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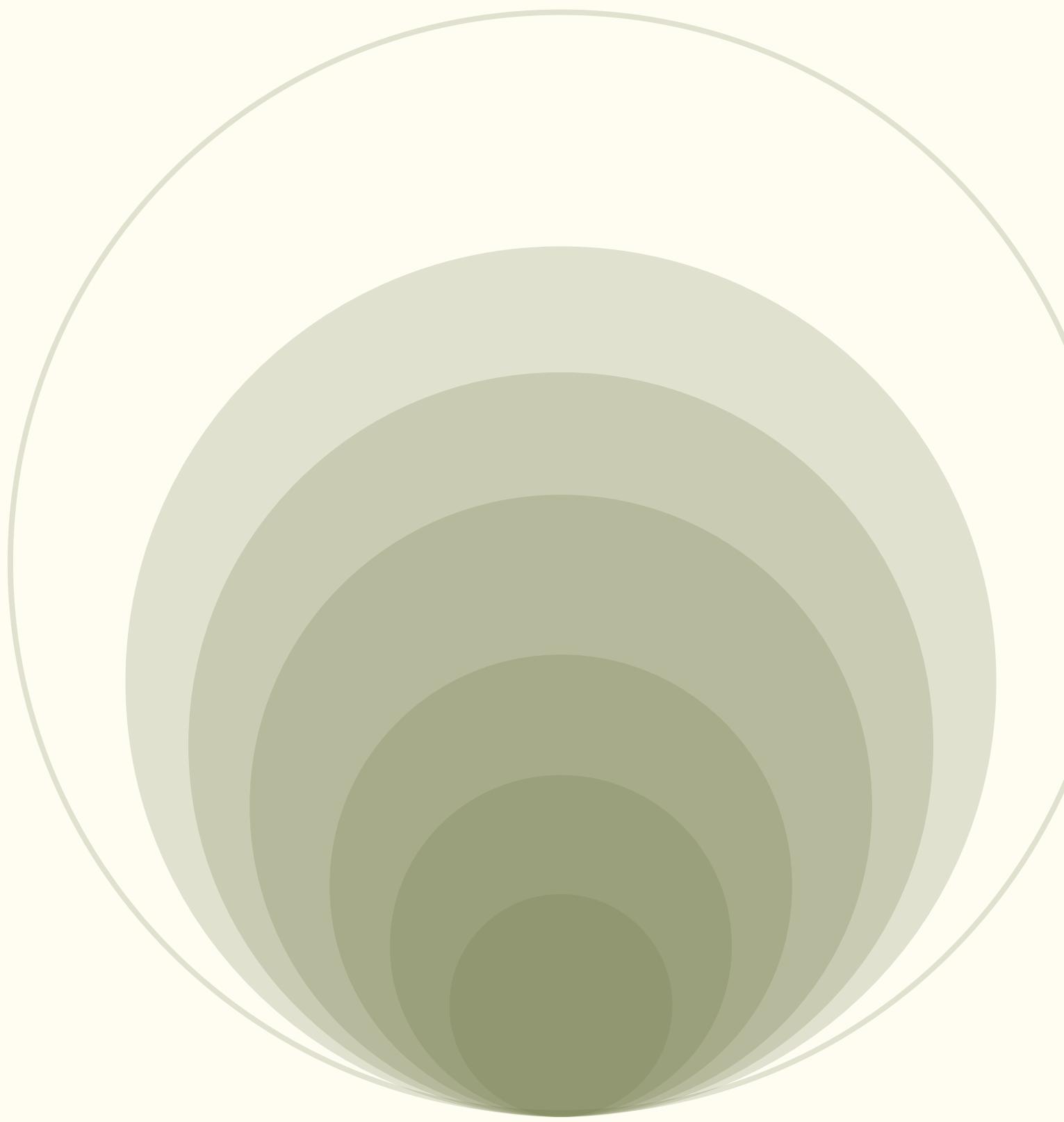
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The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God.² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him³ and said, “You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.”

