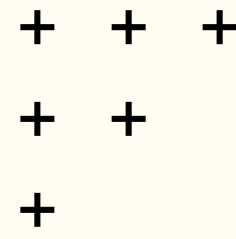


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# Acts 10

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Vision**



Messengers  
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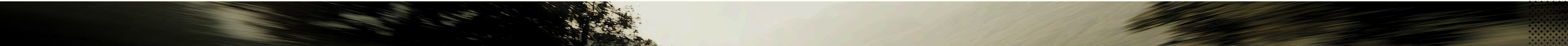
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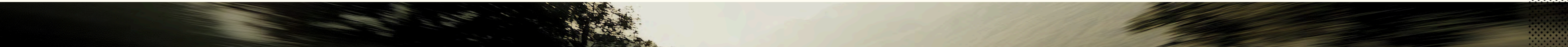
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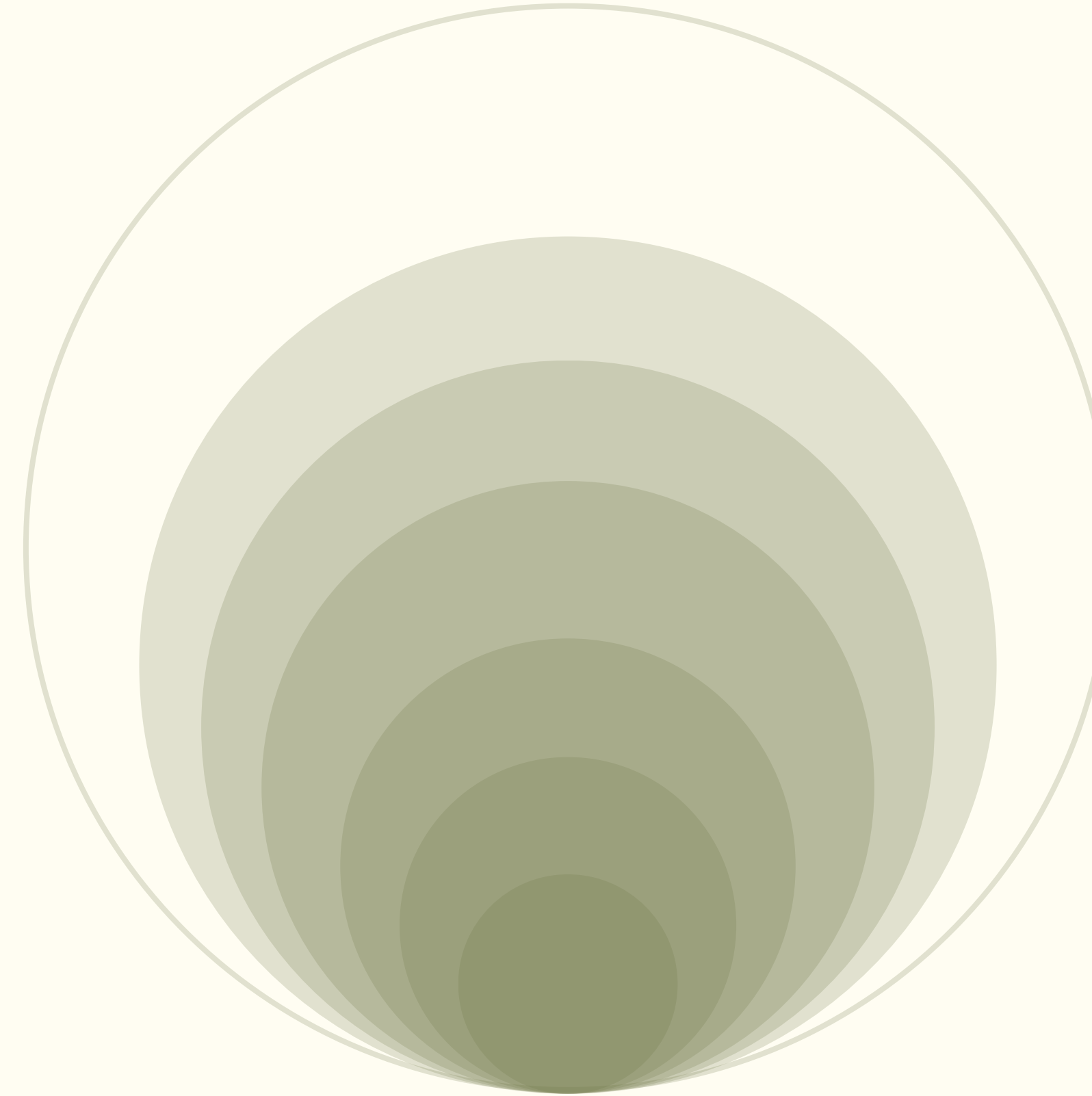
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ACTS 11:1-3 NIV



