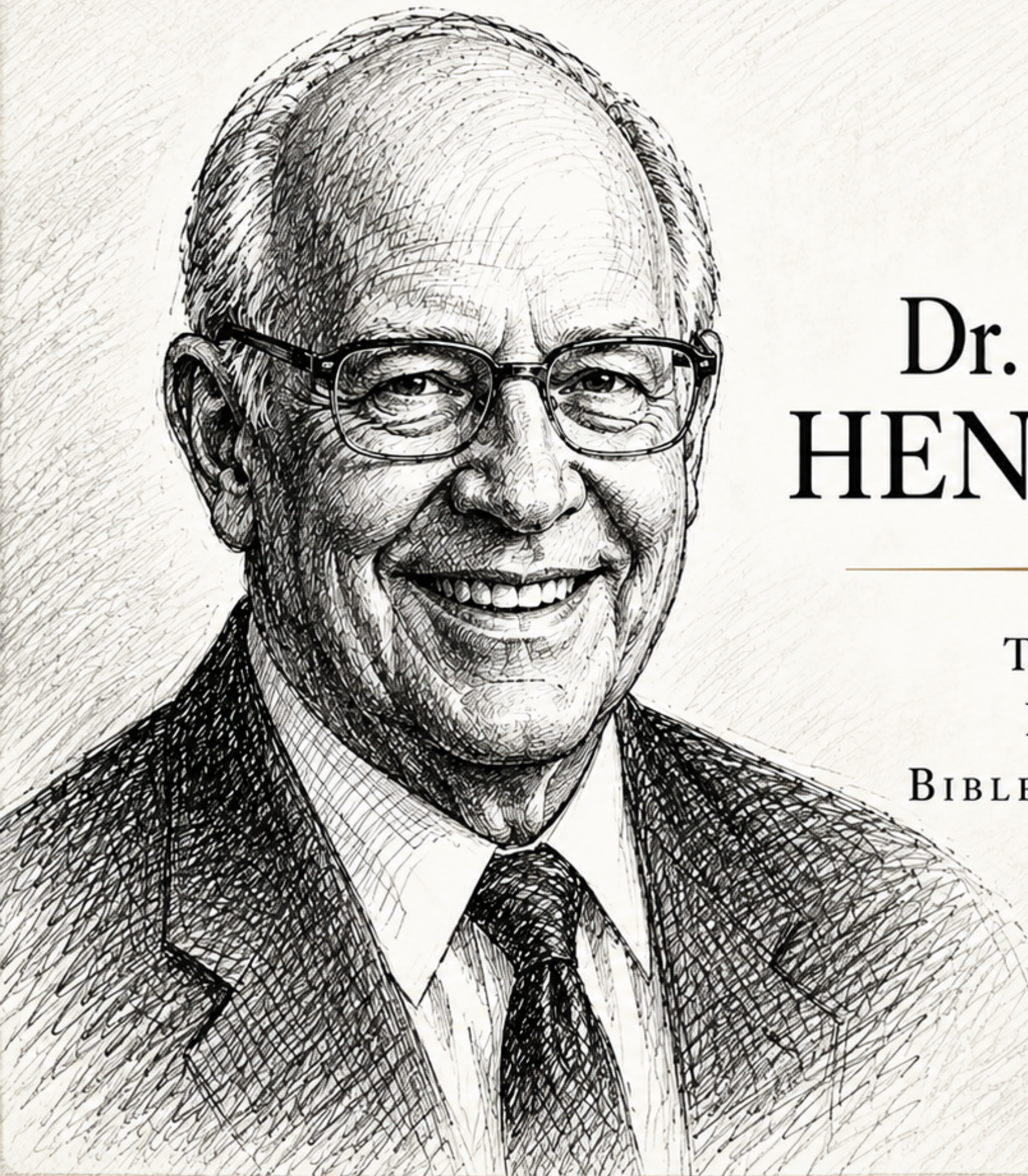




EPHESIANS

TOGETHER IN CHRIST



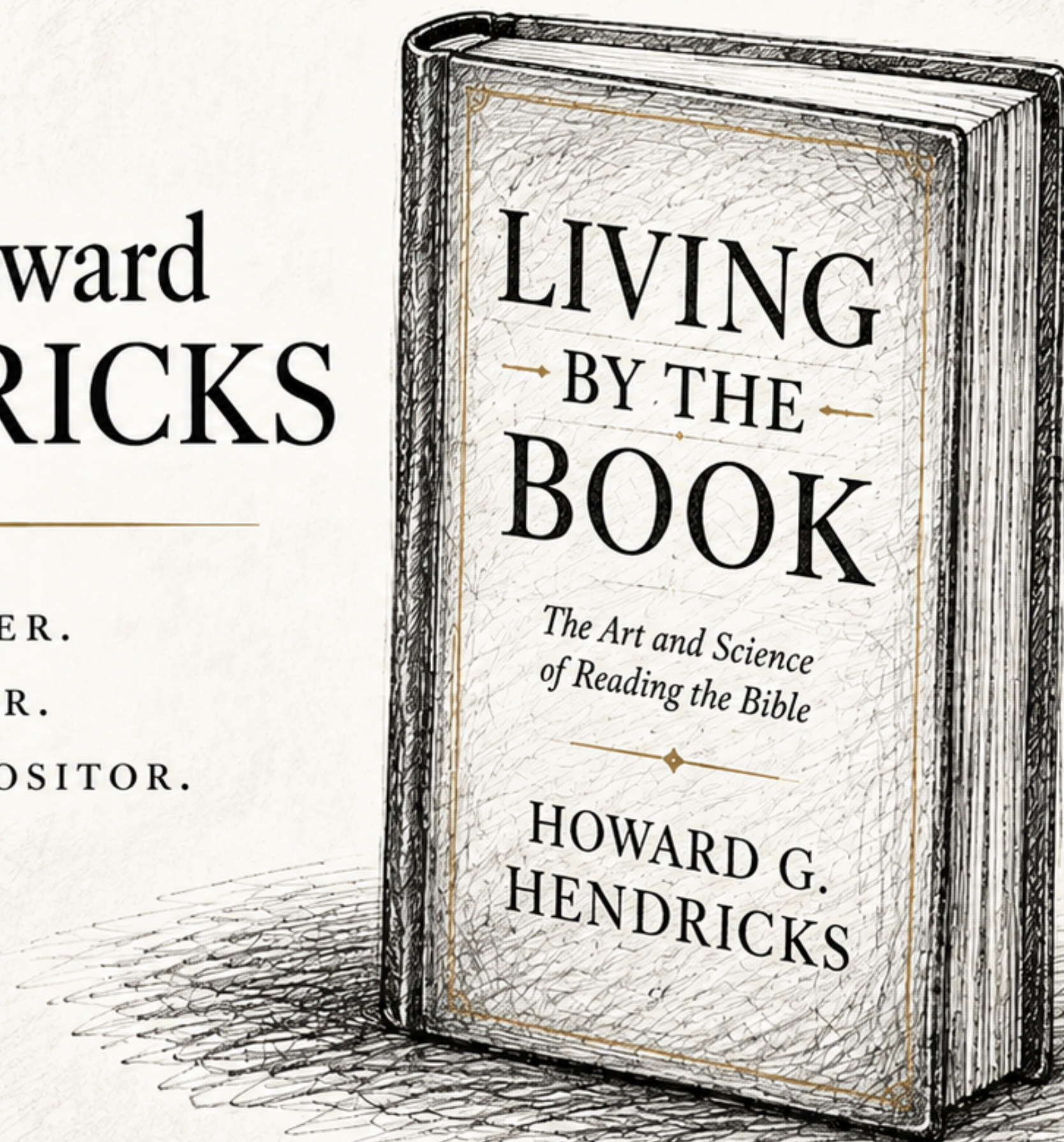


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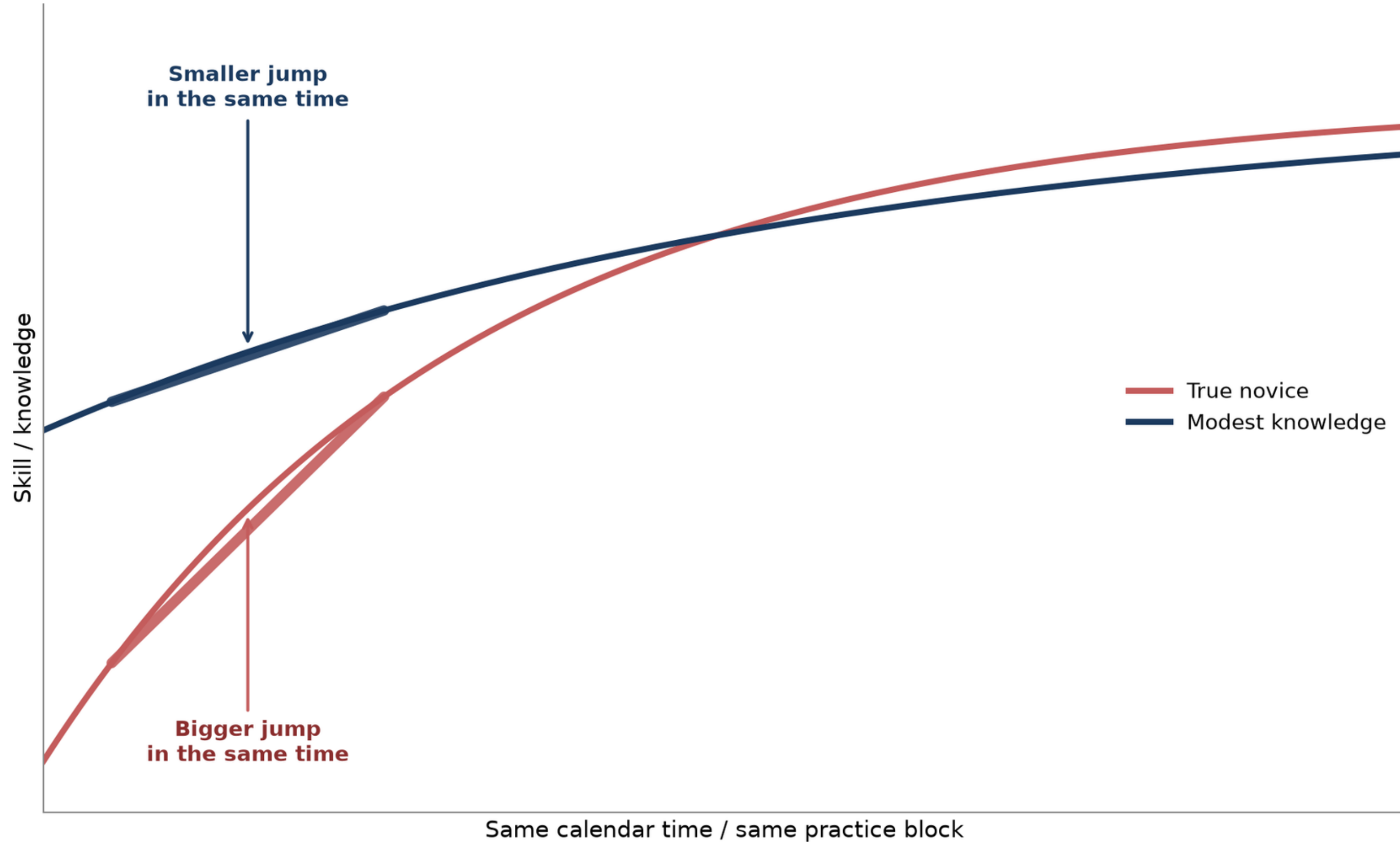
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BIBLE STUDY METHOD

1. **Observe:** What do I see?
2. **Interpret:** What does it mean?
3. **Application:** How does it work?

THE NOVICE GIFT

Novice Vs. Modest Knowledge



OBSERVATION

WHAT DO I SEE?

OBSERVATIONS:

- Paul is thankful for these people
- Paul prays for these people
- He prays without ceasing
- Paul's thankfulness is rooted in these people's faith in Christ and love for other followers of Christ.

EPHESIANS 1:15-16

15 For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints,

16 I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers,

OBSERVATIONS:

- “that”: Paul is praying *that* ...
- Paul is praying that God may **give you** something

Something

- Spirit of wisdom
- Revelation in knowledge
 - The hope He called you to
 - Your inheritance
 - His power toward us

EPHESIANS 1:17-19A

¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may **give you** the **Spirit of wisdom** and of **revelation in the knowledge of him,** ¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened,