ACTS 11:1-3 NIV

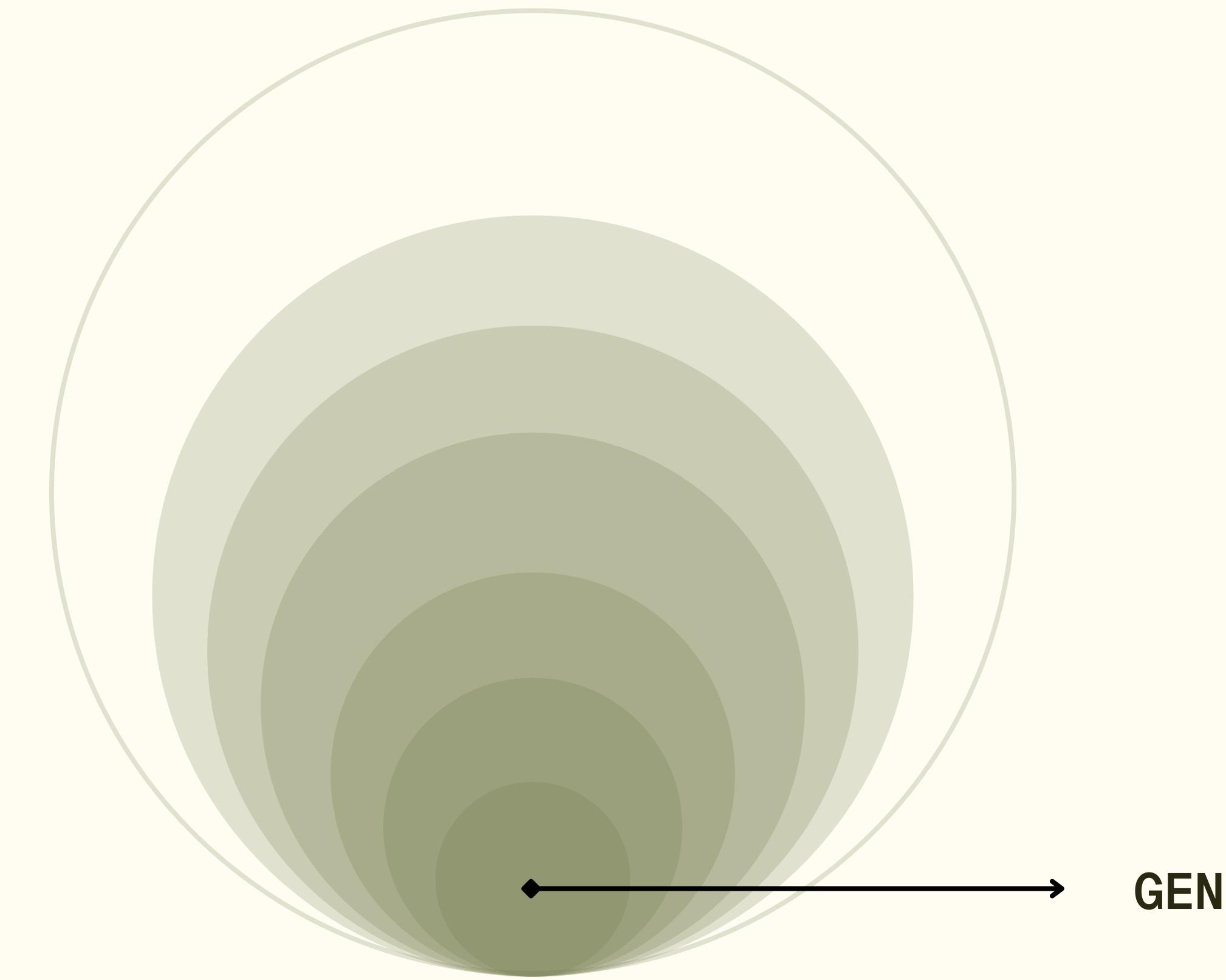
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