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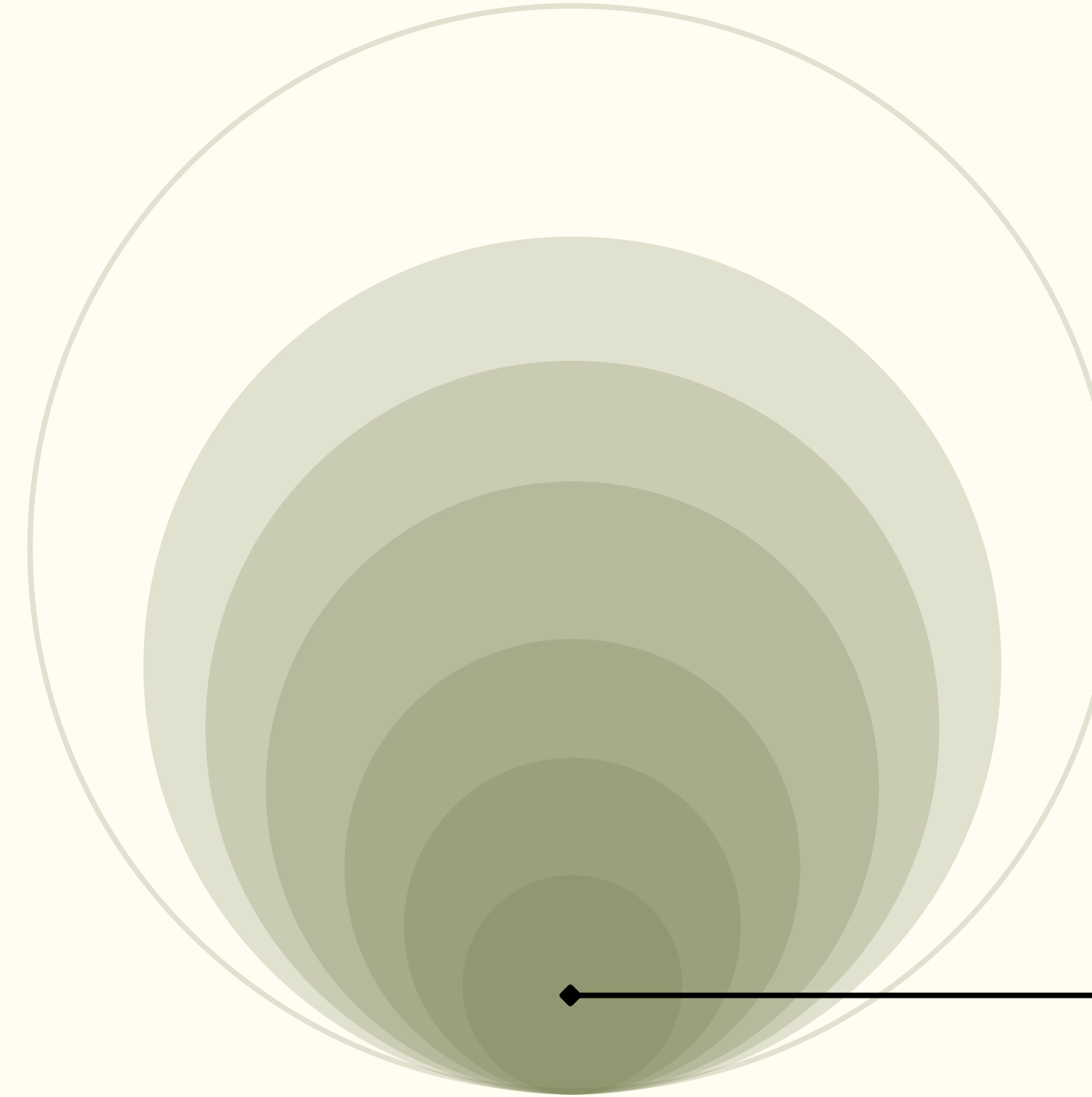
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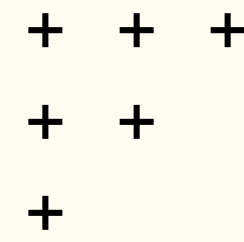
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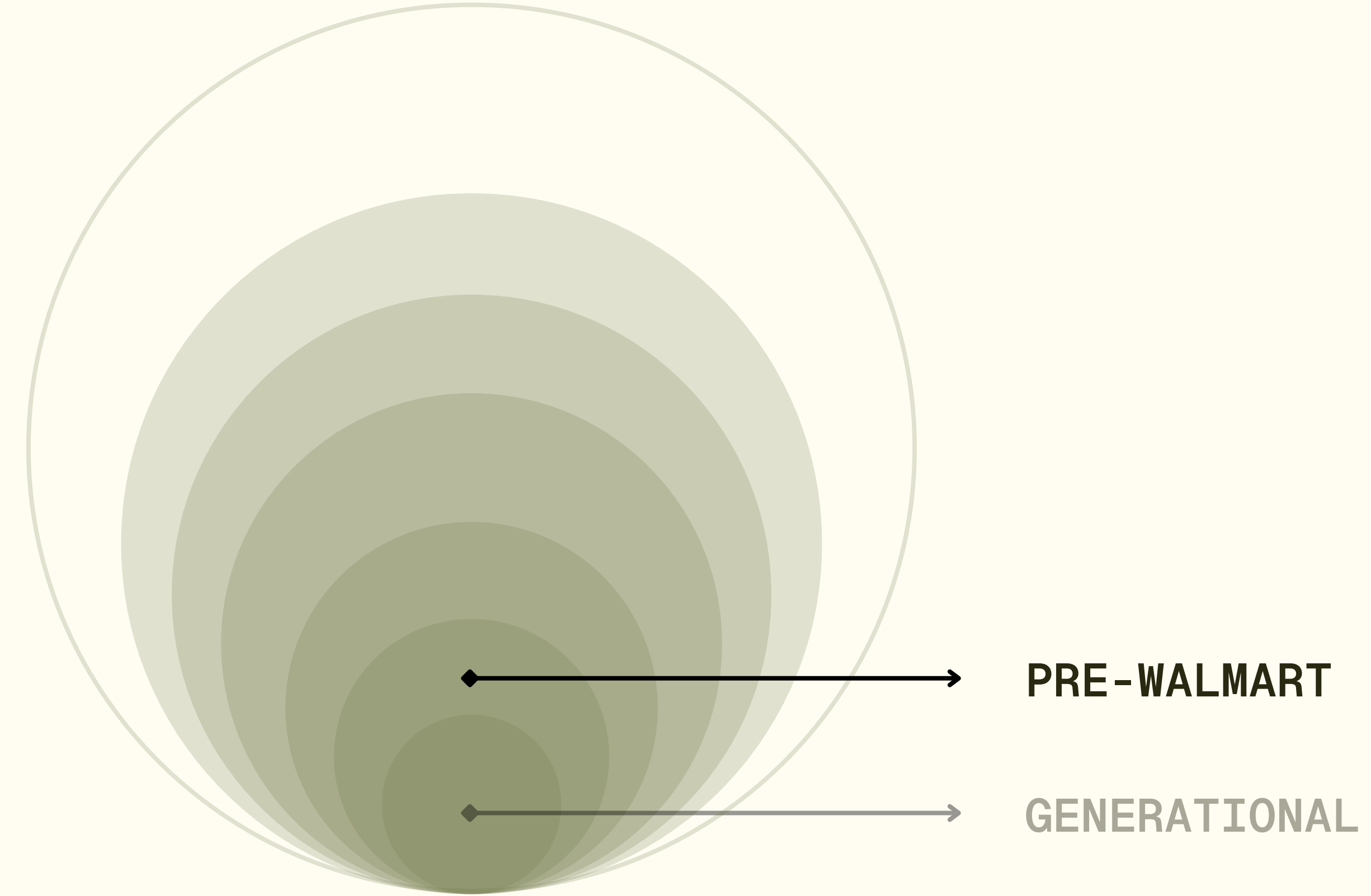


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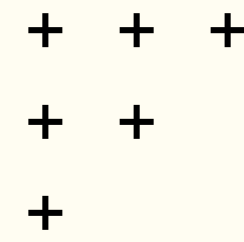




