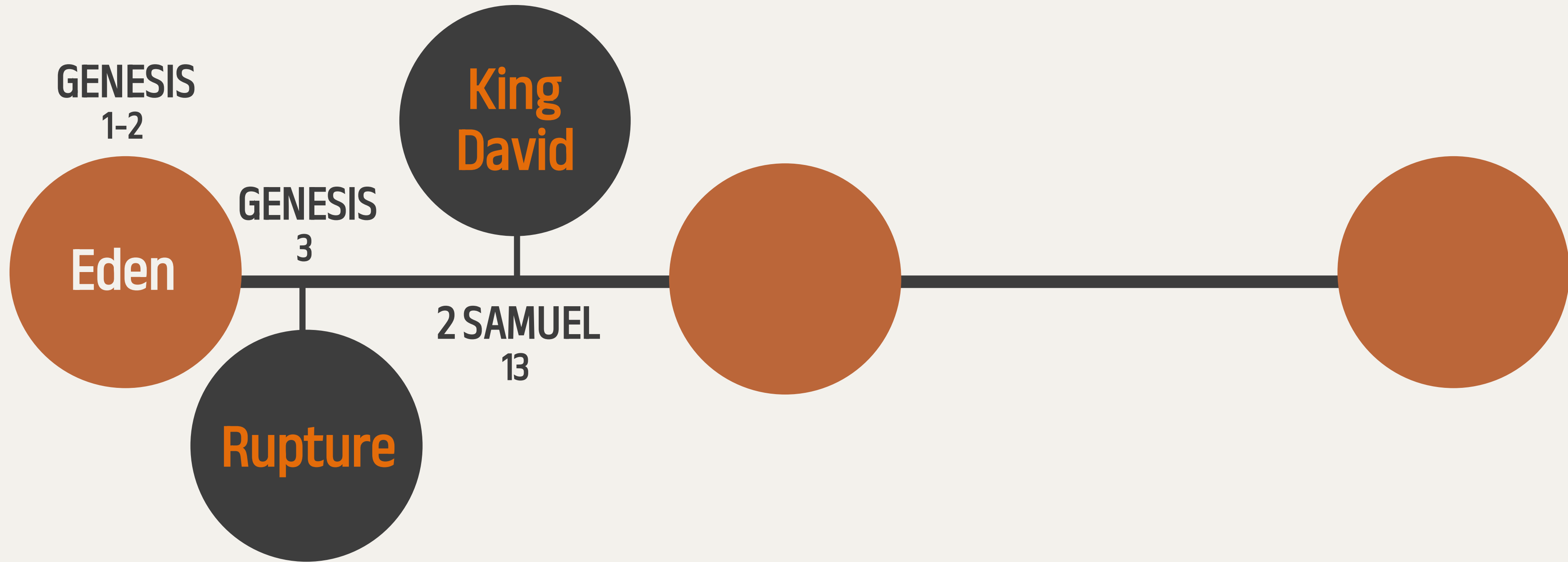
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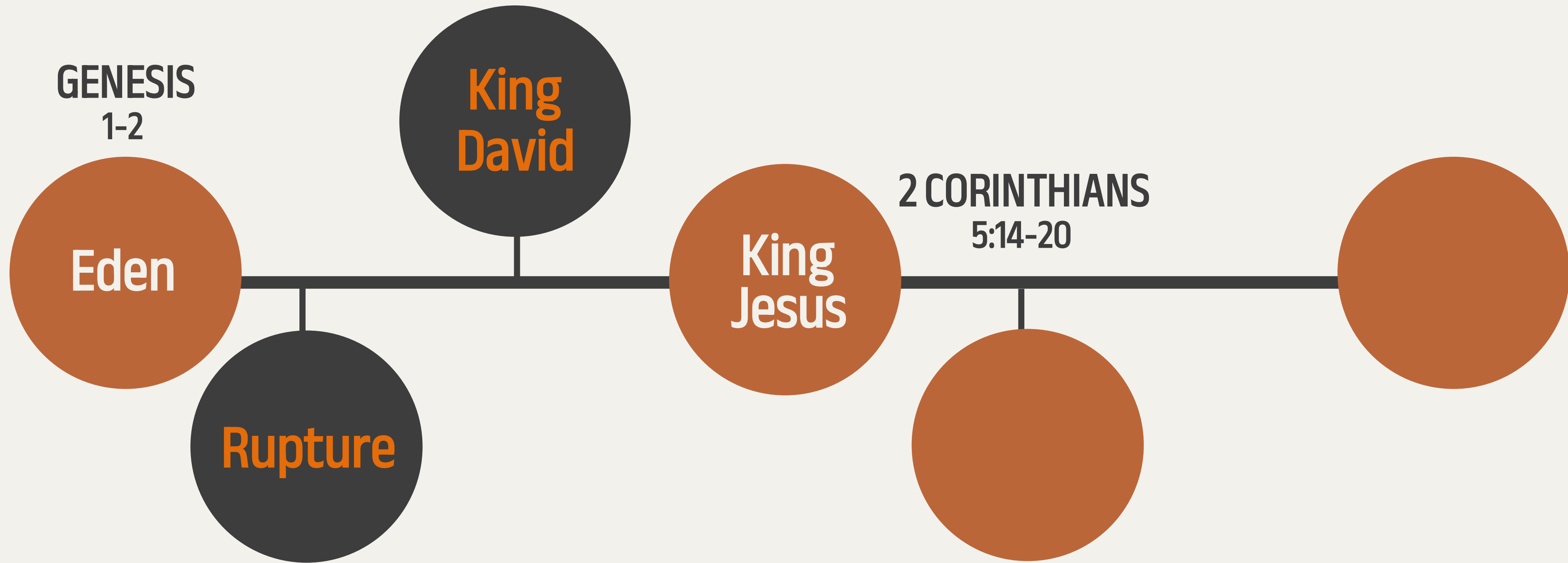