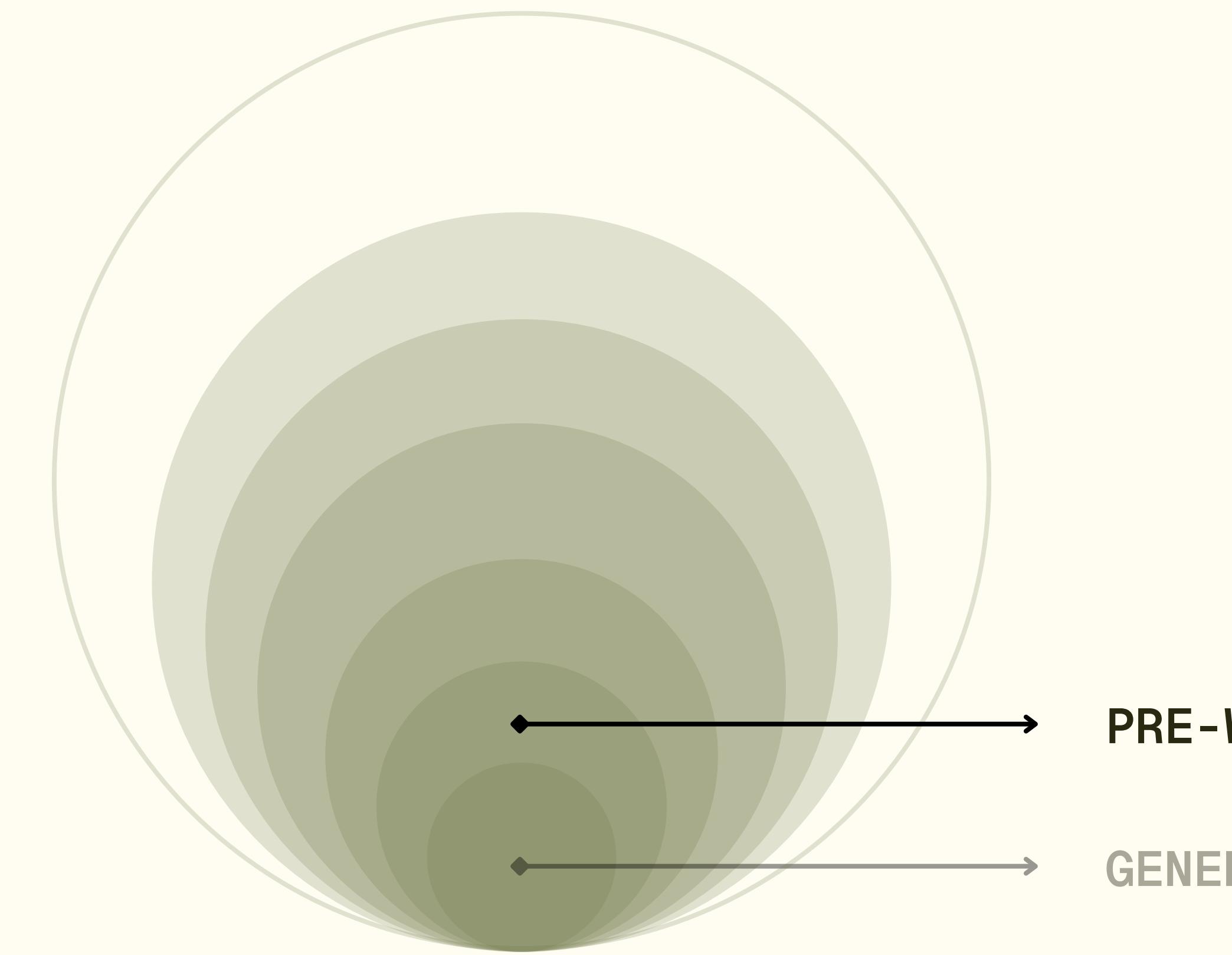
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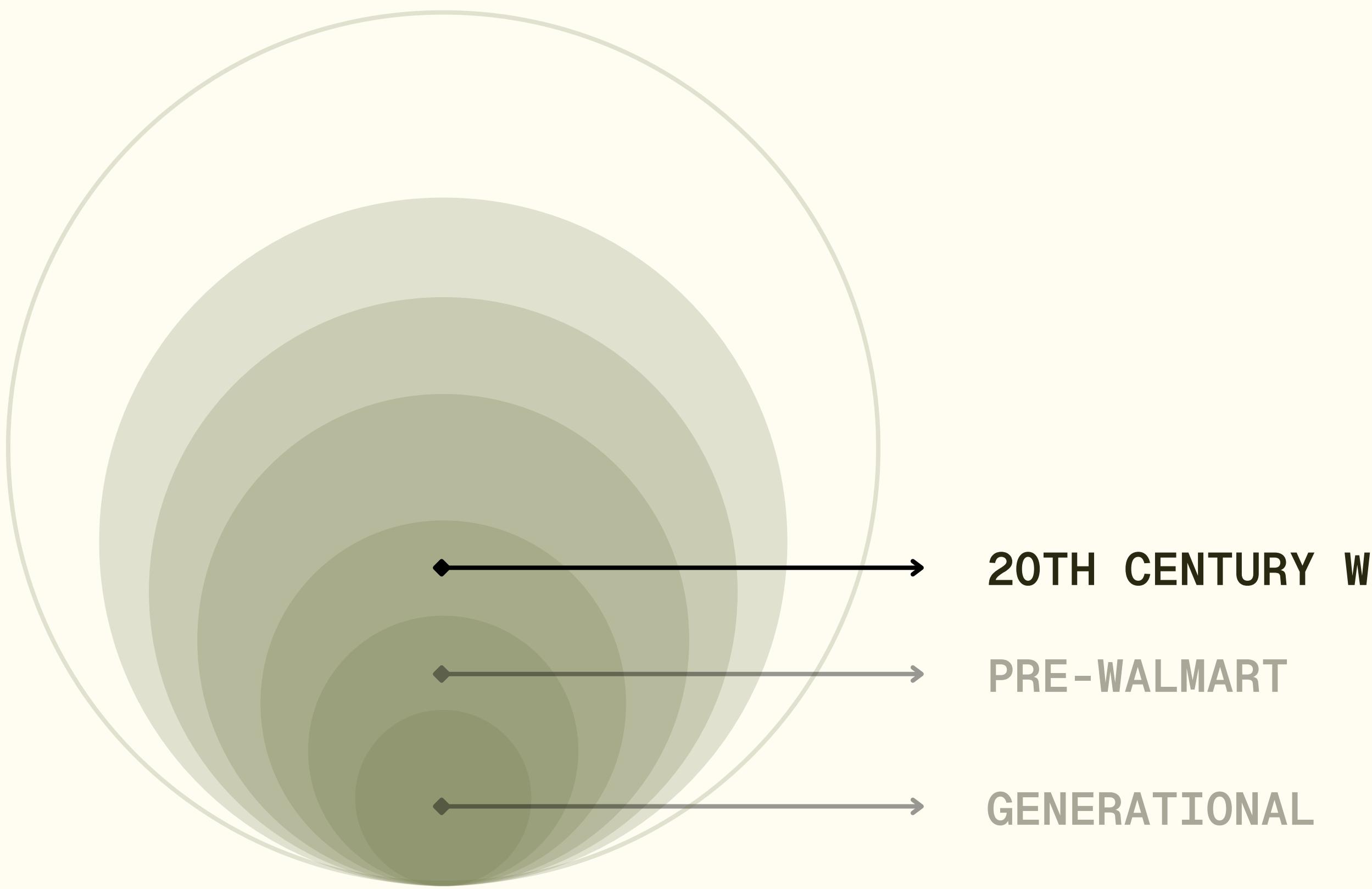


