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Encountering Christ!

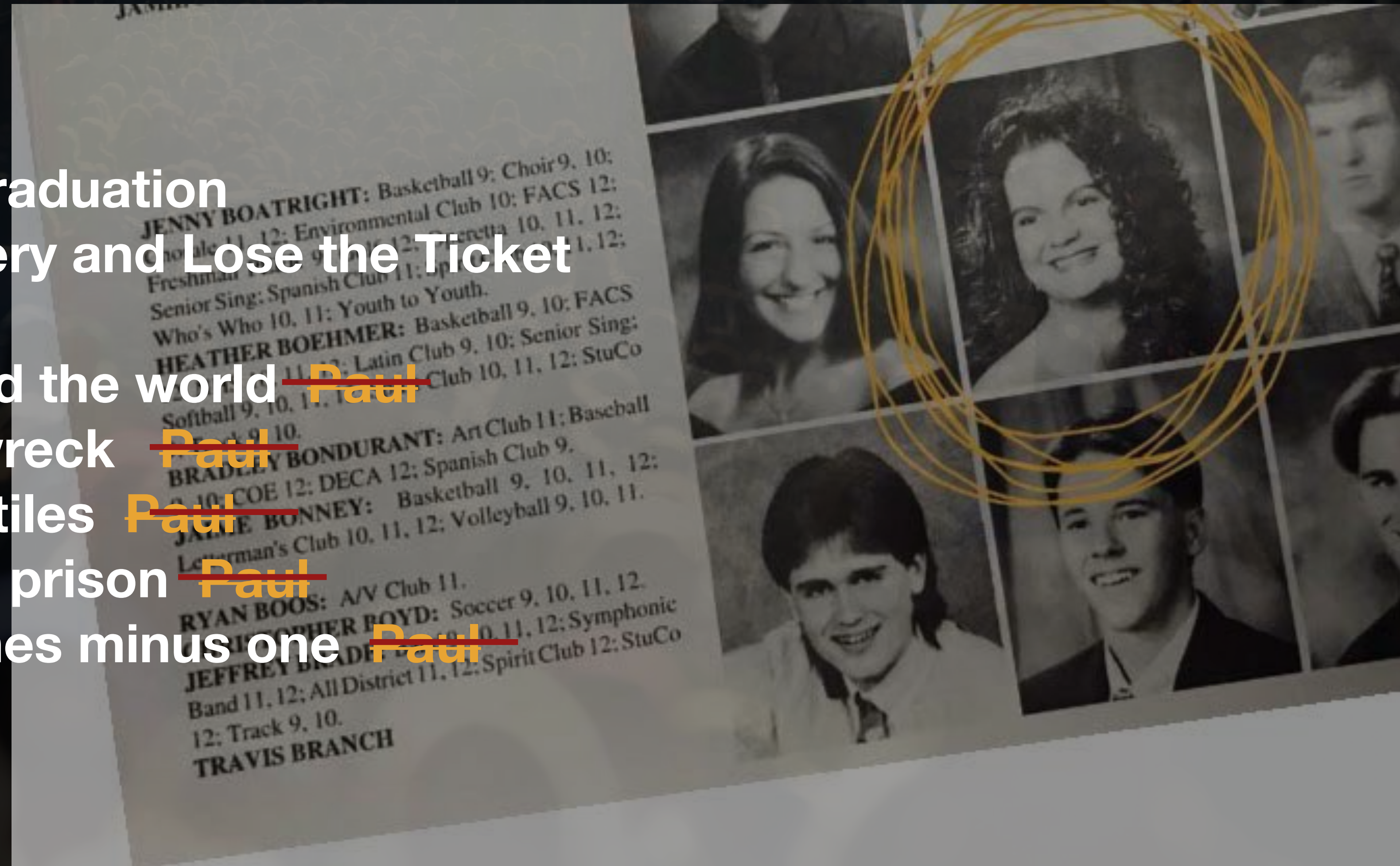
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Most likely to...

Apostle Paul

- Most Likely to Be Late to Graduation
- Most Likely to Win the Lottery and Lose the Ticket
- Most Likely to Be Famous
- Most Likely to have travelled the world ~~Paul~~
- Most Likely to be in a shipwreck ~~Paul~~
- Most Likely to eat with Gentiles ~~Paul~~
- Most Likely to serve time in prison ~~Paul~~
- Most Likely to get forty lashes minus one ~~Paul~~



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Encountering Christ can take many forms because an encounter is defined by its context.

An Encounter can be:

- **MEETING**
- **EXPERIENCE**
- **STRUGGLE**

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How do you encounter Jesus?

What are the contexts in which you encounter Christ?

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The God of all comfort is willing to make us uncomfortable so that we would abandon our idols and find our comfort in him and him alone.



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A large crowd of people is gathered on a city street, likely for a religious event. The crowd is dense and extends far into the background. In the foreground, many people are wearing white head coverings or hats. The street is lined with buildings, and street signs for "East 44th St" and "East 46th St" are visible. A large white cross symbol is overlaid on the center of the image.

