

EPHESIANS

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SO HAPPY TOGETHER

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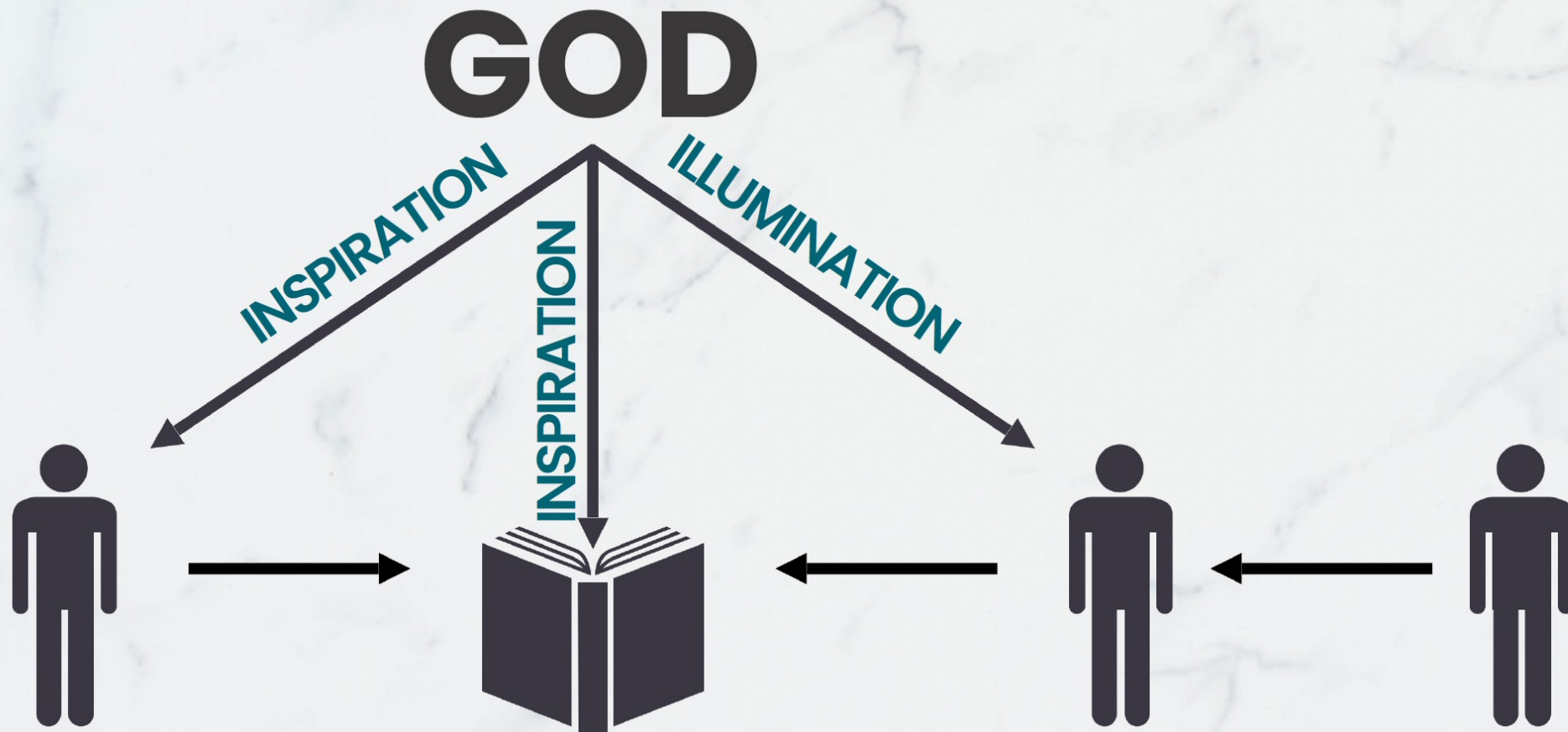
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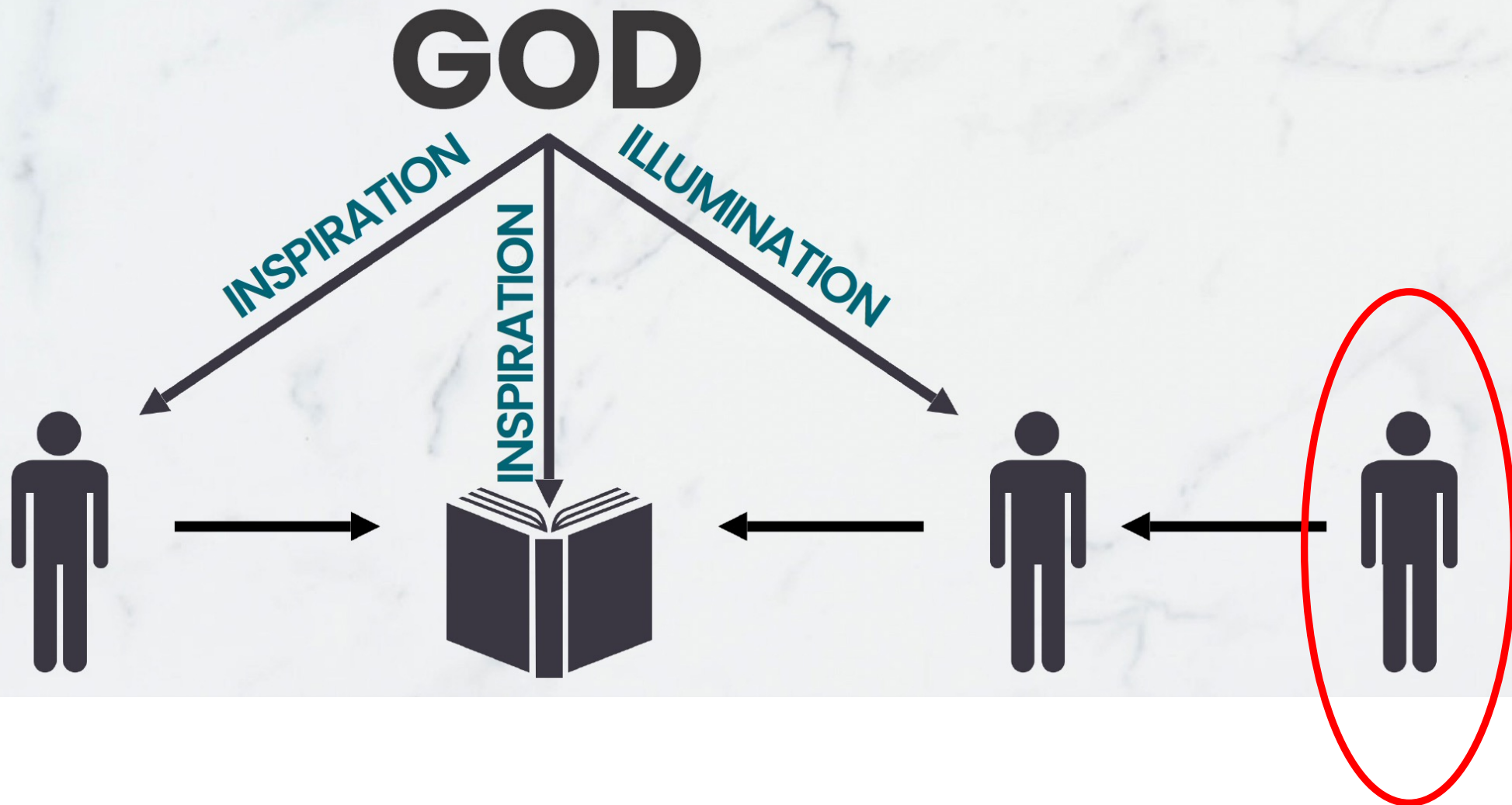
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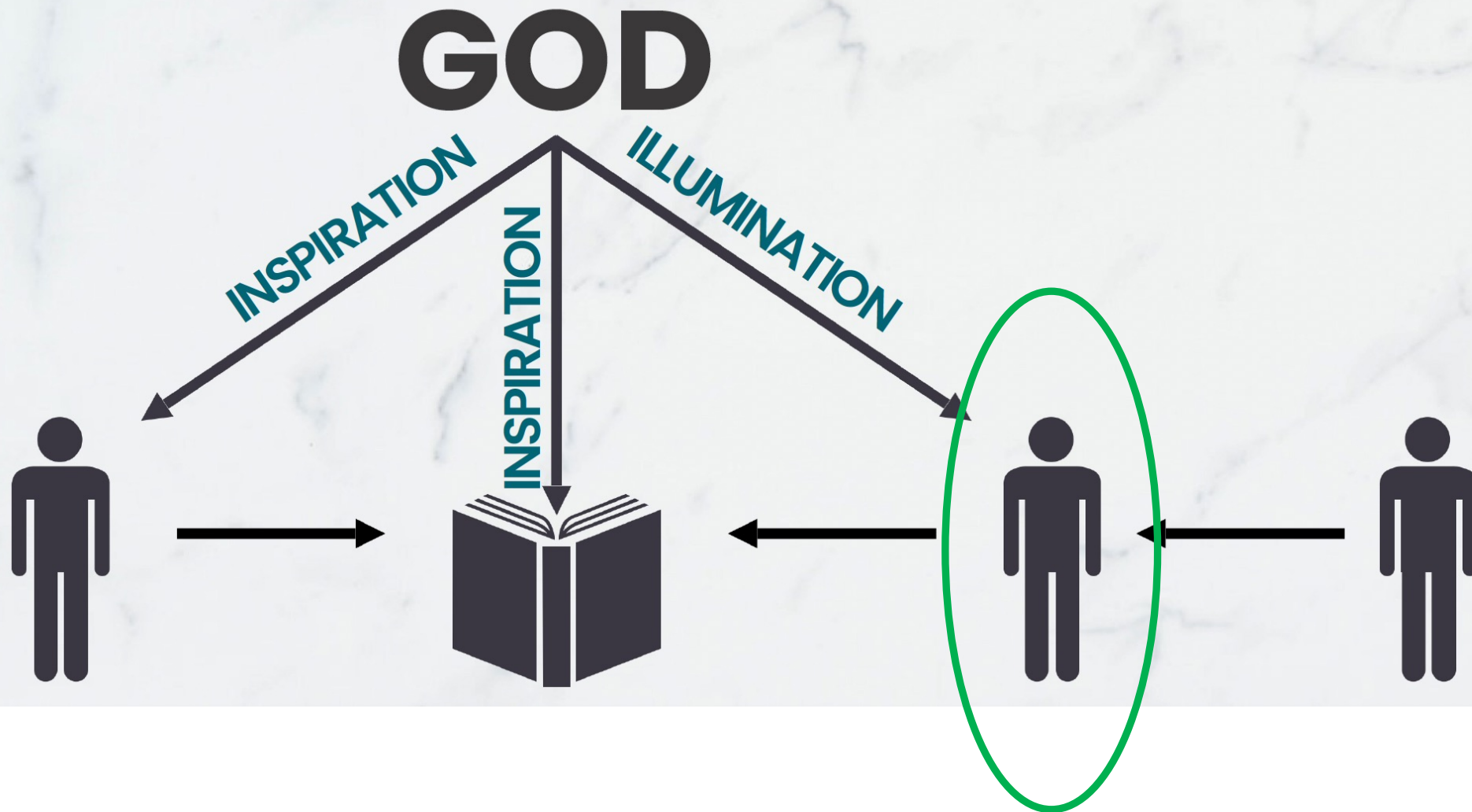
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...would share in their love for Jesus, love of others, and the blessings of the gospel.

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Our sharing in the gospel looks radical to the world.

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- **We live fulfilled, knowing there is plenty for everyone.**

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 - **“Members of the same body”**

1 Corinthians 12:21-26

²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²² On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴ which our more presentable parts do not require. **But God has so composed the body**, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵ that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ **If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.**

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Ephesians 2:21-22

¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

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 - **Like Paul, we live joyfully, entrusted to be part of God’s plan.**