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21-DAY INITIATIVE

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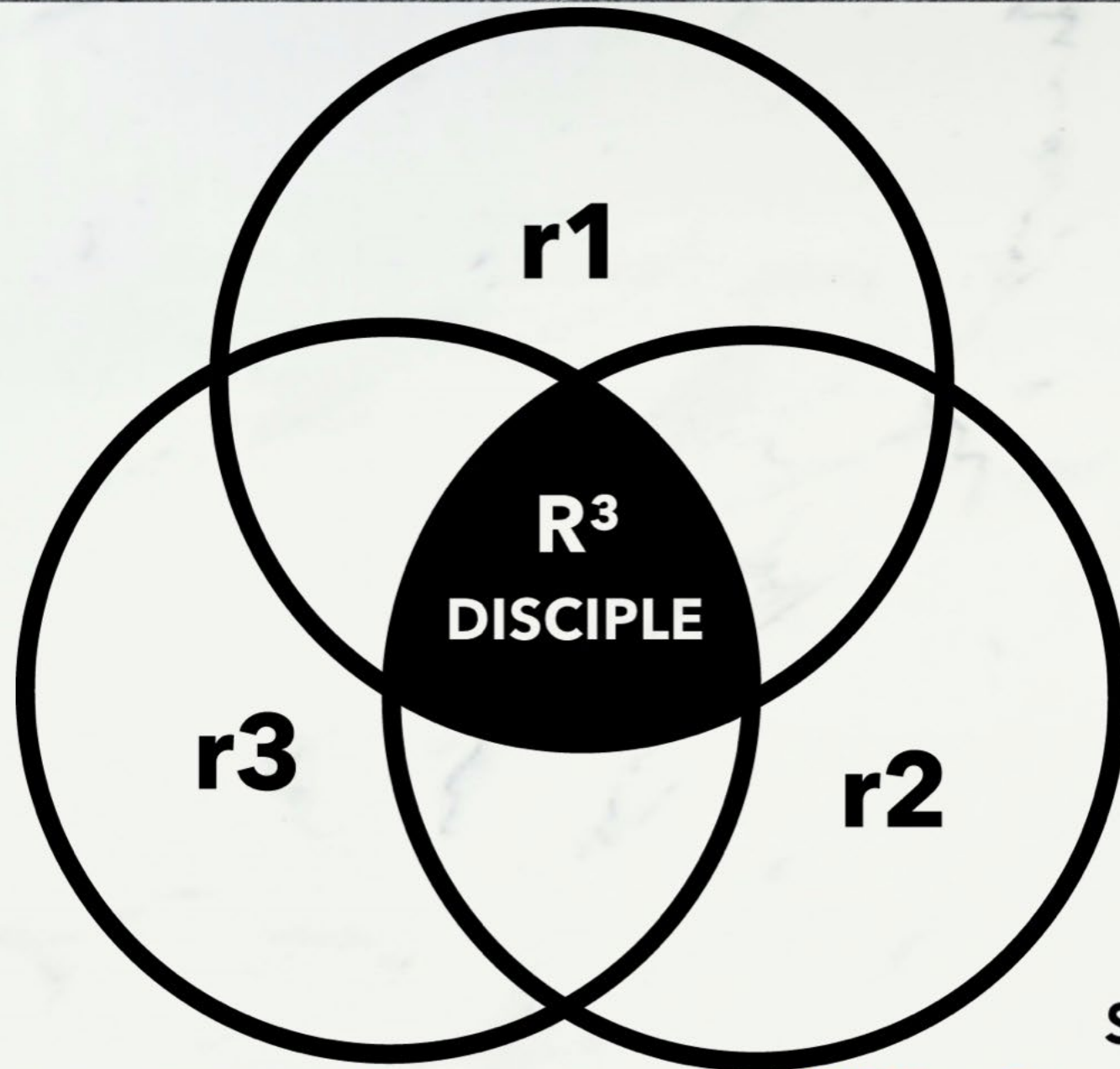
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as we imitate Jesus.