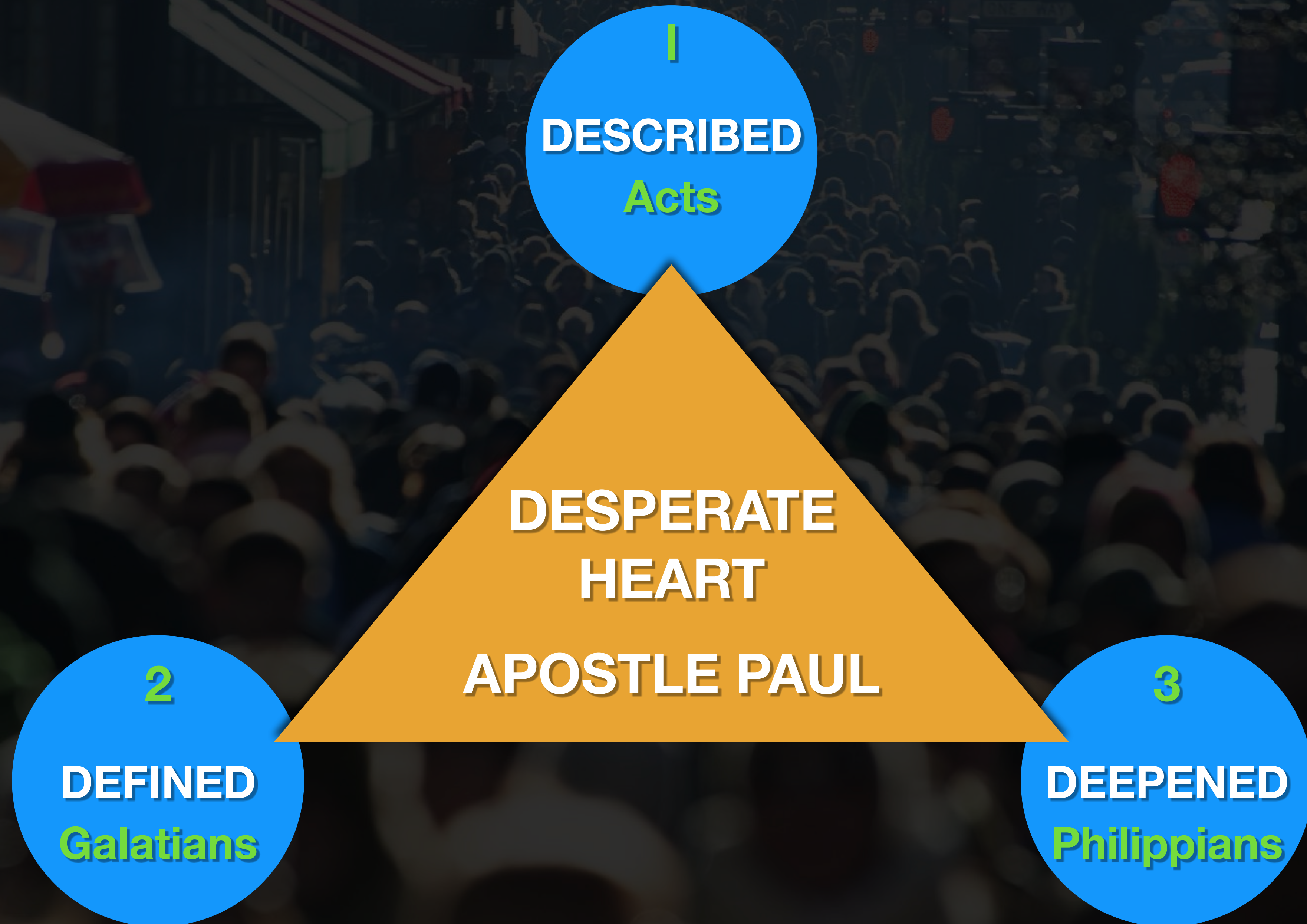
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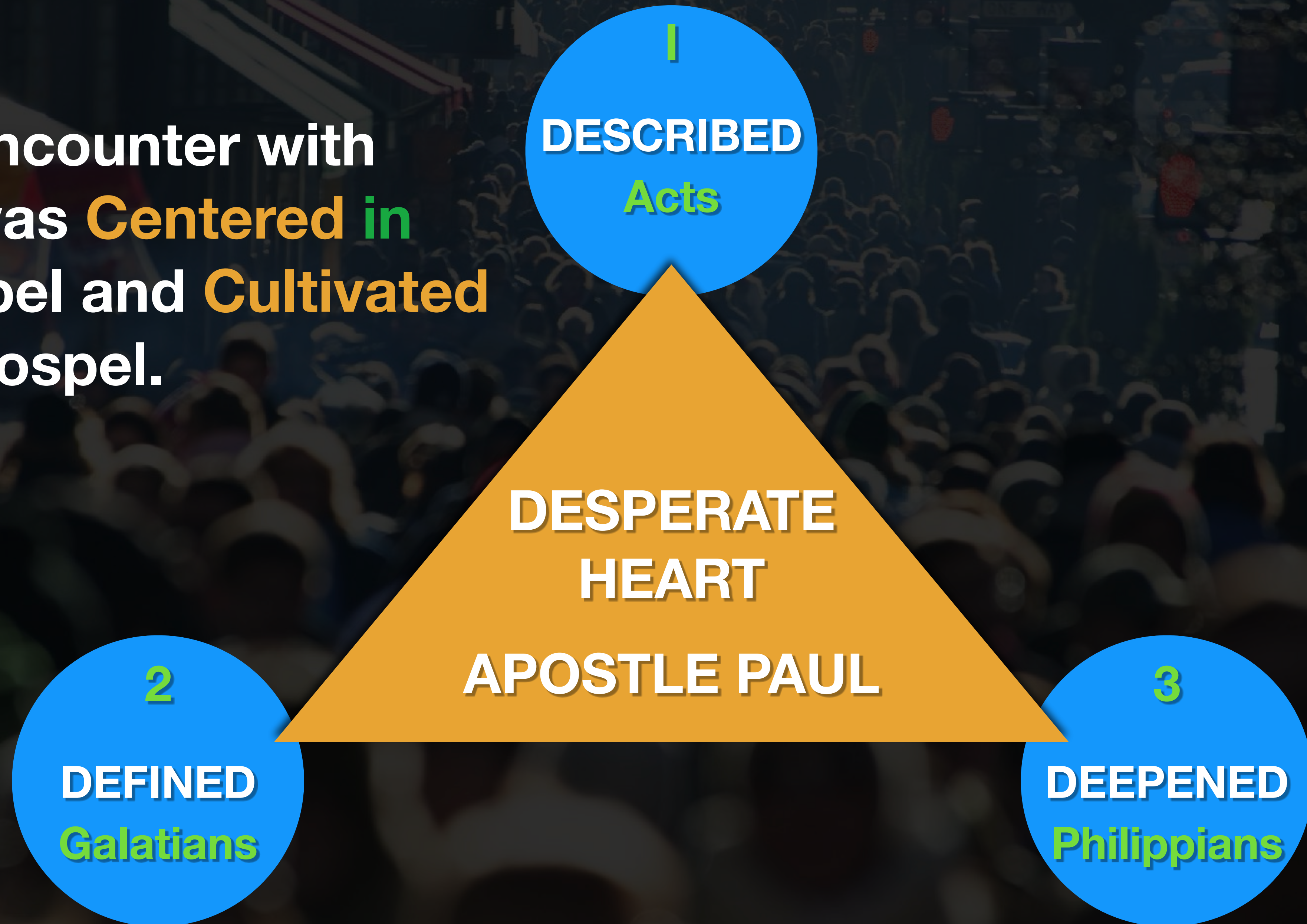