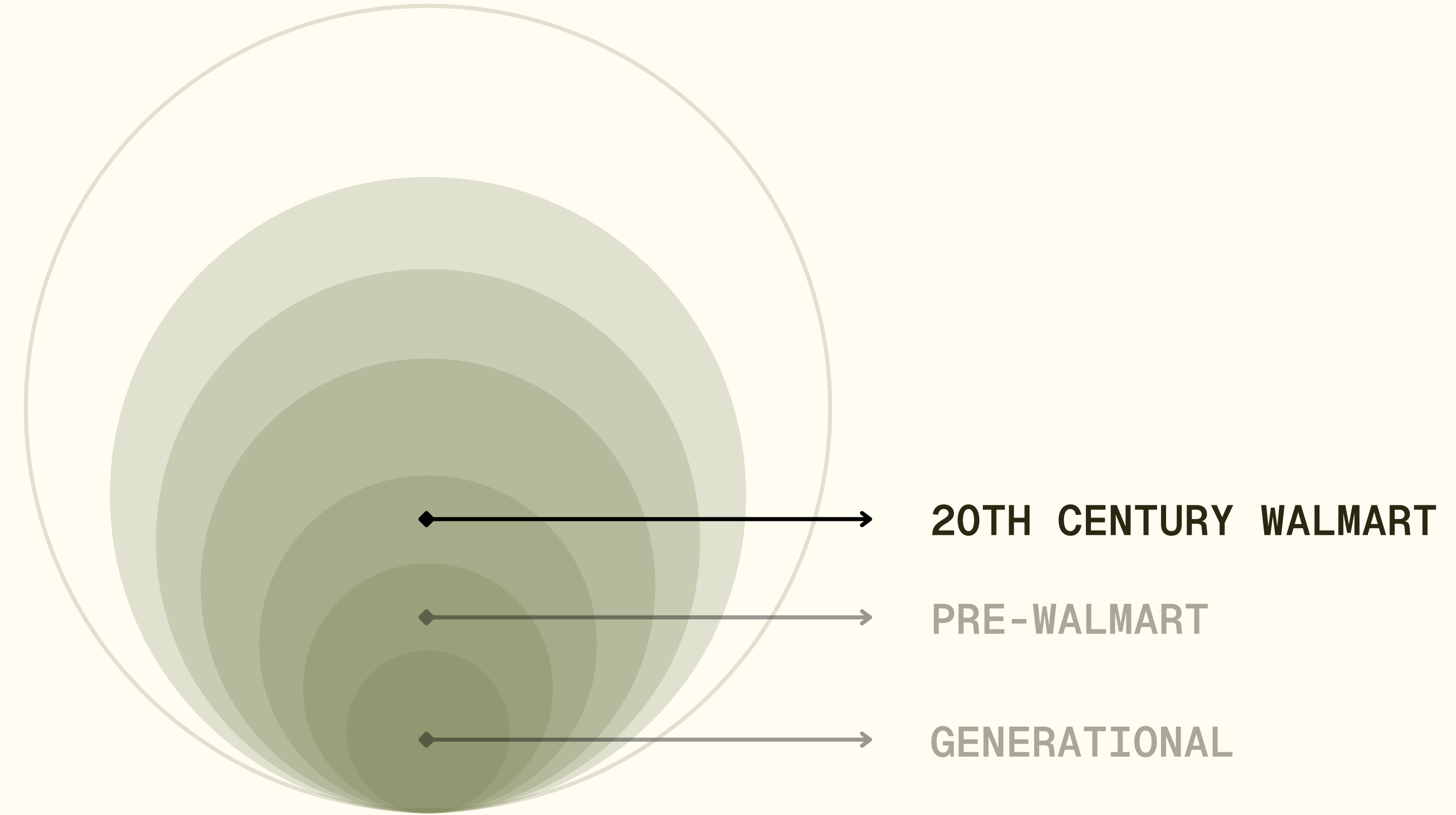
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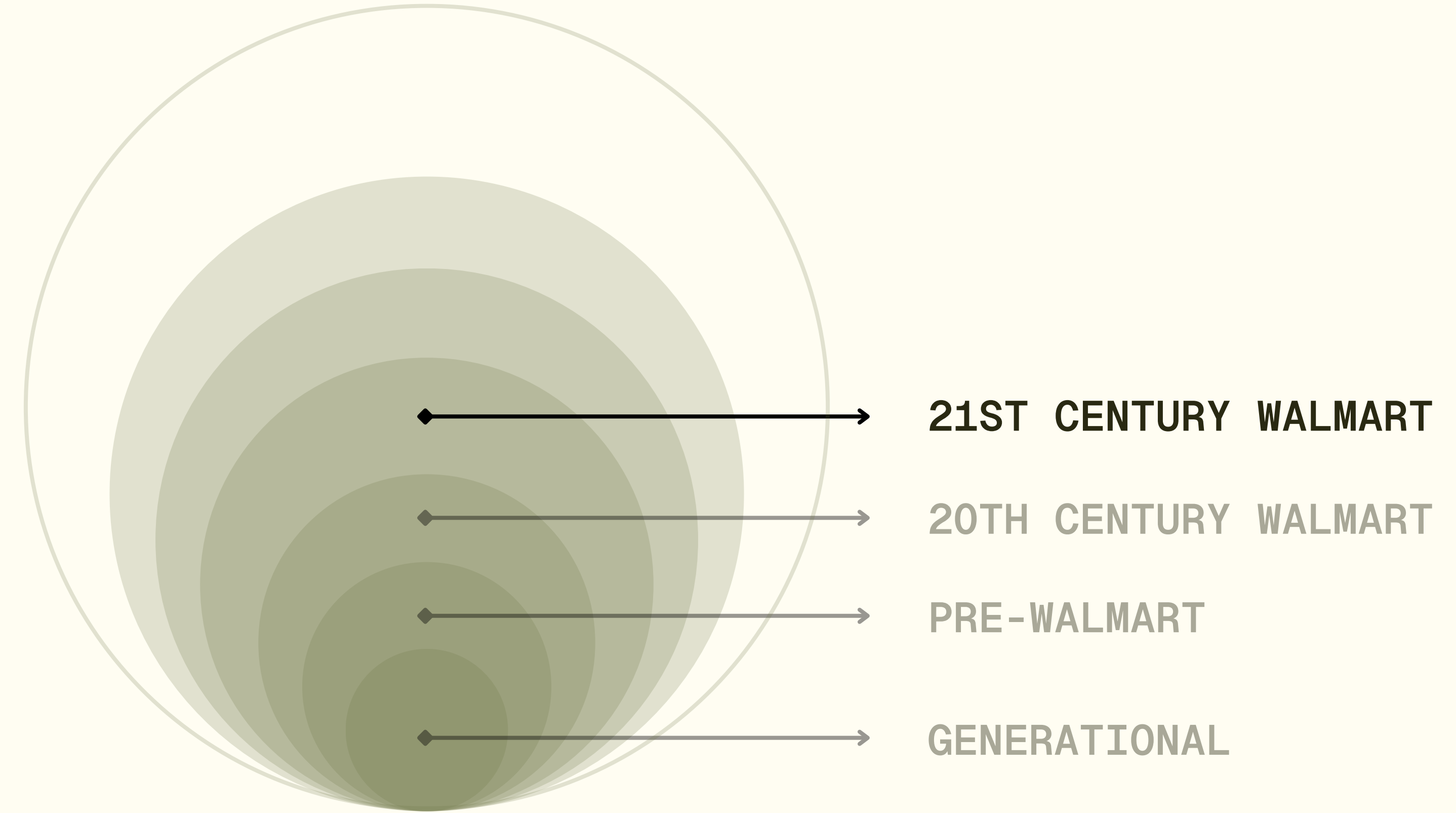