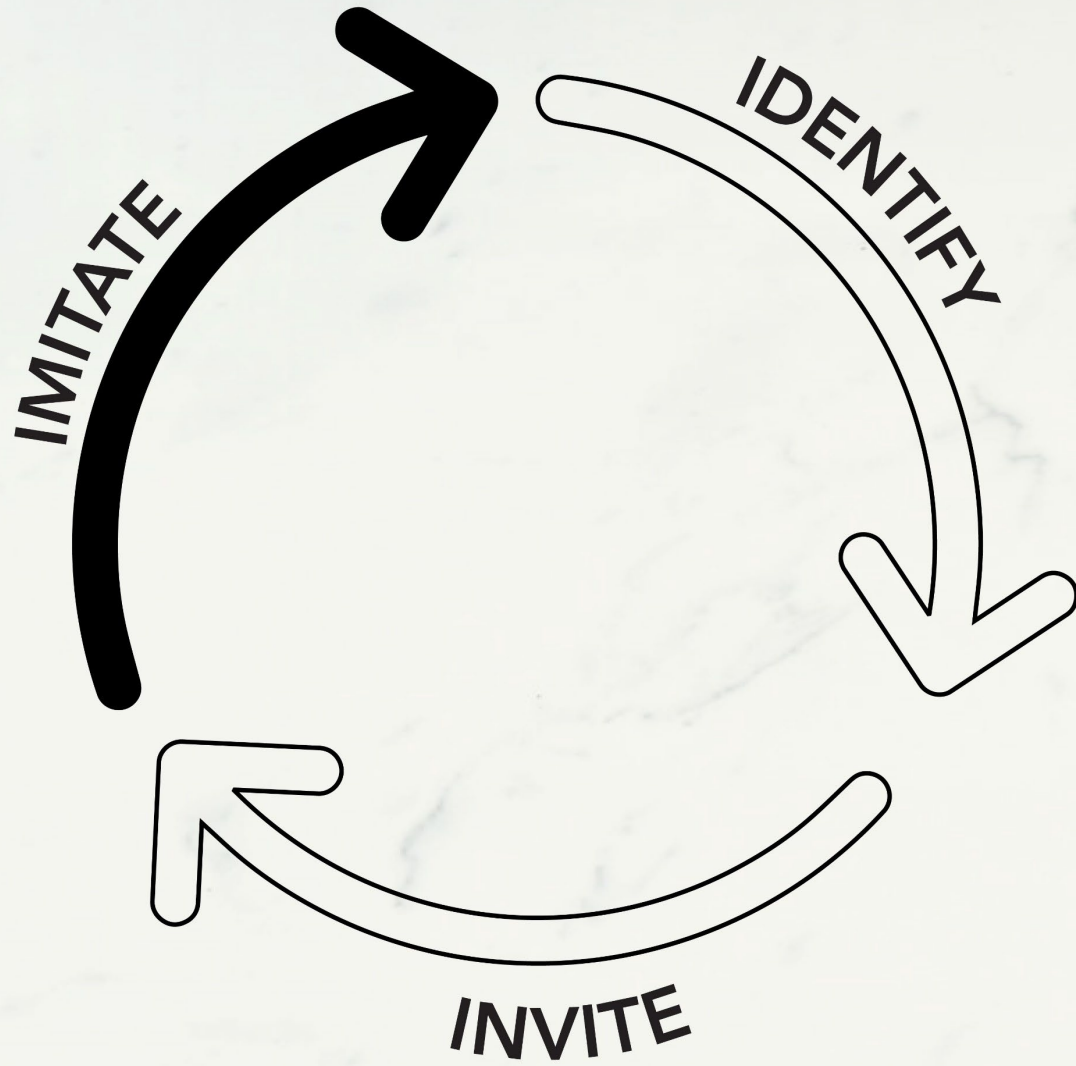
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Discipleship = Walking with Jesus while we walk with others.

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The Master Plan of Evangelism

Dr. Robert Coleman

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- **It is the way God designed for His love to be spread.**

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Ephesians 5:1

¹ Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children...

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2 Timothy 2:2

¹ You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ² and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