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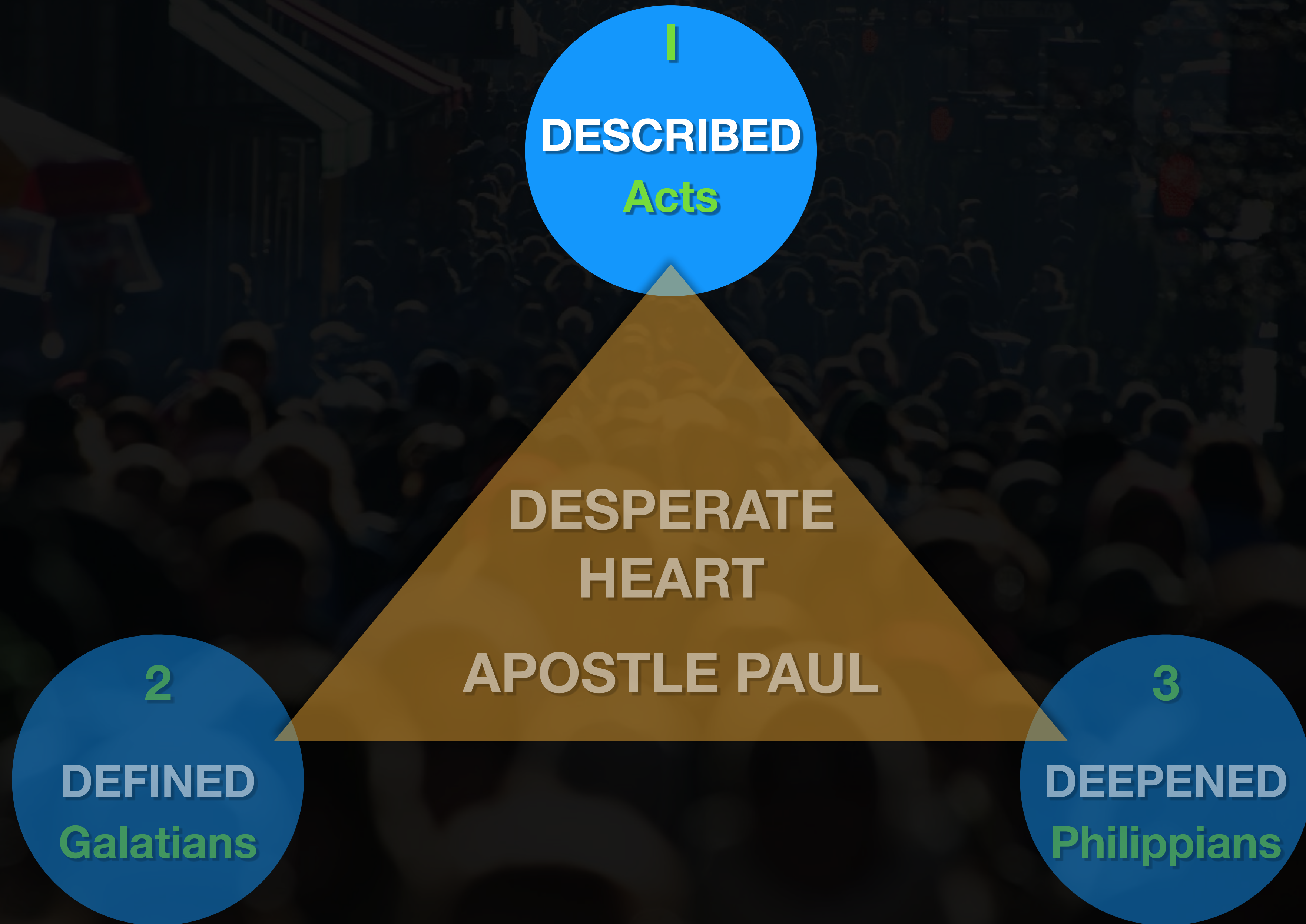


