

Lord God, Creator of all things, it is your plan to make known your great wisdom to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places through your church, in accordance with your eternal purpose carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, whom you raised from the dead for your eternal glory.

Amen.

Inhabiting The Story

- *Week 4 of Easter* -



In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.



*Who am I and
What does God want me to do.*

The Gospel According to
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***Whoever wants to be my
disciple must deny
themselves and take up their
cross daily and follow me. For
whoever wants to save their
life will lose it, but whoever
loses their life for me will
save it. Luke 9:23-24***



The Stoning of Stephen by Peter Webb, 2013

Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

Acts 1:6



Jesus Eats Breakfast with His Disciples, James Tissot c. 1890

*Philip baptizes
the Eunuch*
Wilhelm Ebbinghaus
(1864-1951)



No one who has been emasculated by crushing or cutting may enter the assembly of the Lord. Deuteronomy 23:1

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“If a man’s testicles are crushed or his penis is cut off, he may not be admitted to the assembly of the LORD. NLT



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By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; Isaiah 53:8



“To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose what pleases me and hold fast to my covenant—to them I will give within my temple and its walls a memorial and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that will endure forever.” Isaiah 56:4-5

The Baptism of the Chamberlain
Abraham Bloemaert, 1620-1625



“Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and

to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?...If you keep your feet from breaking