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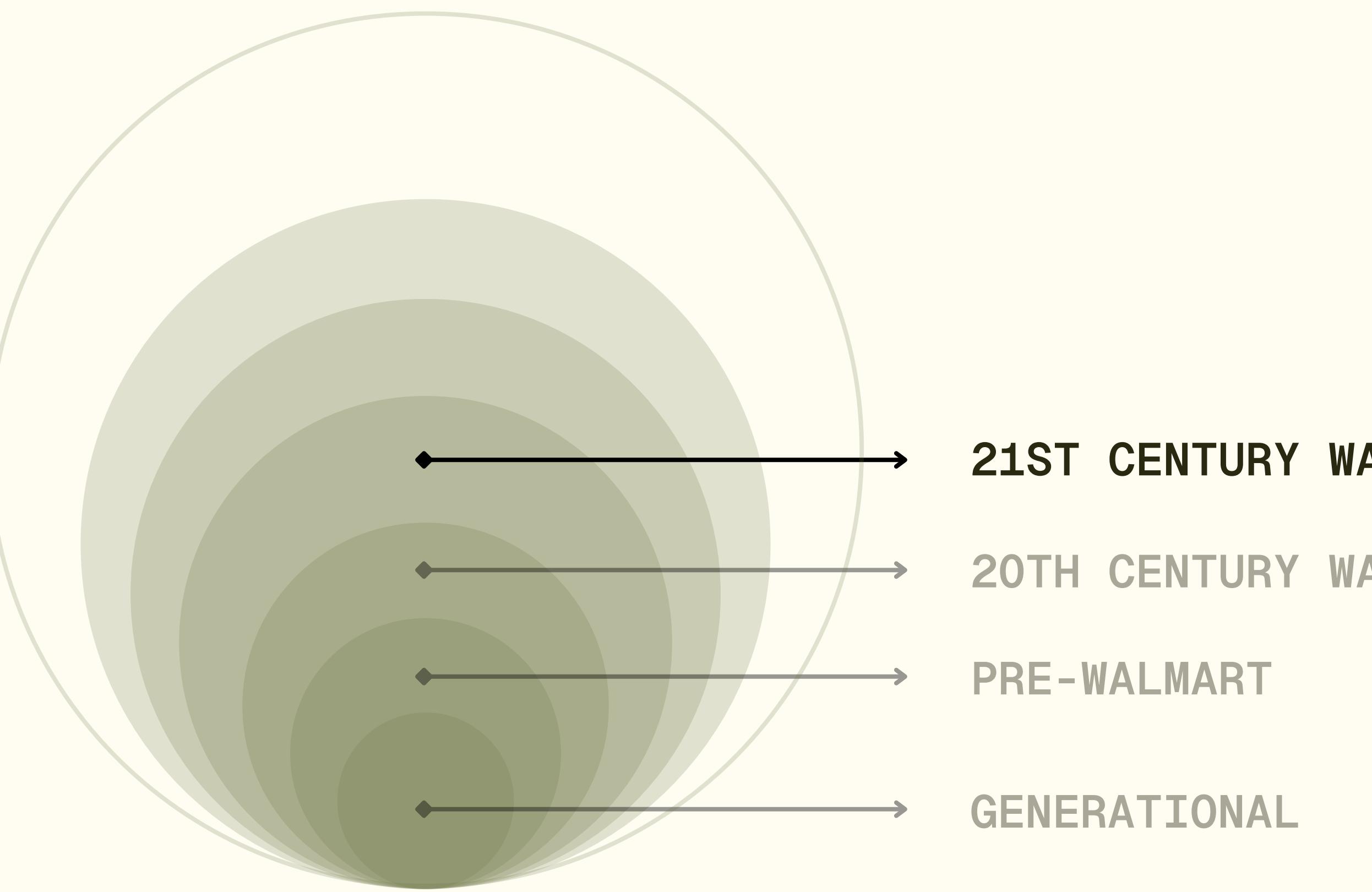
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