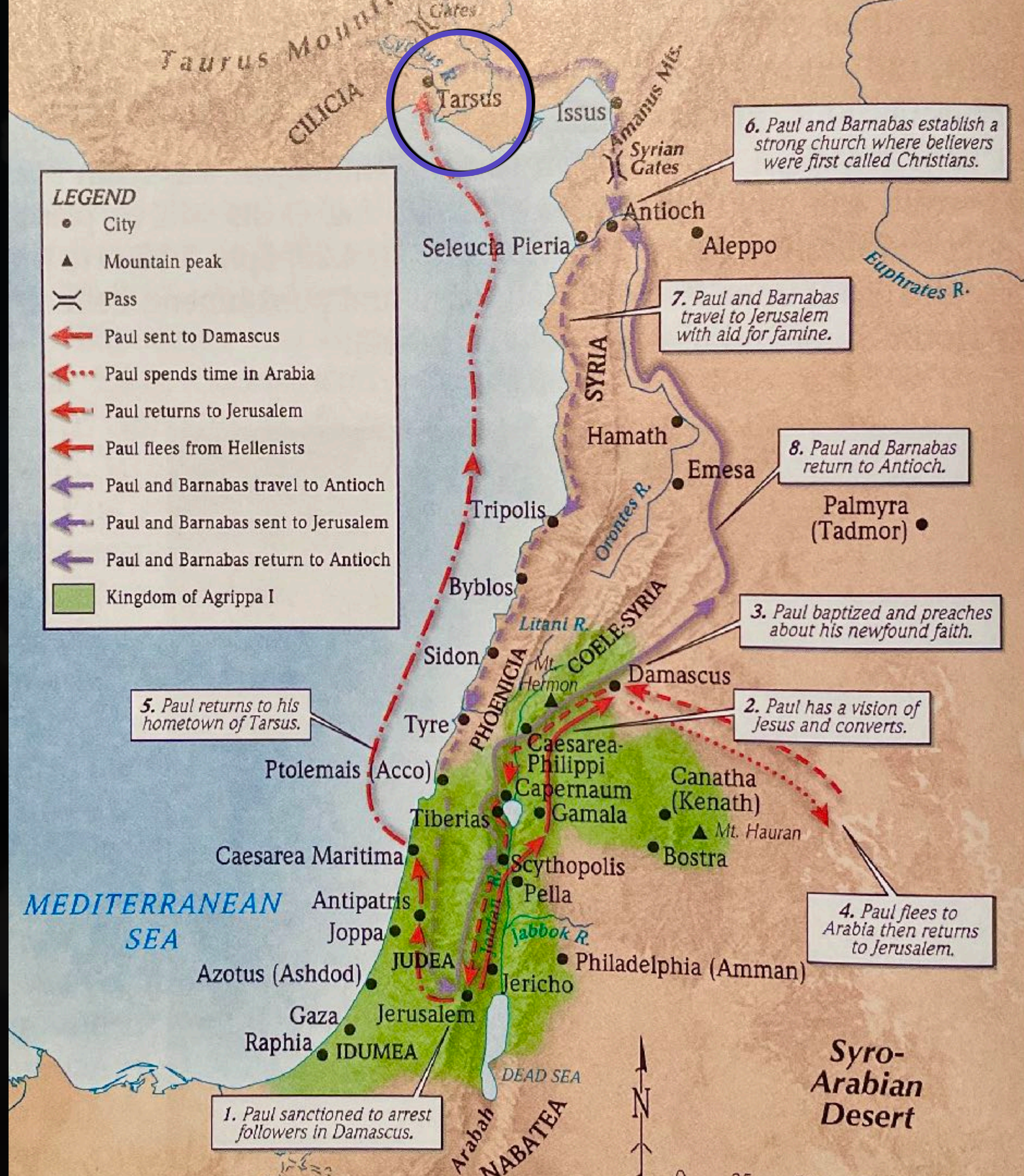
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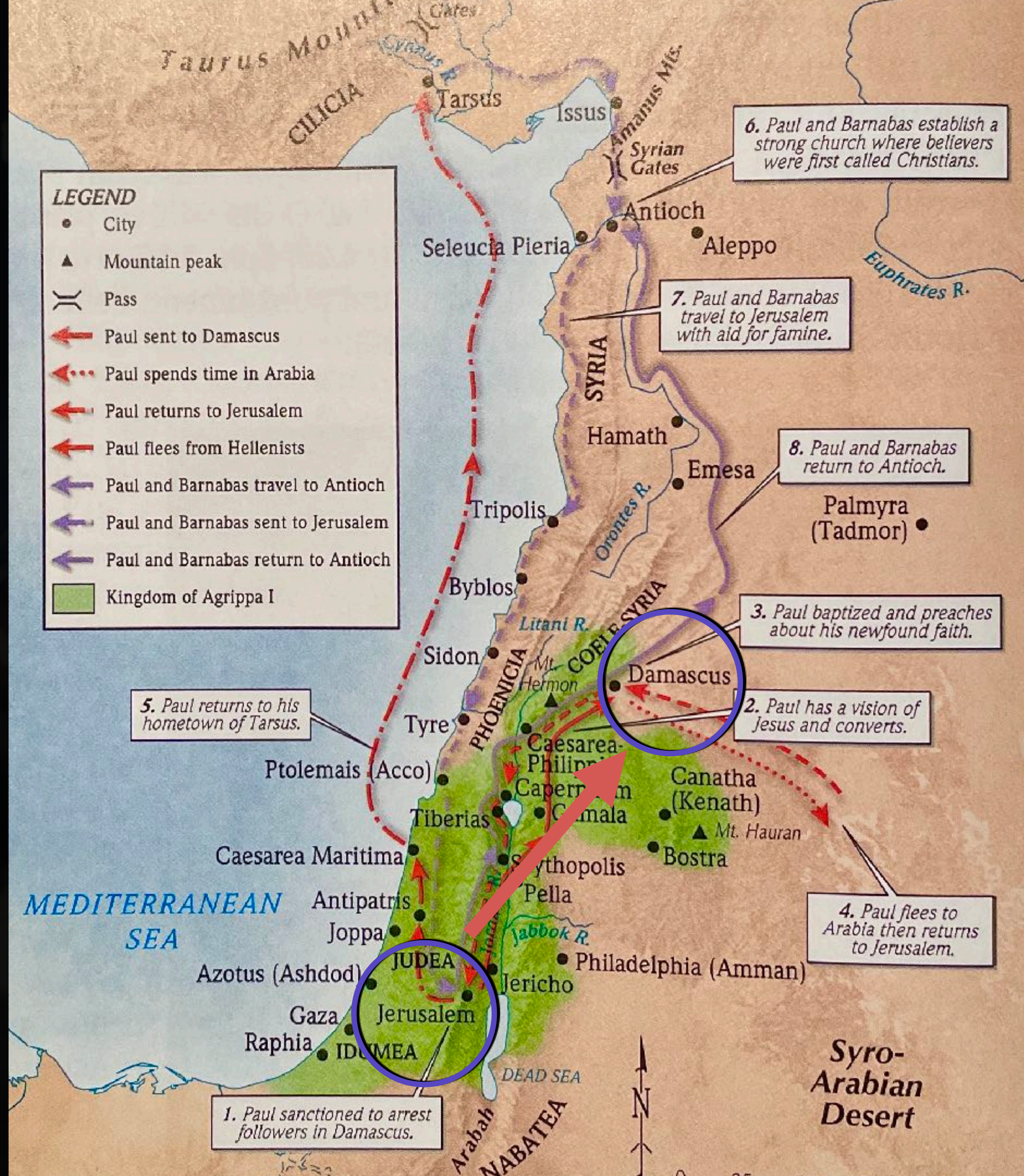
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His was a radical transformation:

Acts 9:20

20 “At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God....”

22 Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Christ.

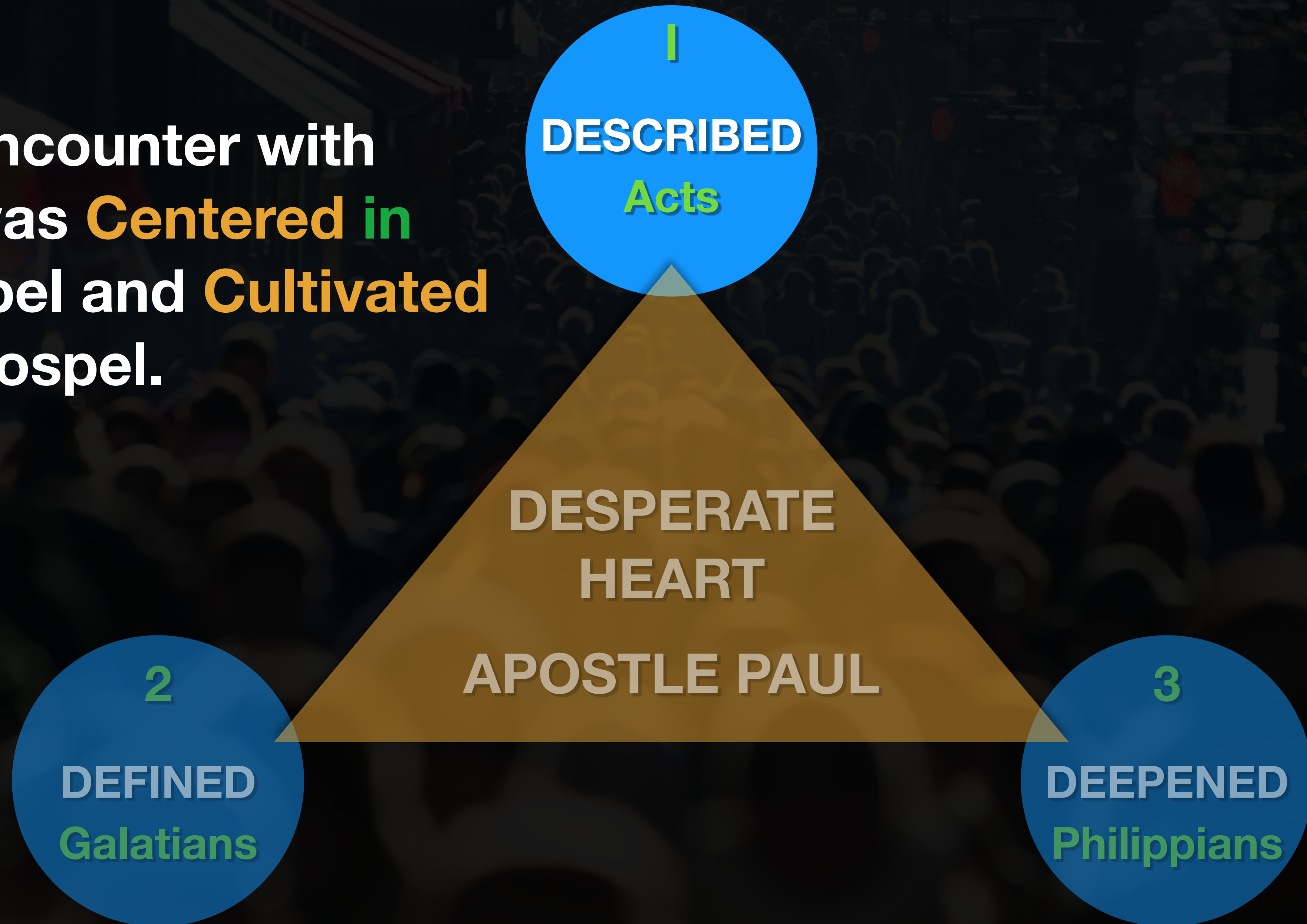
23 When many days had gone by, the Jews conspired to kill him, 24 but Saul learned of their plan. Day and night they kept close watch on the city gates in order to kill him. 25 But his followers took him by night and lowered him in a basket through an opening in the wall.”