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1 Corinthians 11:1

¹ Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

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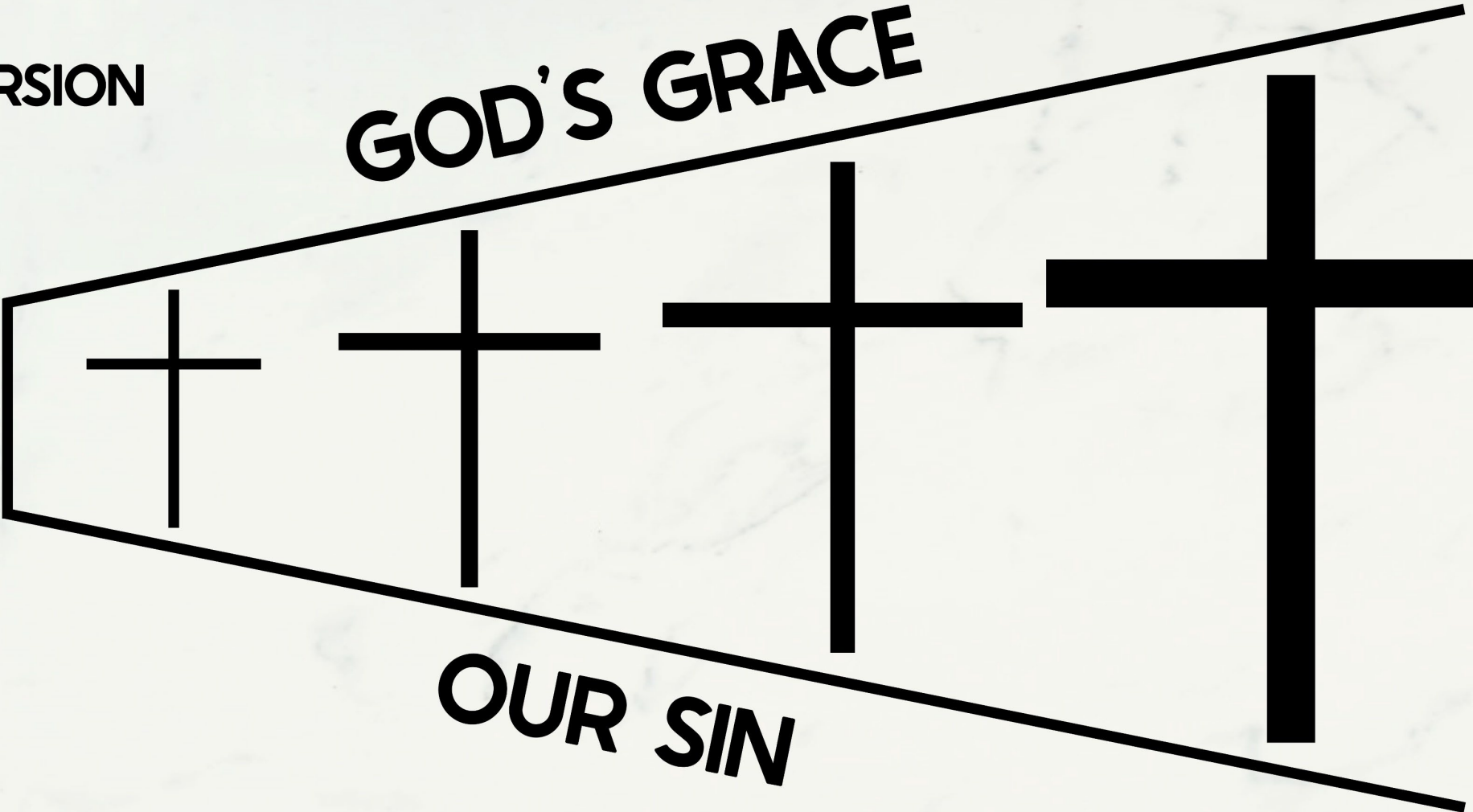
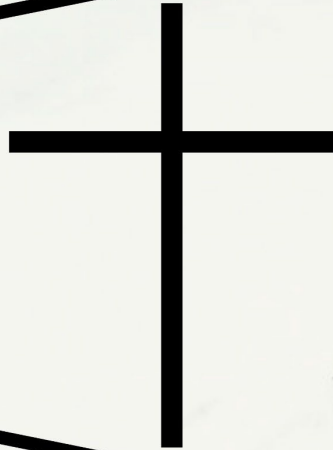
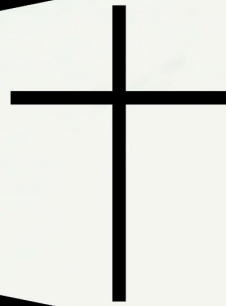
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CONVERSION

GOD'S GRACE

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Jesus

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1 Timothy 1:12-16

¹² I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service,
¹³ though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

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- **We are not that excited about Jesus.**

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- **Let conversations about Jesus flow naturally and inevitably from your relationship.**

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Jesus



Paul



Wally



Todd



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