that you may **know what is the hope** to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious **inheritance** in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of **his power toward us** who believe,

OBSERVATIONS:

- “According to”: Paul is asking these things *according to*
- Christ’s great might
- Examples of God’s mightiness
 - Raised Christ from the dead
 - Placed Him at His right hand
- Far above
 - Rule, Authority, Power, Every name
 - Forever

EPHESIANS 1: 19B-21

according to the working of his great might
20 that he worked in Christ when he raised him
from the dead and seated him at his right hand in
the heavenly places,
21 far above all rule and authority and power and
dominion, and above every name that is named,
not only in this age but also in the one to come.
22 And he put all things under his feet and gave
him as head over all things to the church,
23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all
in all.

OBSERVATIONS:

- God put all things under Jesus' feet
- Christ is head of the church
- The church is Christ's body
- Question
 - Christ fills all in all

EPHESIANS 1:20-23

²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church,
²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

THE TEXT

¹⁵ For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love^[9] toward all the saints,

¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, **what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,**

¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ **that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,**

²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

²² **And he put all things under his feet** and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ **which is his body**, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

RE-WRITE

I have heard of your faith in Jesus and your love for those who believe in Jesus.

Thank you for that. I pray for you guys.

I pray that God gives you a spirit of wisdom and that He helps you know more about Him.

I pray that He lets you see the hope that you can have in Him.

I pray that He helps you see that amazing inheritance you have as a Christ follower.

I pray that you see just how great God's power is towards those who have faith in Him.

Know that this is the same power that raised Jesus from the dead.