Richard and Sabina

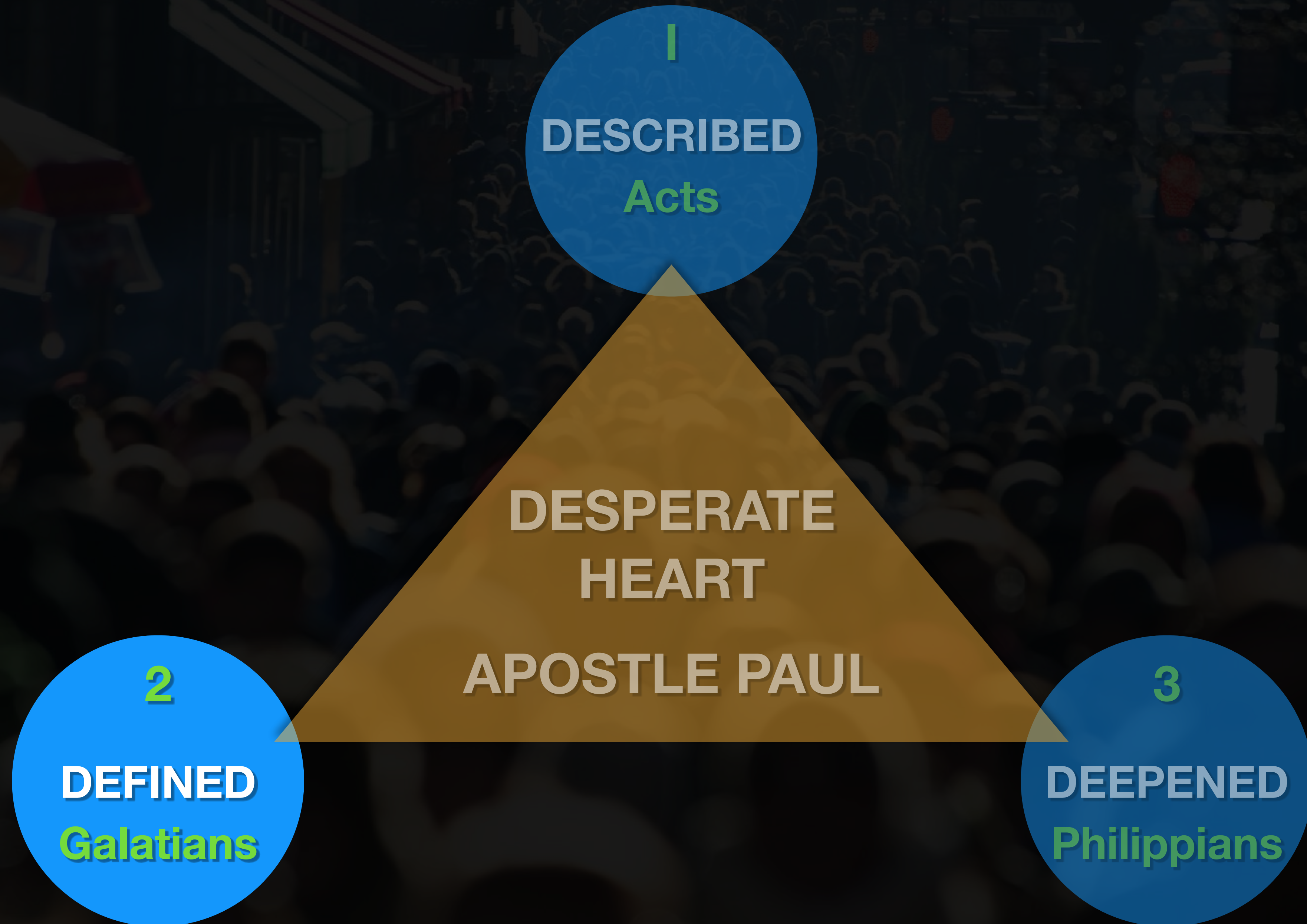


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Galatians 1:14-16

I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. 15 But when God, who set me apart from birth and **called** me by his grace, was pleased 16 to **reveal** his Son in me so that **I might preach** him among the Gentiles,

Galatians 1:1-5

Paul an apostle -- sent not from men nor by man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead and all the brothers with me.

To the churches in Galatia:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen

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There can be NO peace without grace!

"Peace of conscience can never be had, unless sin be first forgiven. But sin is not forgiven by the fulfilling of the law; for no man is able to satisfy the law. The law shows sin, accuses and terrifies the conscience, declares the wrath of God, and drives to desperation."

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***There can be no peace without
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Christ's death on the Cross

His death was marked by sacrifice: "...he gave himself..."

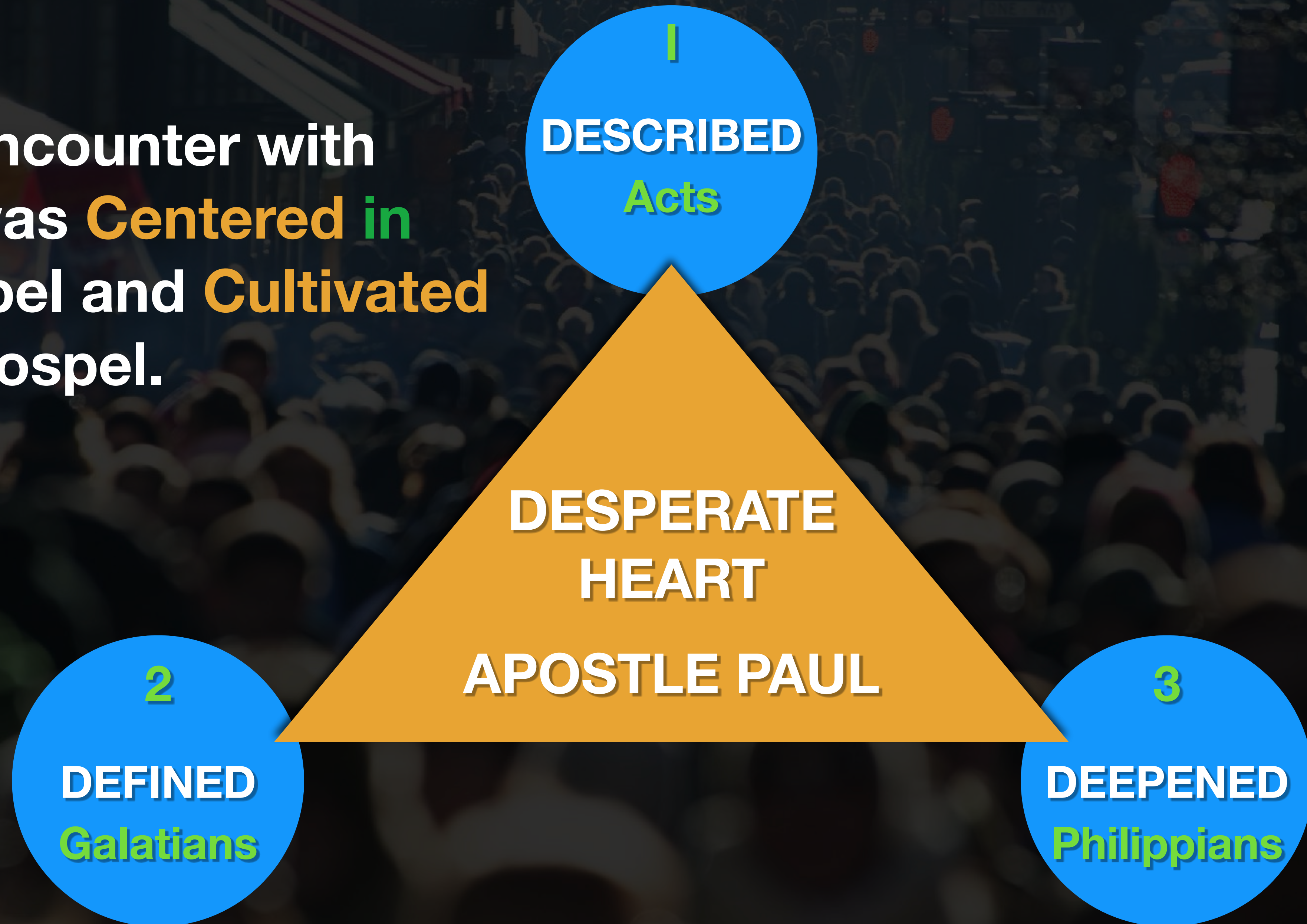
His death was substitutionary: "...he gave himself for our sins..."