KING DAVID

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FROM RUPTURE TO REPAIR



2 CORINTHIANS 5

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2 CORINTHIANS 5

¹⁵ He died for everyone
so that those who receive his new life
will no longer live for themselves.
Instead, they will live for Christ,
who died and was raised for them.

PRAC TICE



Name the Debt

**REMEMBER THE
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RELEASE THE DEBT

FORGIVENESS

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Moral Improvement — MORALISTIC
Personal Healing — THERAPEUTIC
Help from God — DEISM

PURPOSE

Forgiveness is more than
moral improvement or personal healing.

2 CORINTHIANS 5

¹⁶ So we have stopped evaluating others
from a human point of view.

At one time we thought of Christ
merely from a human point of view.
How differently we know him now!

2 CORINTHIANS 5

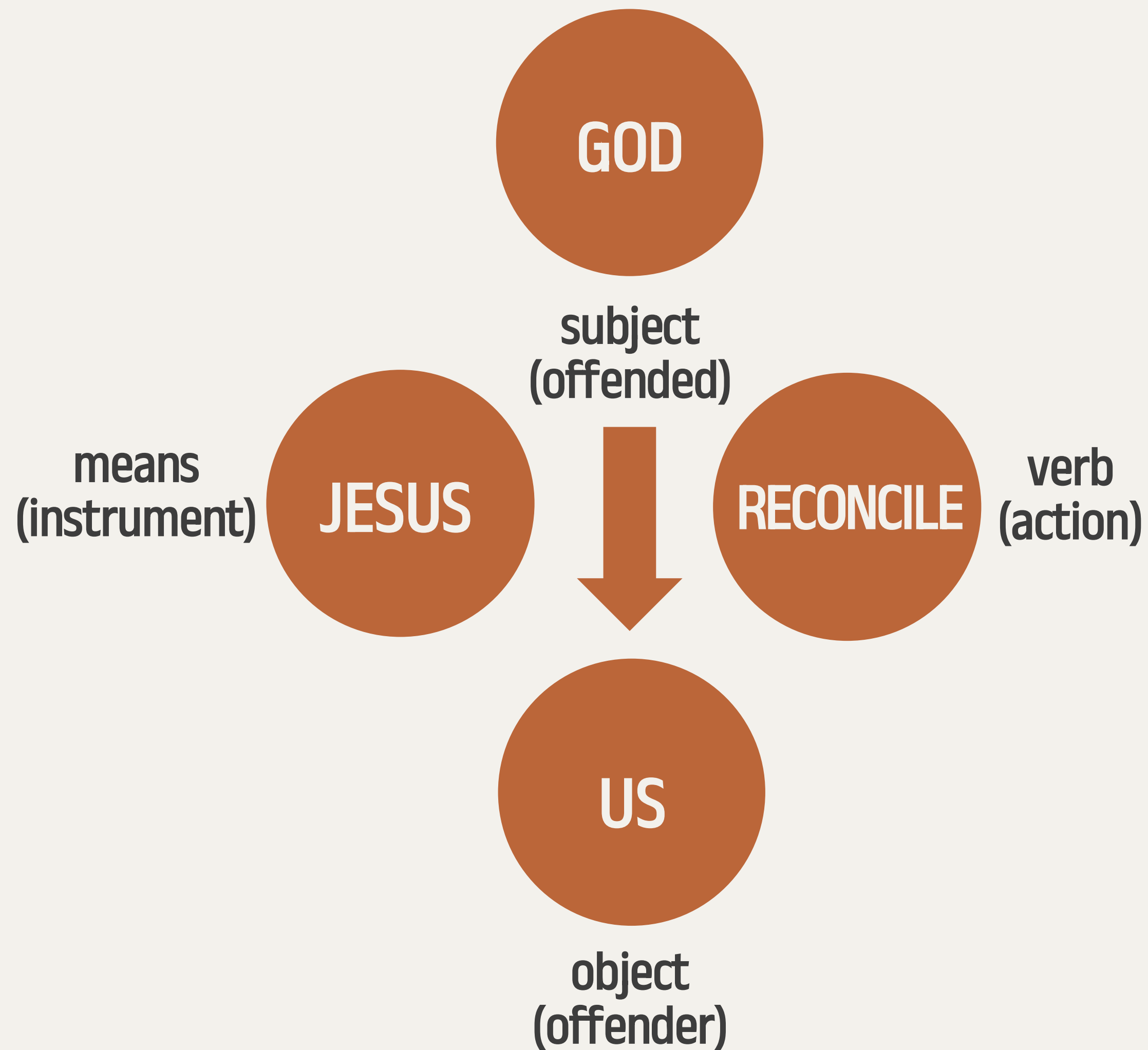
¹⁷ This means that anyone
who belongs to Christ
has become a new person.
The old life is gone;
a new life has begun!

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PURPOSE

Forgiveness is not God's ultimate goal.
Restored communion is.