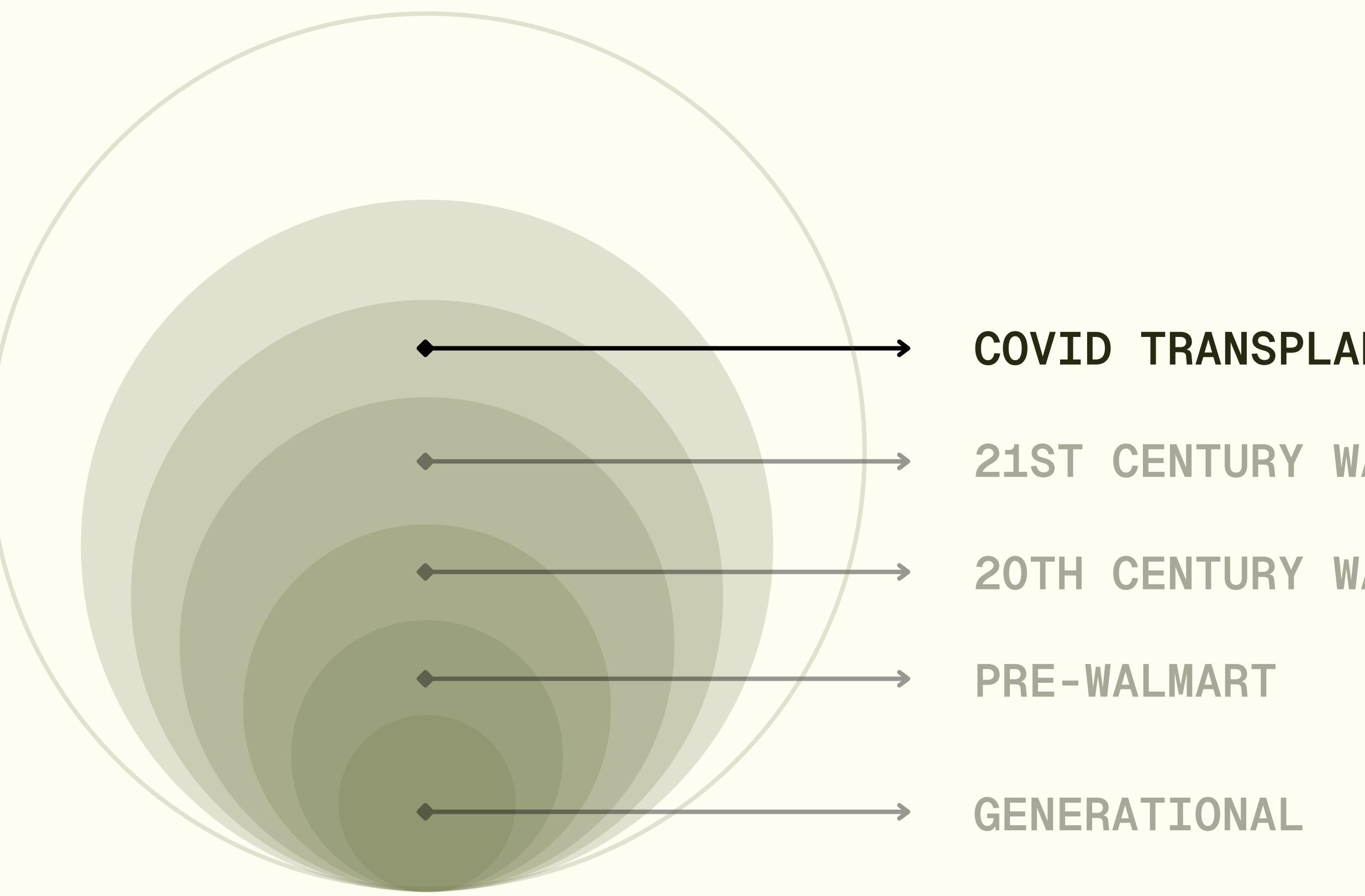
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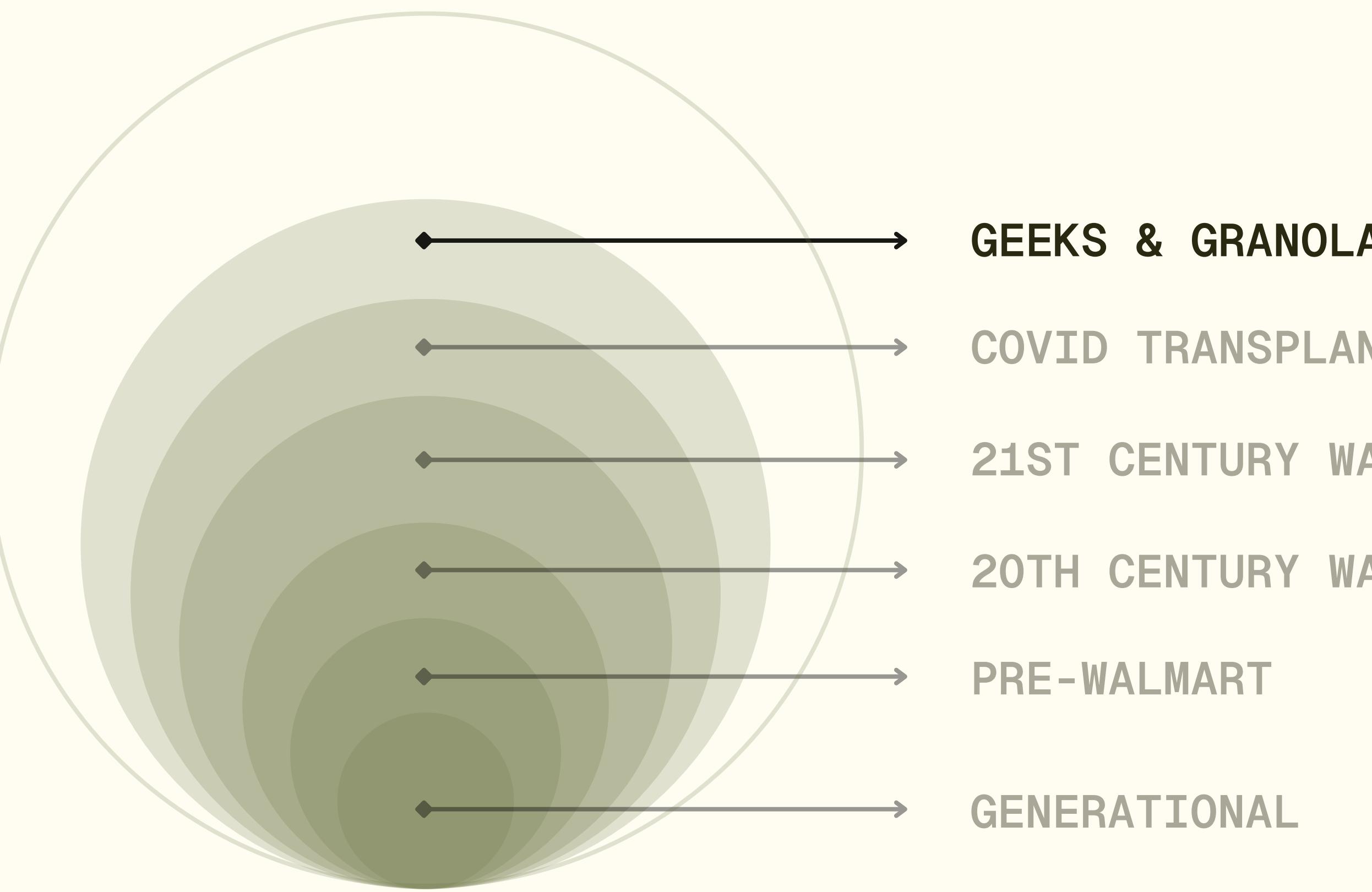