His death resulted in our rescue from the present evil age

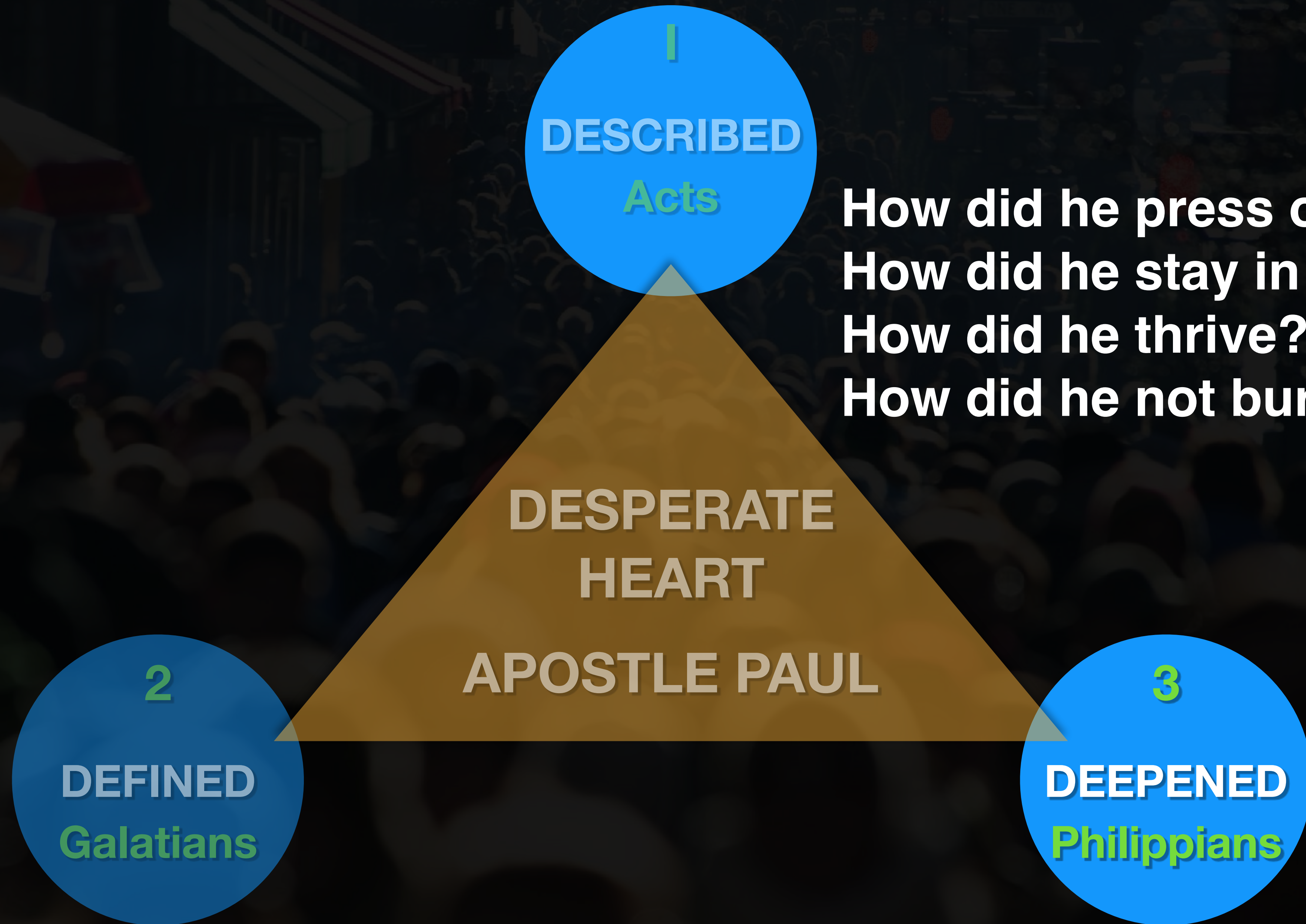
And it all result in giving glory to God. All to God!

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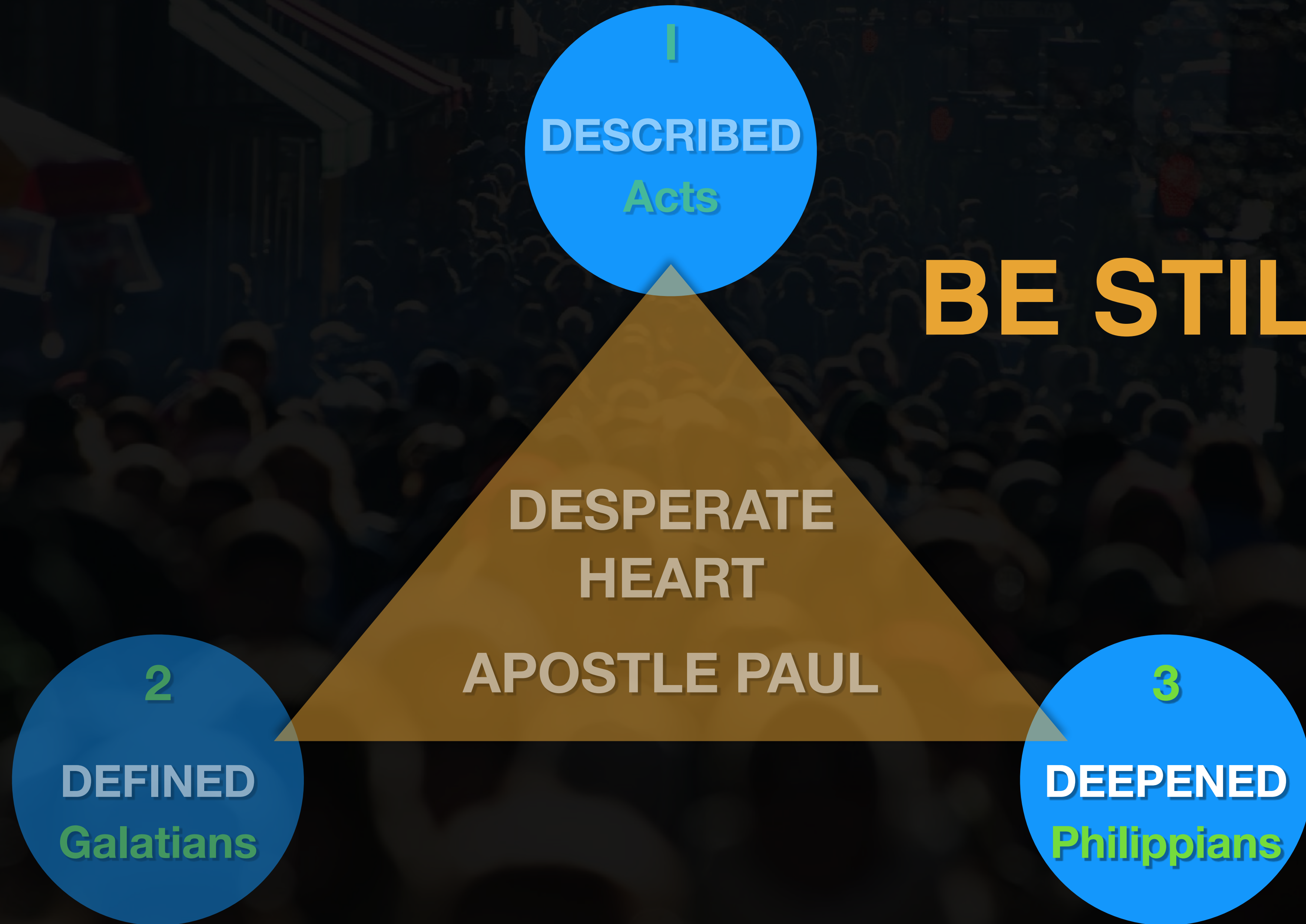
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"As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?" Psalm 42:1-2