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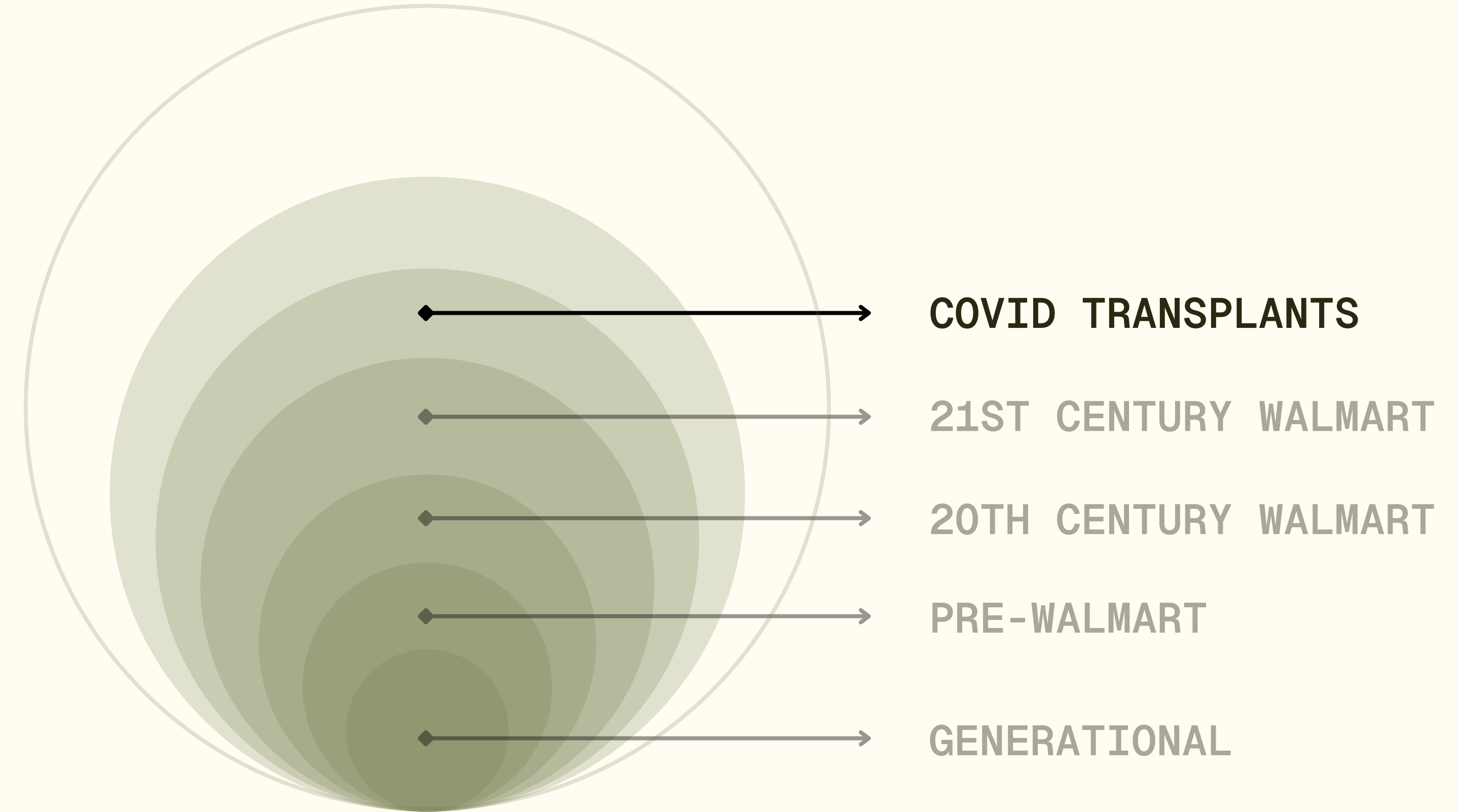