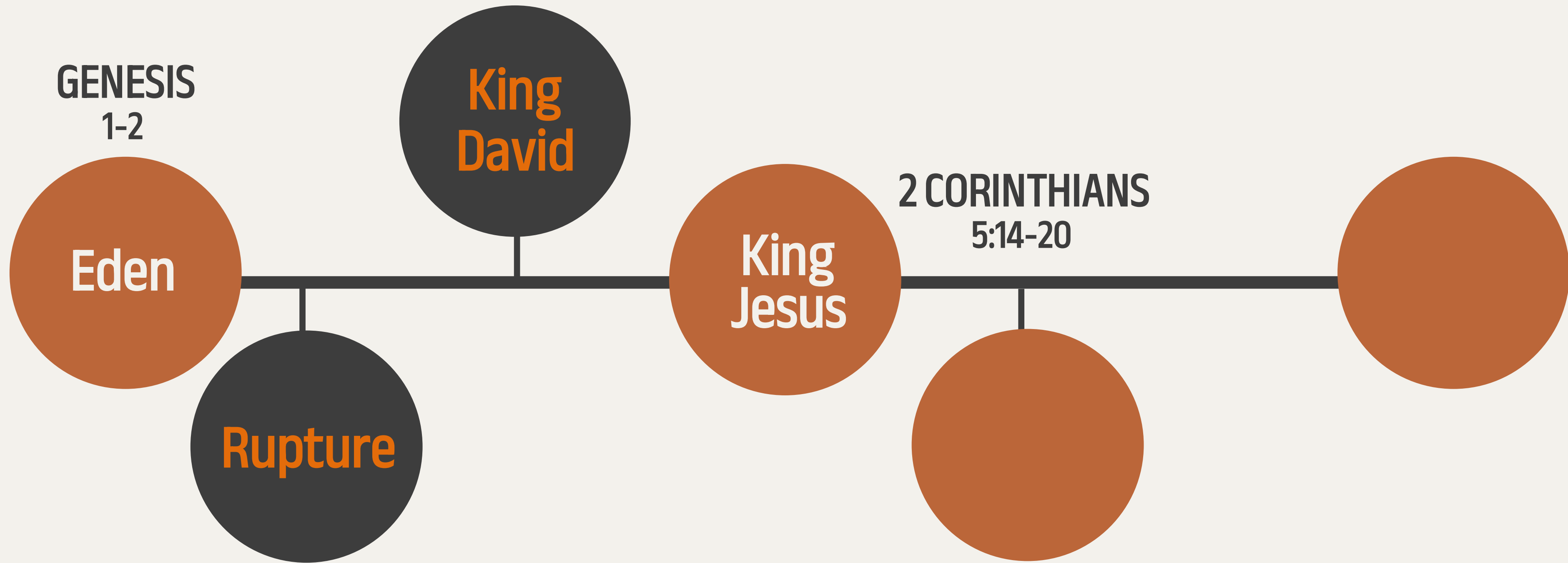


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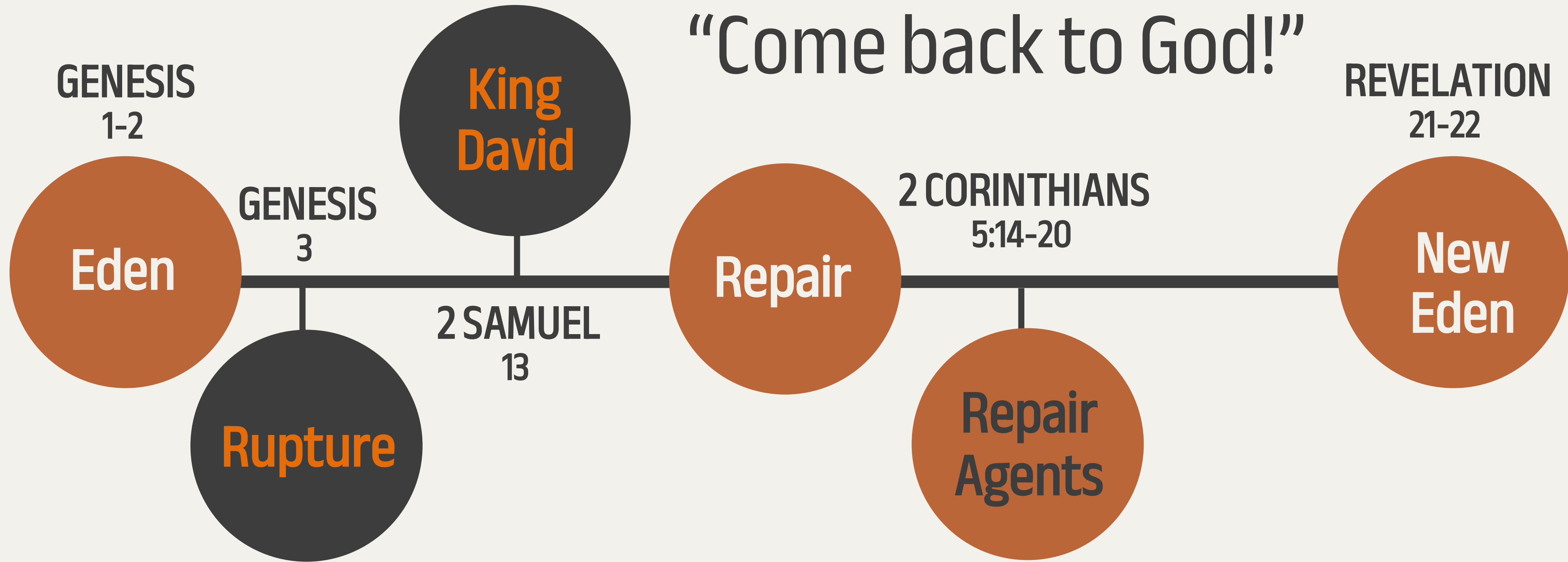
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¹⁹ For God was in Christ,
reconciling the world to himself,
no longer counting people's sins against them.
And he gave us this wonderful
message of reconciliation.