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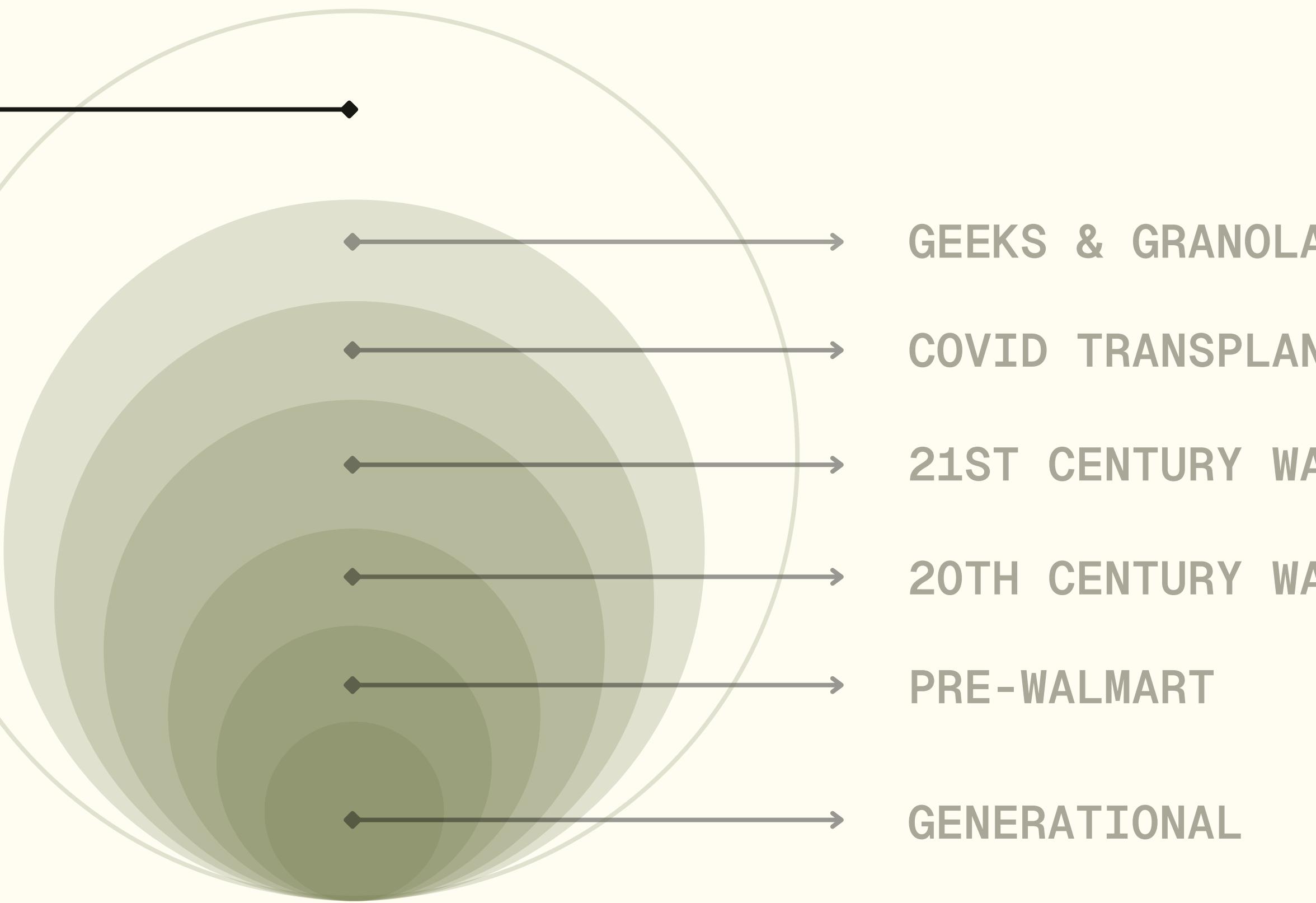
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