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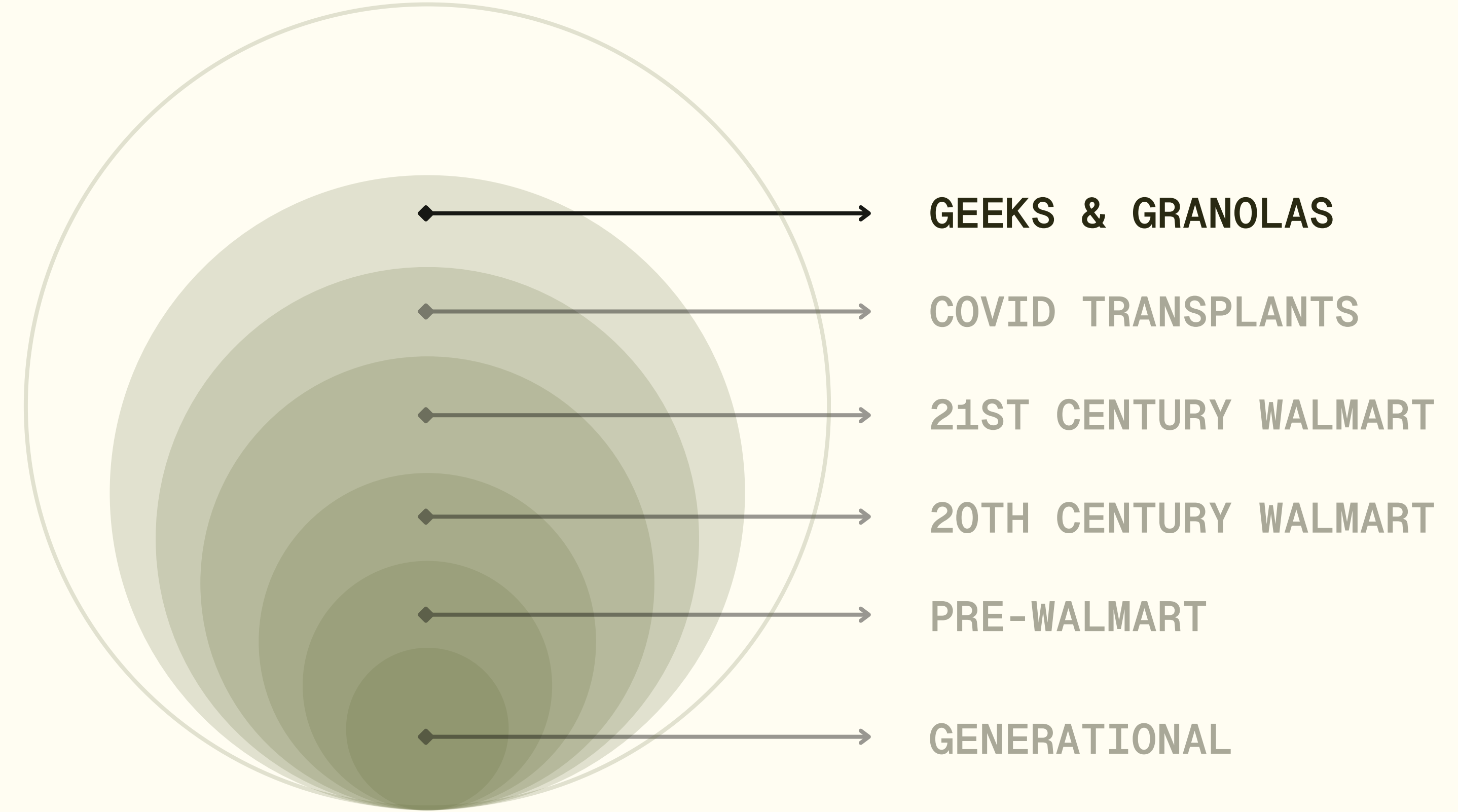