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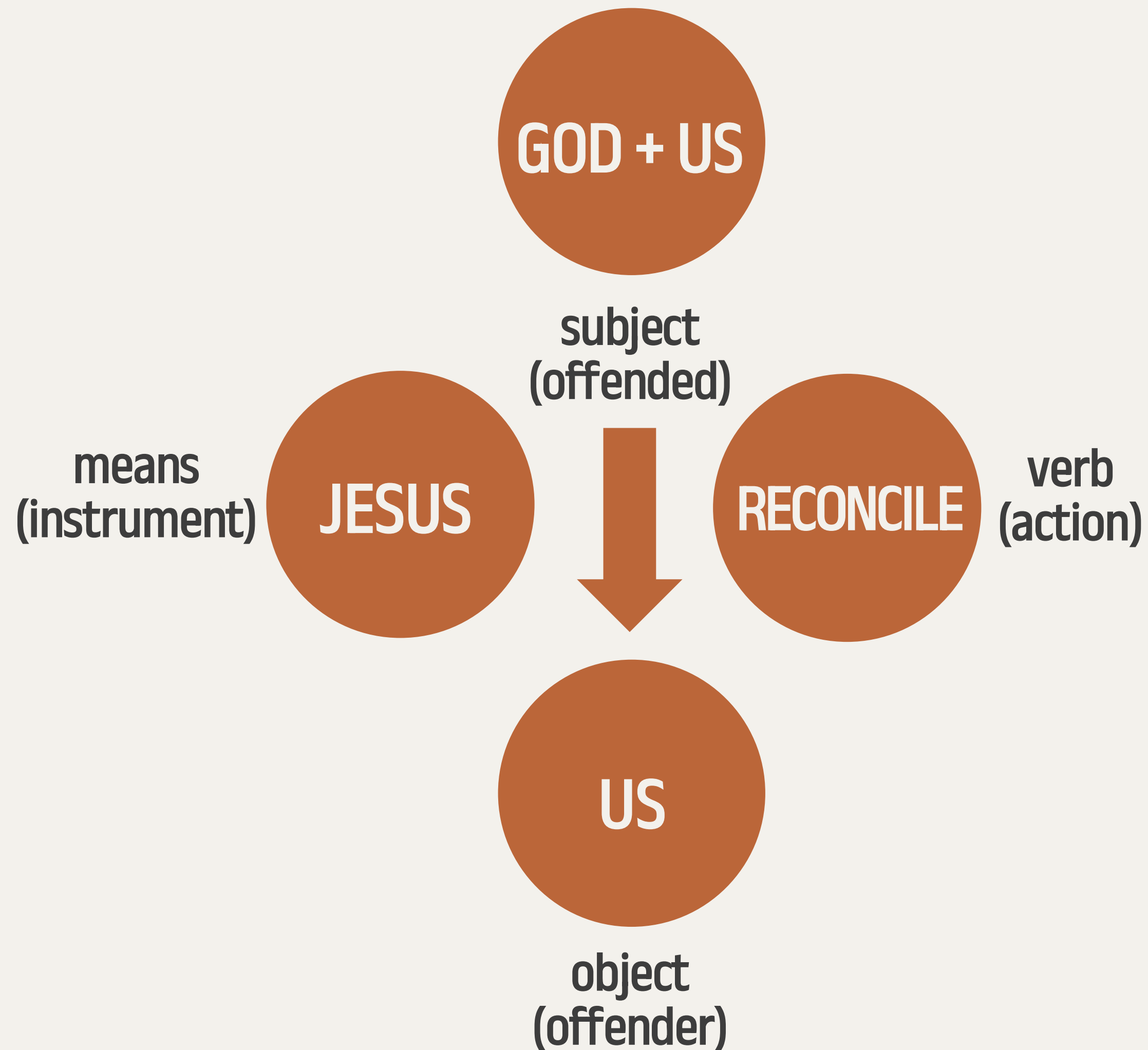
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We speak for Christ when we plead,
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FROM RUPTURE TO REPAIR