the Sabbath. Isaiah 58:6-7, 13

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. Isaiah 62:1-2

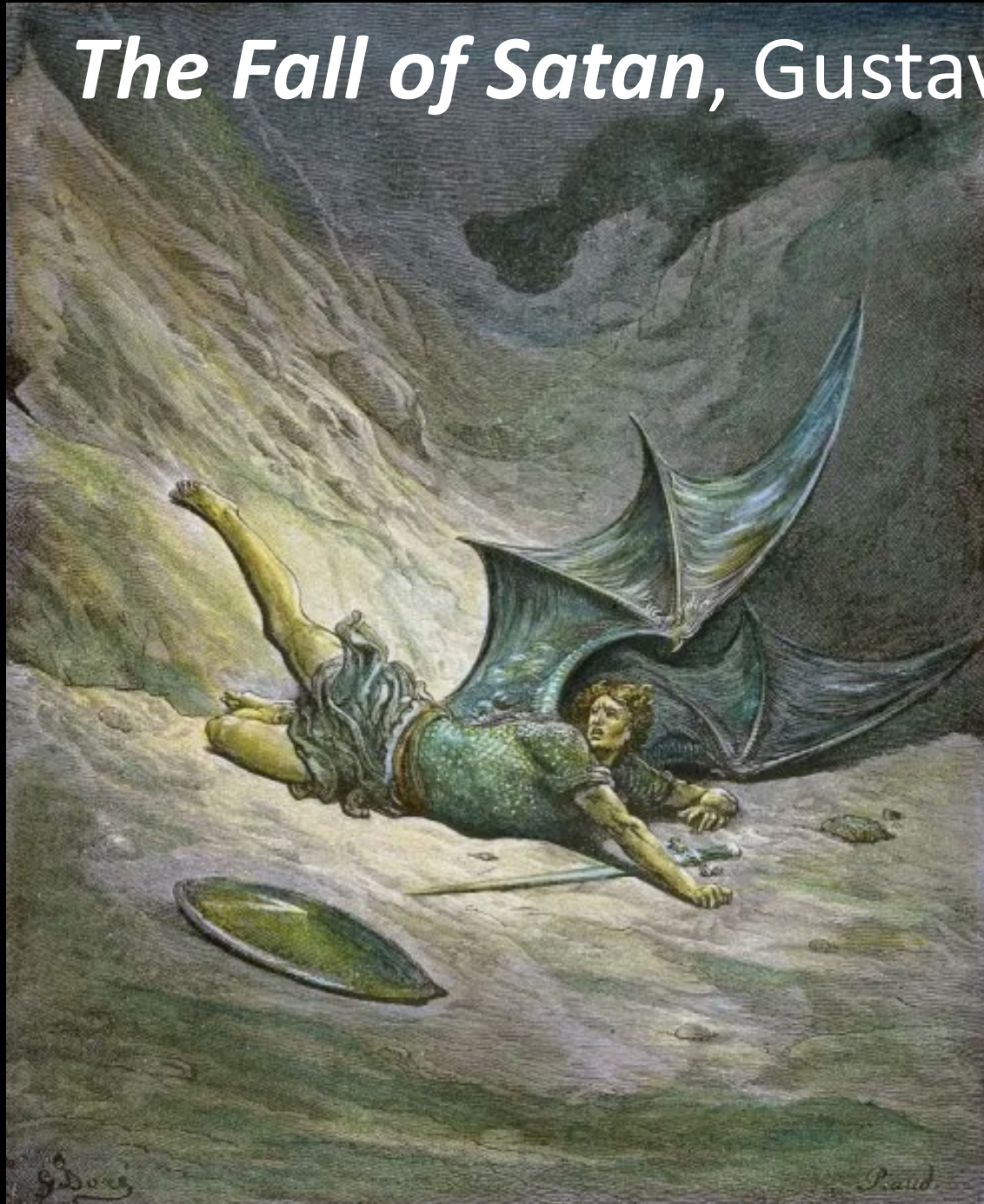


*See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted. Just as there were many who were appalled at him—his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and his form marred beyond human likeness—so he will sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. **For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand.** Isaiah 52:13-15*



***“Come, all you who are
thirsty, come to the
waters.”*** Isaiah 55:1

The Fall of Satan, Gustave Dore, 1866



*The accuser...has been
hurled down. They
triumphed over him
[conquered him] by the
blood of the Lamb and by
the word of their
testimony!*