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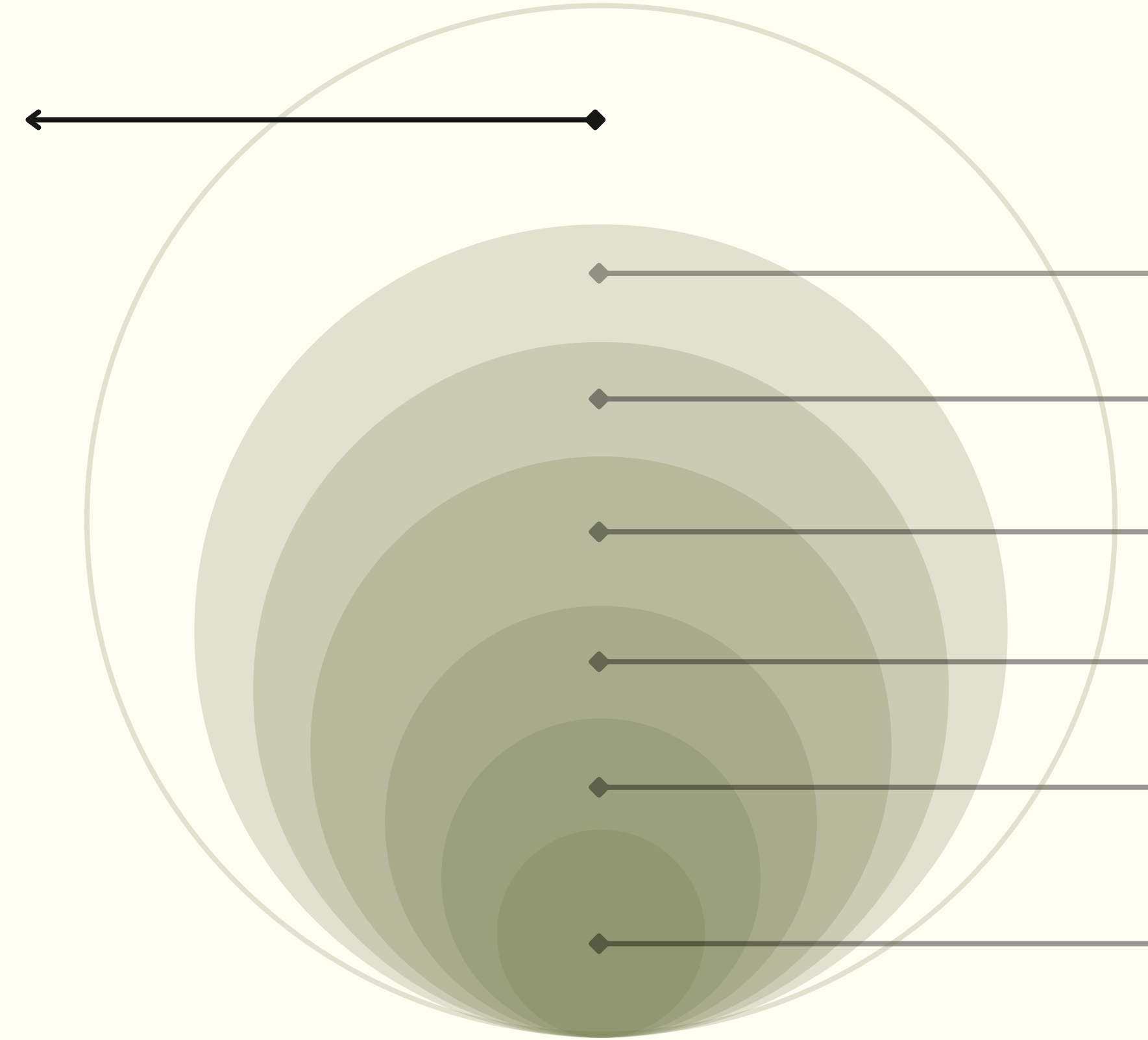
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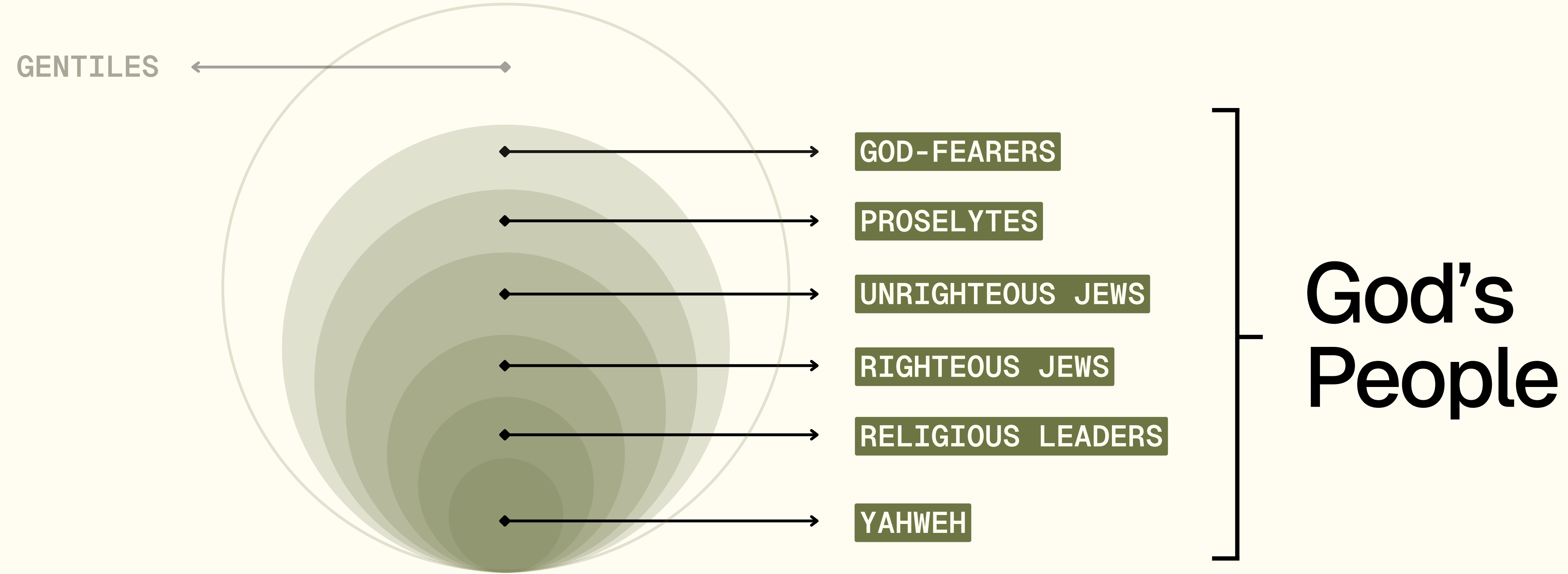
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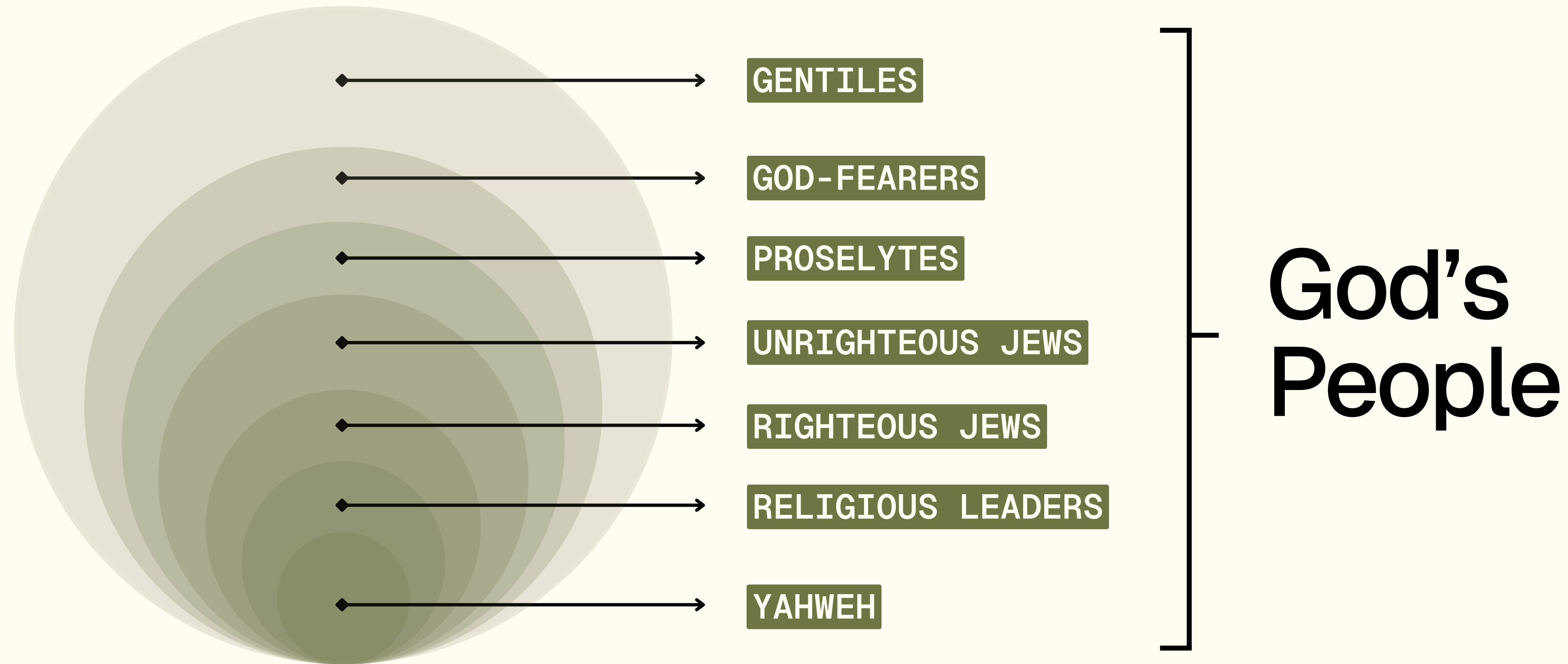