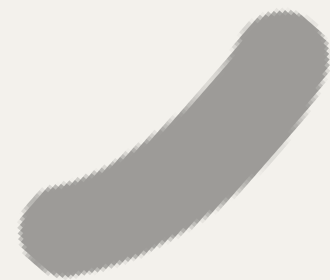
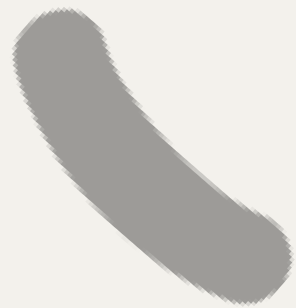
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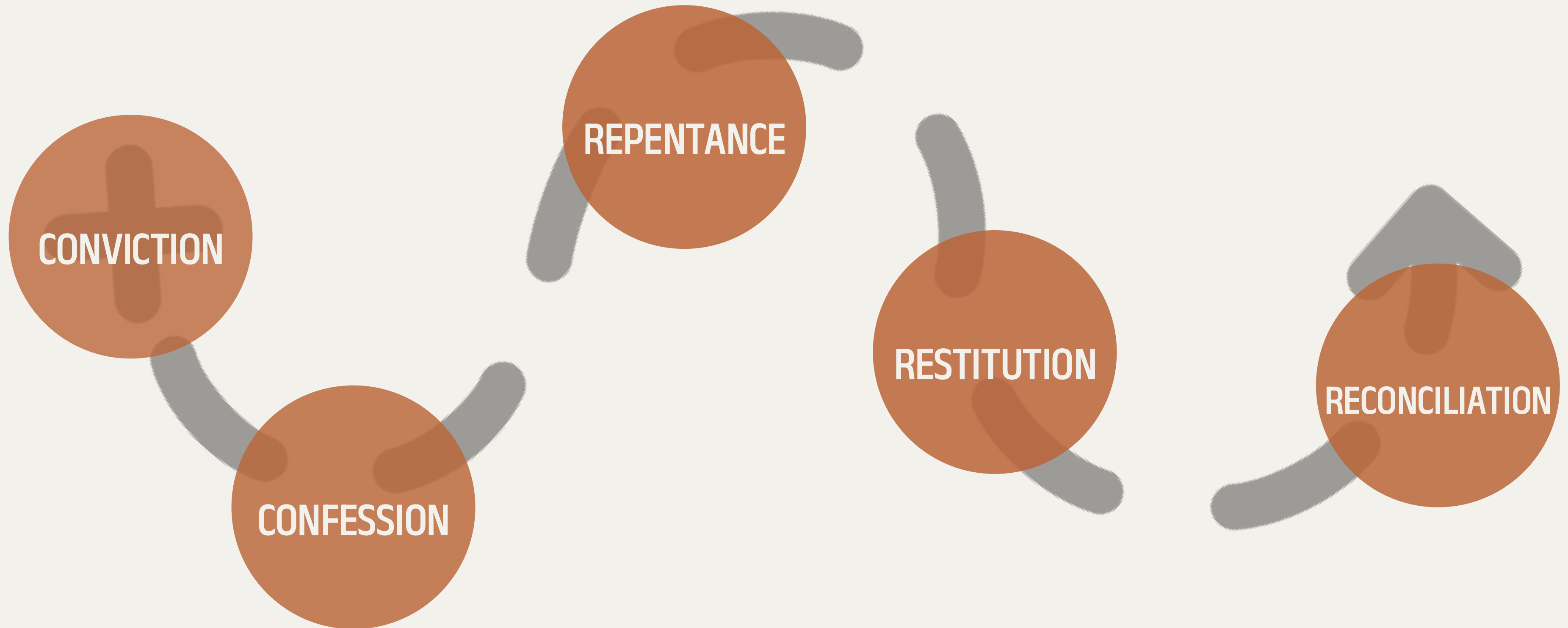
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RECONCILIATION

Together, we begin rebuilding
trust and relationship.

PATH OF REPAIR



MATTHEW 5

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

**WHAT IS
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ACTUALLY FOR?**

Forgiveness opens the door
to God's work of repair
and through Him,
we are invited to participate
in His ministry of reconciliation, with Him.

F O R G I V E N E S S