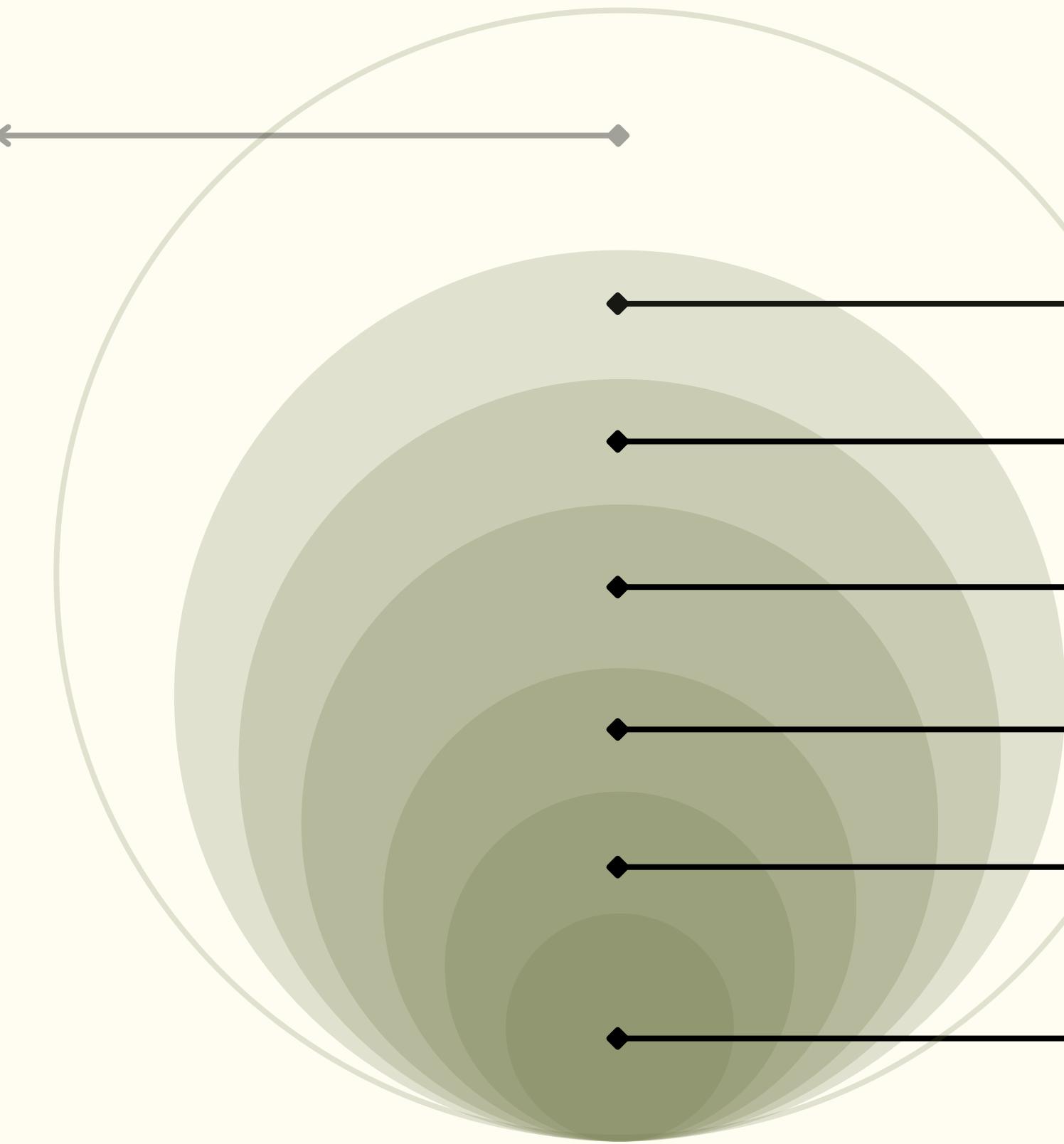
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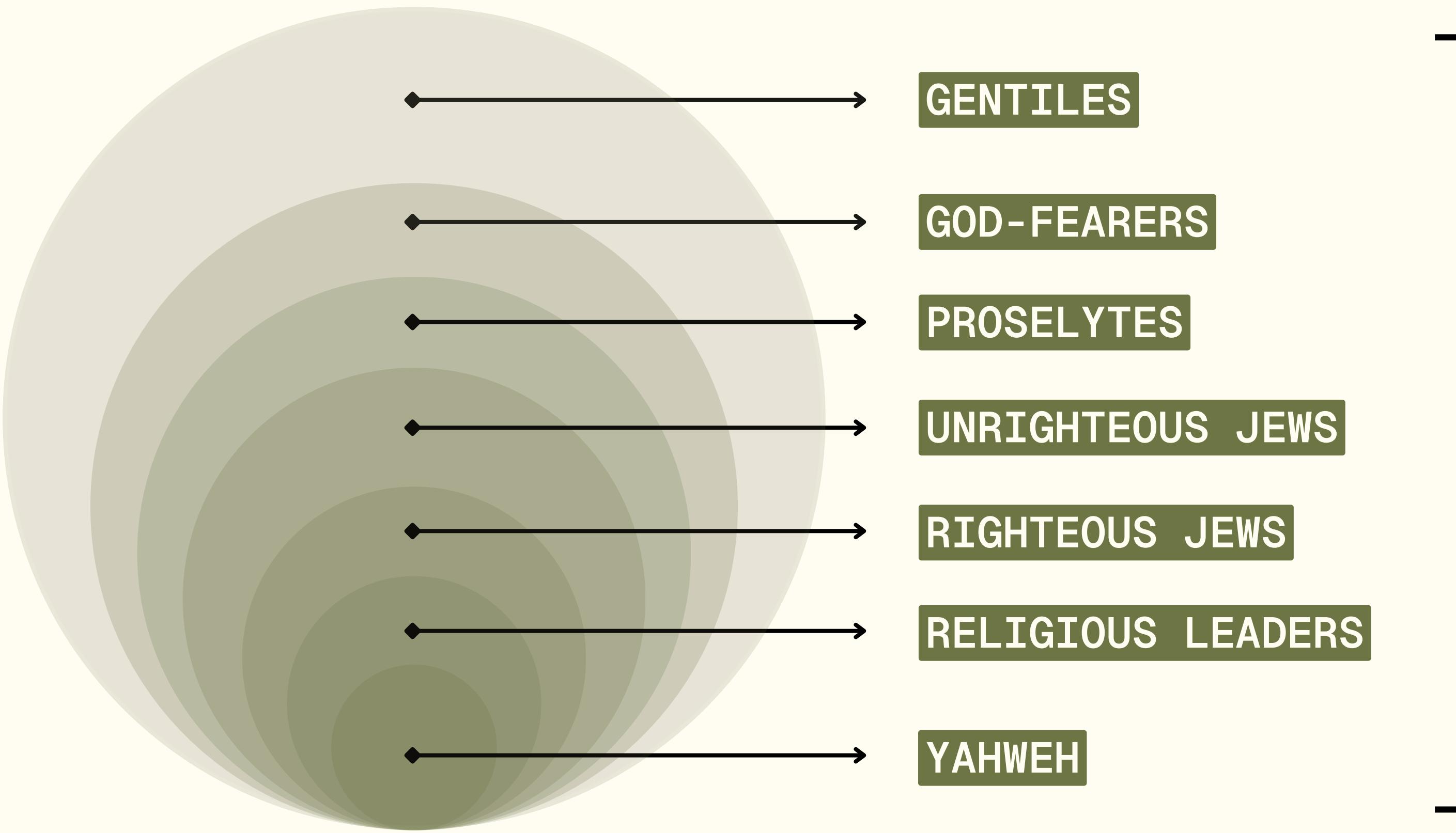
GENTILES