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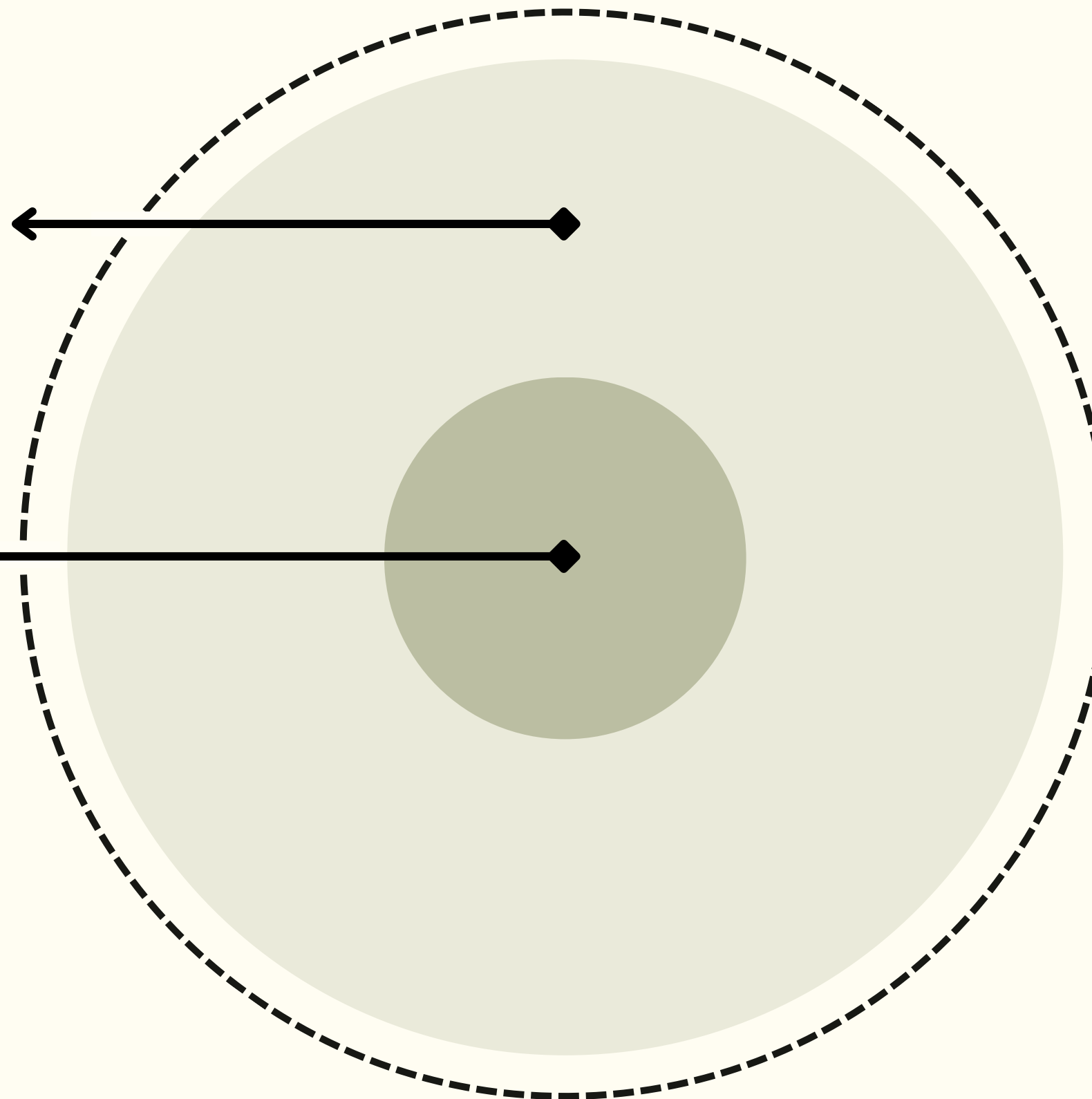




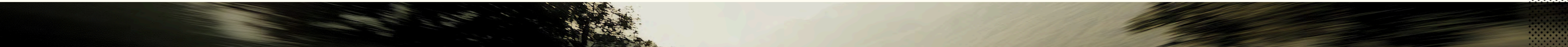
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FOLLOWERS OF JESUS

JESUS



— God's  
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Starting from the beginning,  
Peter told them the **whole** story:

ACTS 11:4 NIV



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God's Command v.11-12

God's Affirmation v.13-14

Peter's Obedience v.15-17

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# RITUAL PURITY

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ANIMALS

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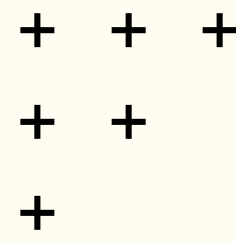
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UNCLEAN ≠ SINFUL