Revelation 12:11

Isenheim Altarpiece

Matthias Grünewald, 1512–1516





But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? Romans 10:14

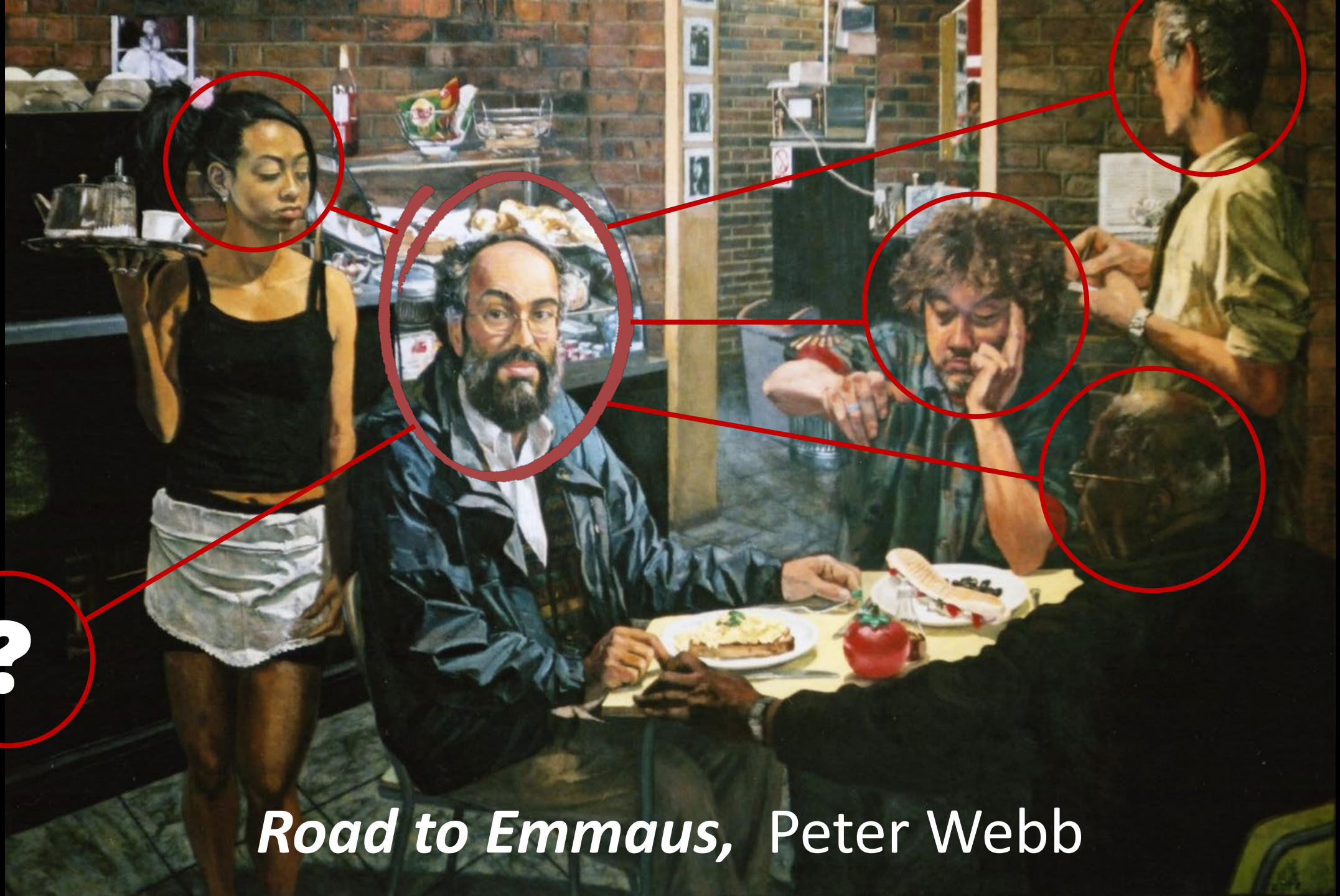


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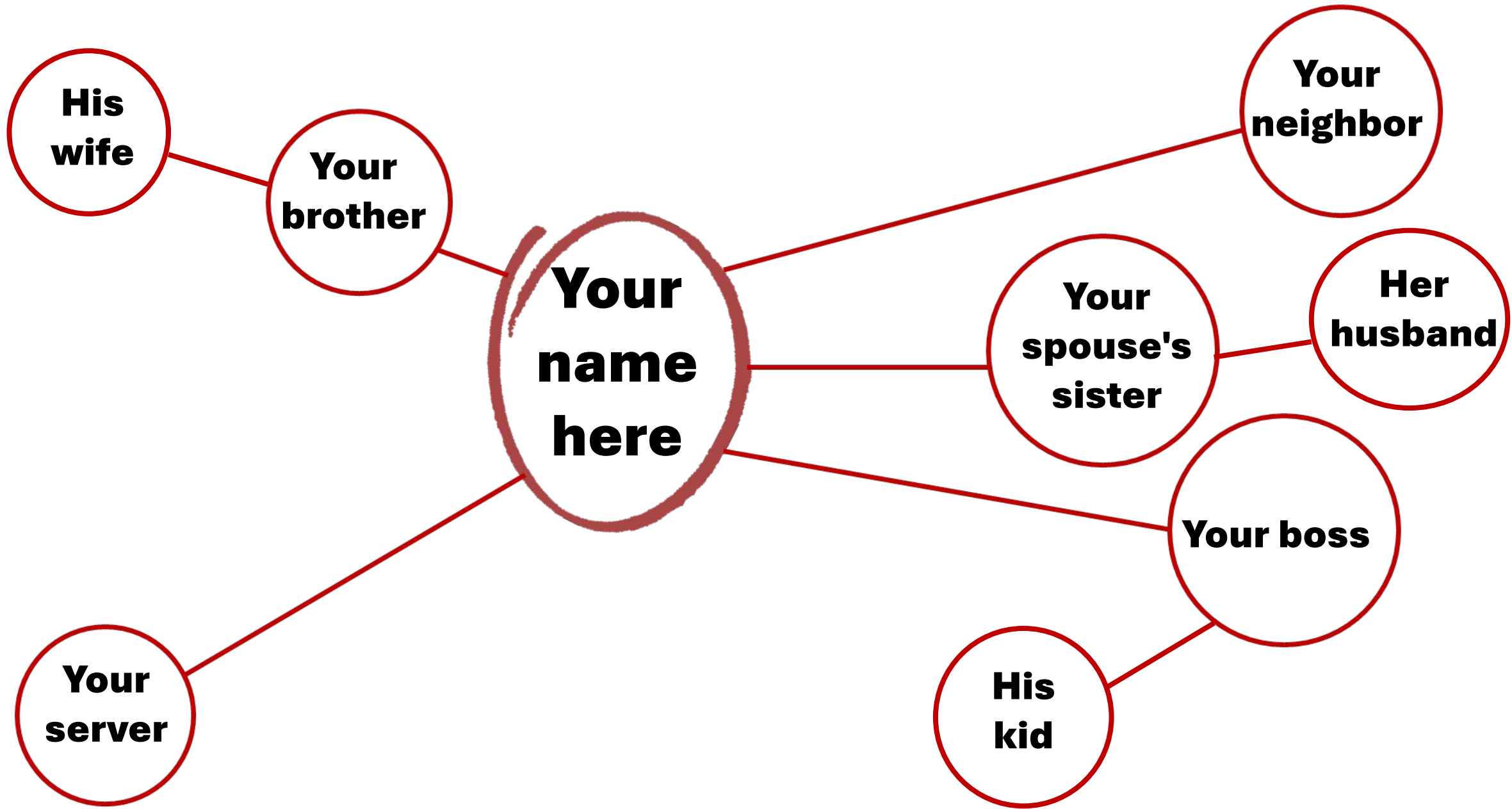
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*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and **you will be** my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8*



Road to Emmaus, Peter Webb



Road to Emmaus Janet Brooks Gerloff



***And he has
committed to us the
message of
reconciliation. We
are therefore Christ's
ambassadors, as
though God were
making his appeal
through us.***

2 Corinthians 5:20

May the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good so that we may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.