GOD-FEARERS
PROSELYTES
UNRIGHTEOUS JEWS
RIGHTEOUS JEWS
RELIGIOUS LEADERS
YAHWEH

**God's
People**

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FOLLOWERS OF JESUS

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Starting from the beginning,
Peter told them the whole story:

ACTS 11:4 NIV

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→ Peter's Vision v.5-10

God's Command v.11-12

God's Affirmation v.13-14

Peter's Obedience v.15-17

"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was.⁶ I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds.⁷ Then I heard a voice telling me, 'Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.'⁸ "I replied, 'Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'"

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RITUAL PURITY

LEVITICUS 11-15

ANIMALS

11

CHILDBIRTH

12

SKIN DISEASE

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MOLD & MILDEW

14

DISCHARGES

15

UNCLEAN ≠ SINFUL

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→ Peter's Vision v. 5-10

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God's Affirmation v. 13-14

Peter's Obedience v. 15-17

“The voice spoke from heaven a second time, ‘Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.’¹⁰ This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.”

ACTS 11:9-10 NIV

LUKE

DINING WITH
PHARISEES

11

BORN OF
A WOMAN

2

CLEANSES
LEPRA

5

CLEANSES
TEMPLE

19

BLEEDING
WOMAN

8

SINFUL
WOMAN

7

JAIRUS'
DAUGHTER

8

THEIF ON
THE CROSS

23

UNCLEAN
EATING

11

CHILDBIRTH

12

SKIN
DISEASE

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POLLUTED
HOUSE

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DISCHARGE

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SEXUAL
SIN

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DEAD
BODIES

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DEATH
PENALTY

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Peter's Vision v.5-10

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Peter's Obedience v.15-17

“Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying.
¹² The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house.”

ACTS 11:11-12 NIV

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Peter's Vision v.5-10

God's Command v.11-12

→ God's Affirmation v.13-14

Peter's Obedience v.15-17

“He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter.
¹⁴ He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.”

ACTS 11:13-14 NIV

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Peter's Vision v.5-10

God's Command v.11-12

God's Affirmation v.13-14

→ Peter's Obedience v.15-17

“As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning.¹⁶ Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’¹⁷ So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God’s way?”

ACTS 11:15-17 NIV

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When they heard this, they...

ACTS 11:18A NIV

- A** ... praised God for new family!
- B** ... had some questions, but were elated.
- C** ... were mad at Peter.

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When they heard this, they had no further objections and
praised God, saying, “So then, even to Gentiles God has granted
repentance that leads to life.”

ACTS 11:18 NIV

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Jesus changes people
to be like Him, not like us.

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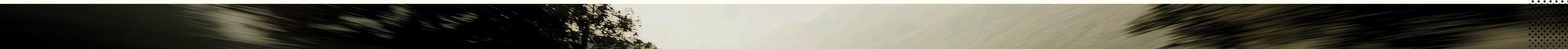
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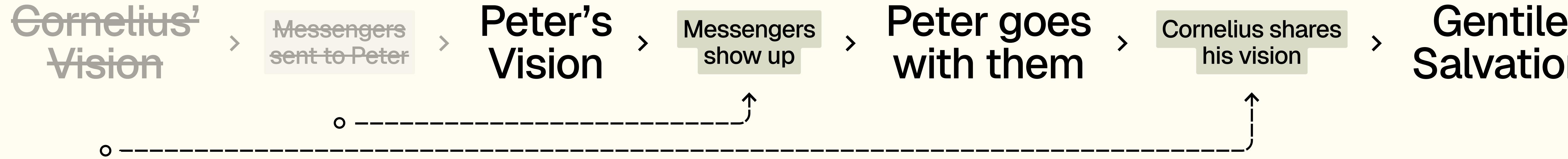
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God is moving in ways we
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Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through.² A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy.³ He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd.⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.⁵ When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.”⁶ So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

LUKE 19:1-6 NIV

Reflection

- + Who am I praying for that only Jesus can change?
- + What needs to change in me to hear God's voice and see His hand at work?

Prayer

Prepare my eyes to see you at work.
Slow my pace so I can meet you in that moment.
Shape my heart to love my enemy.
Enrich my words and actions with your grace and truth.