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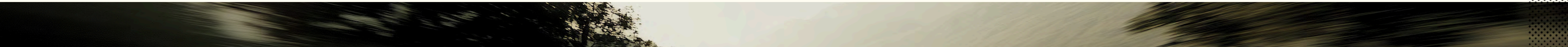
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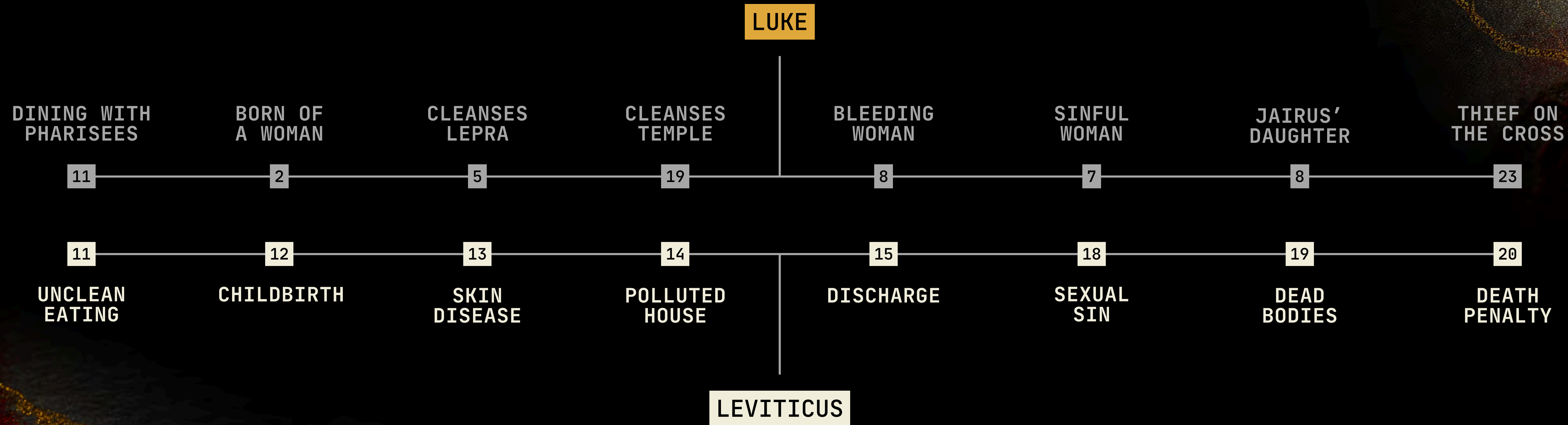
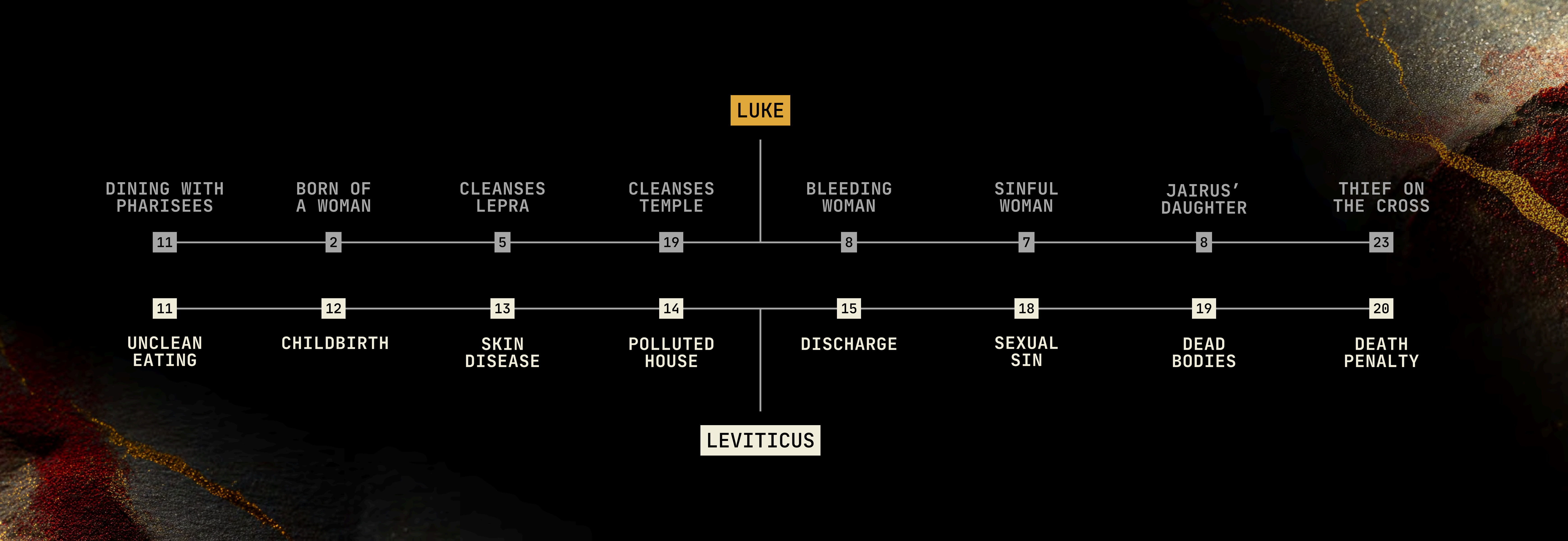
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“The voice spoke from heaven a second time, ‘Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.’<sup>10</sup> This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.”

ACTS 11:9-10 NIV









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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.  
<sup>12</sup> 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

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“He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter.  
<sup>14</sup> 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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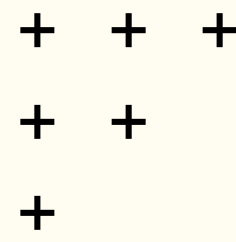
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“As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning.<sup>16</sup> Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’<sup>17</sup> So if God gave 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



# 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.

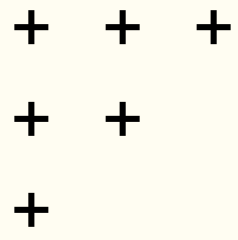




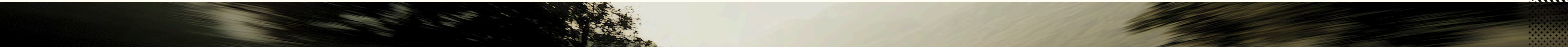
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When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, “So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

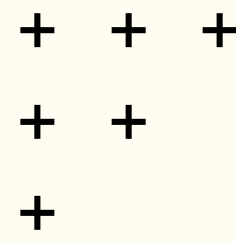
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Jesus changes people  
to be like Him, not like us.







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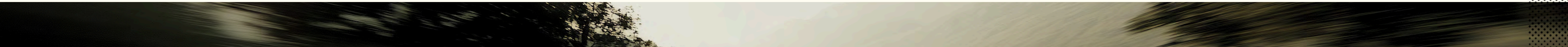
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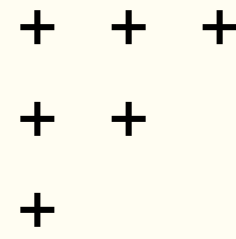


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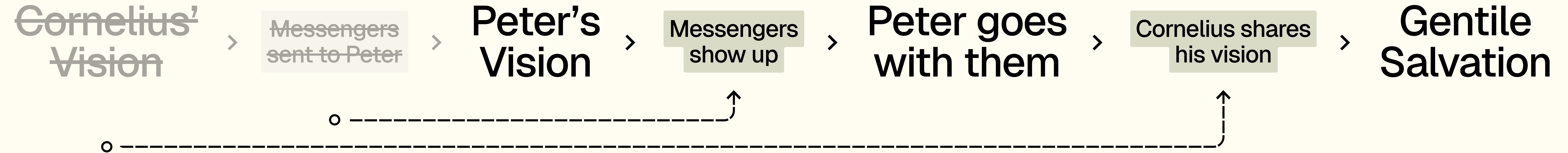
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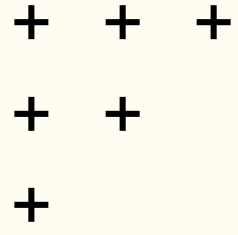




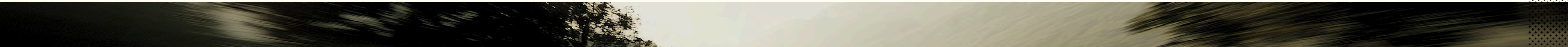
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# Acts 11





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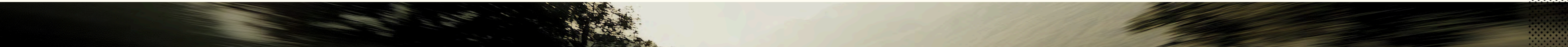




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Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through.<sup>2</sup> A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy.<sup>3</sup> He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd.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