"You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water." Psalm 63:1

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BE STILL!

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“Be still and know that I am God.” Psalm 46:10

“Step out of the traffic! Take a long, loving look at me, your High God, above politics, above everything.” Psalm 46:10 MSG

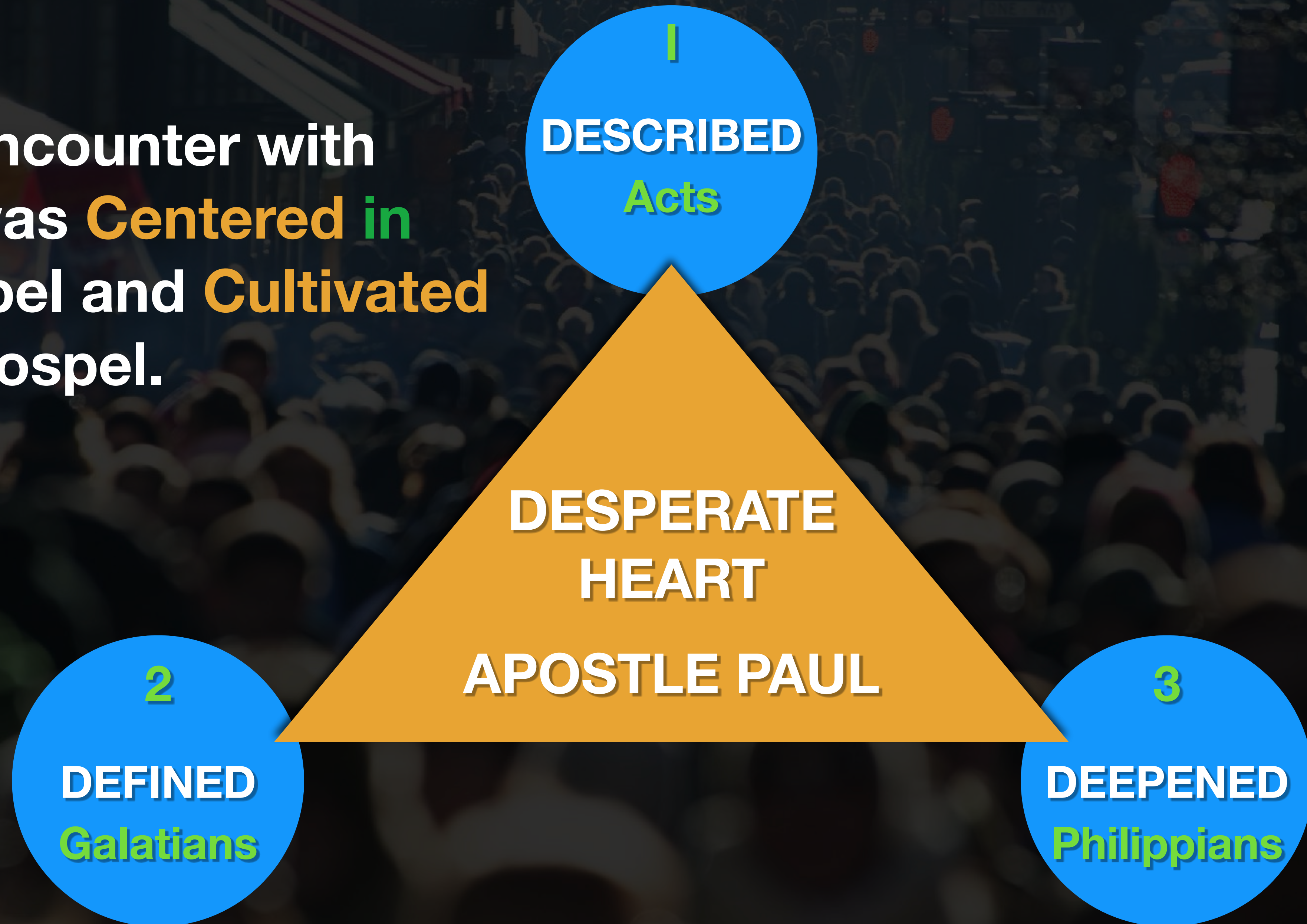
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“May not the inadequacy of much of our spiritual experience be traced back to our habit of skipping through the corridors of the Kingdom like children in the market place, chattering about everything, but pausing to learn the true value of nothing?”

A.W. Tozer

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Desperate Heart Encountering Christ

**I want to be set apart
Give me a desperate heart
'Cause all I want is all You are
I want to live everyday
Where every breath brings You praise
Let my life say, "Your will, Your way"**



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