God's power is greater than any worldly thing today and forever.

Know that God is not only more powerful than anything in this world, but all of the worldly things are under His authority.

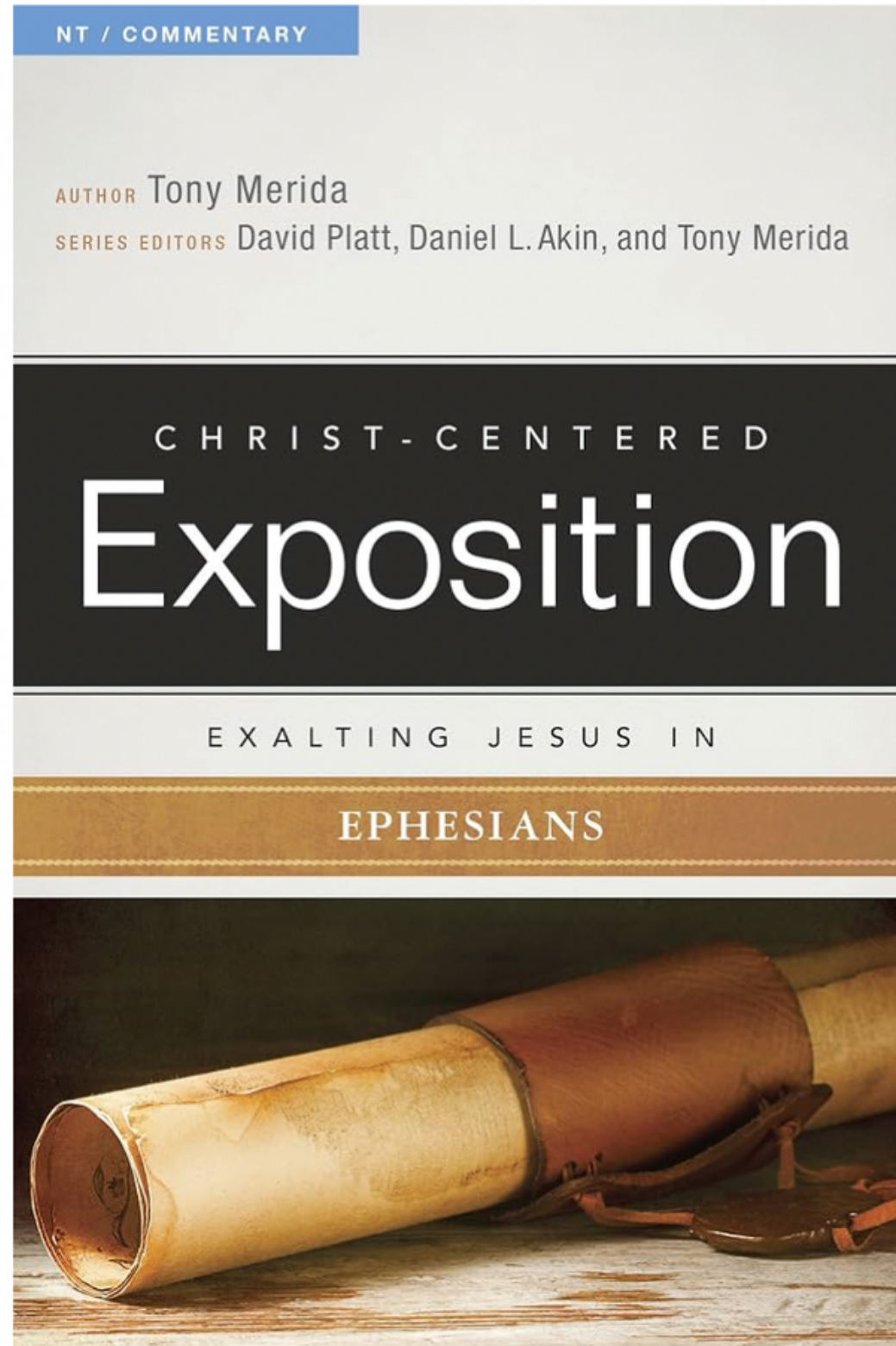
Know that Christ is the head of the church.

The church is Christ's body.

Christ fills the church.

INTERPRETATION

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?



EPHESIANS

BY TONY MERIDA

INTERPRETATION

1. Praise and prayer belong together,
and they are fundamental to the life of a Christian.
2. One of the greatest needs in the church is
for its people to know God better
(revelation and knowledge of Him).
3. We need not fear
when we have a superior power.
(far above all rule & authority - all things under His feet)

APPLICATION

HOW DOES IT WORK?

APPLICATION

1. Work to know God better

- *What am I doing on a daily basis to work to know God better?*
- *Why is this one of the greatest needs in my life?*
- *Who would this impact?*