

Unity by Humility

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4. The exhortation of mutual edification

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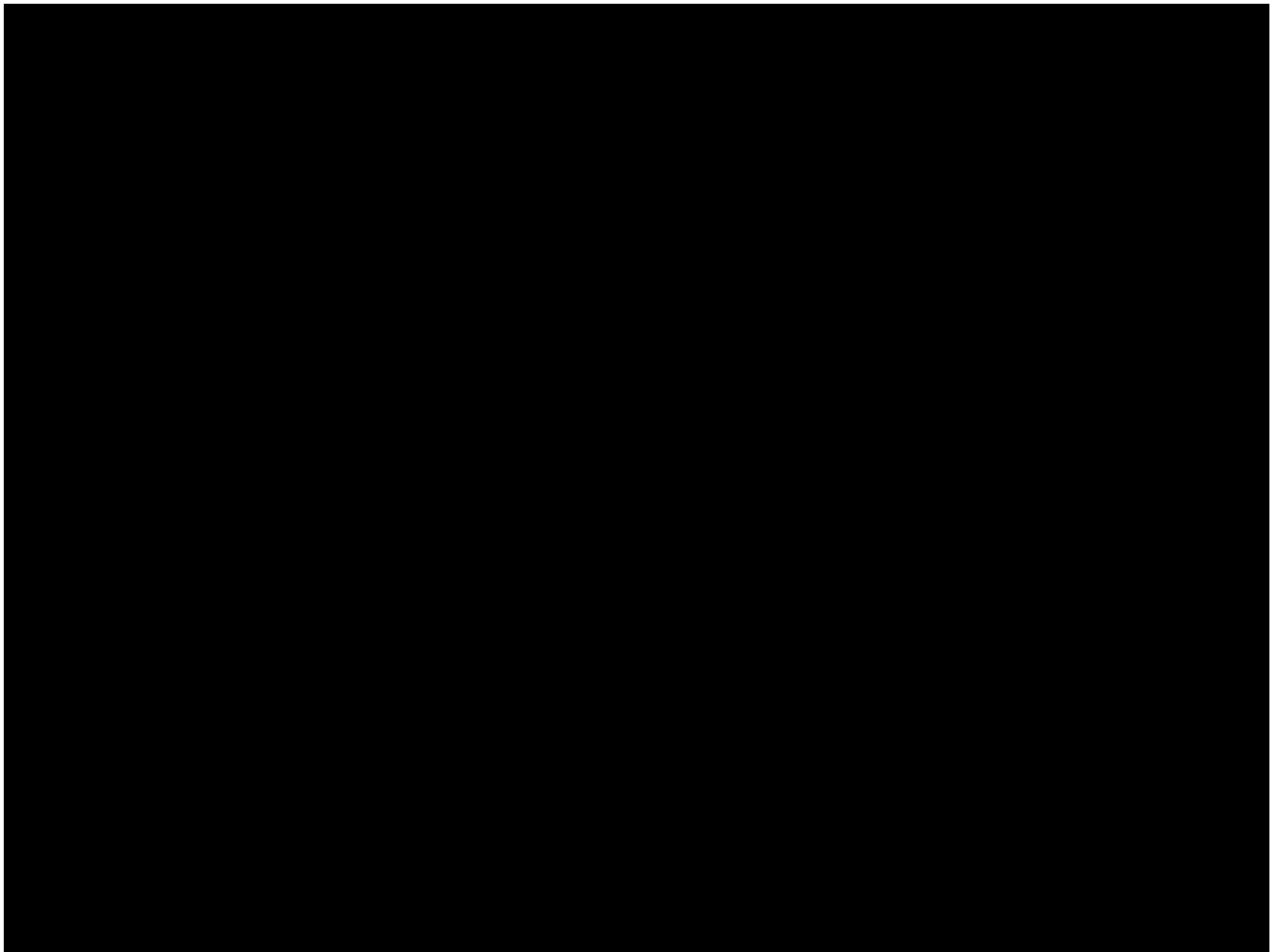
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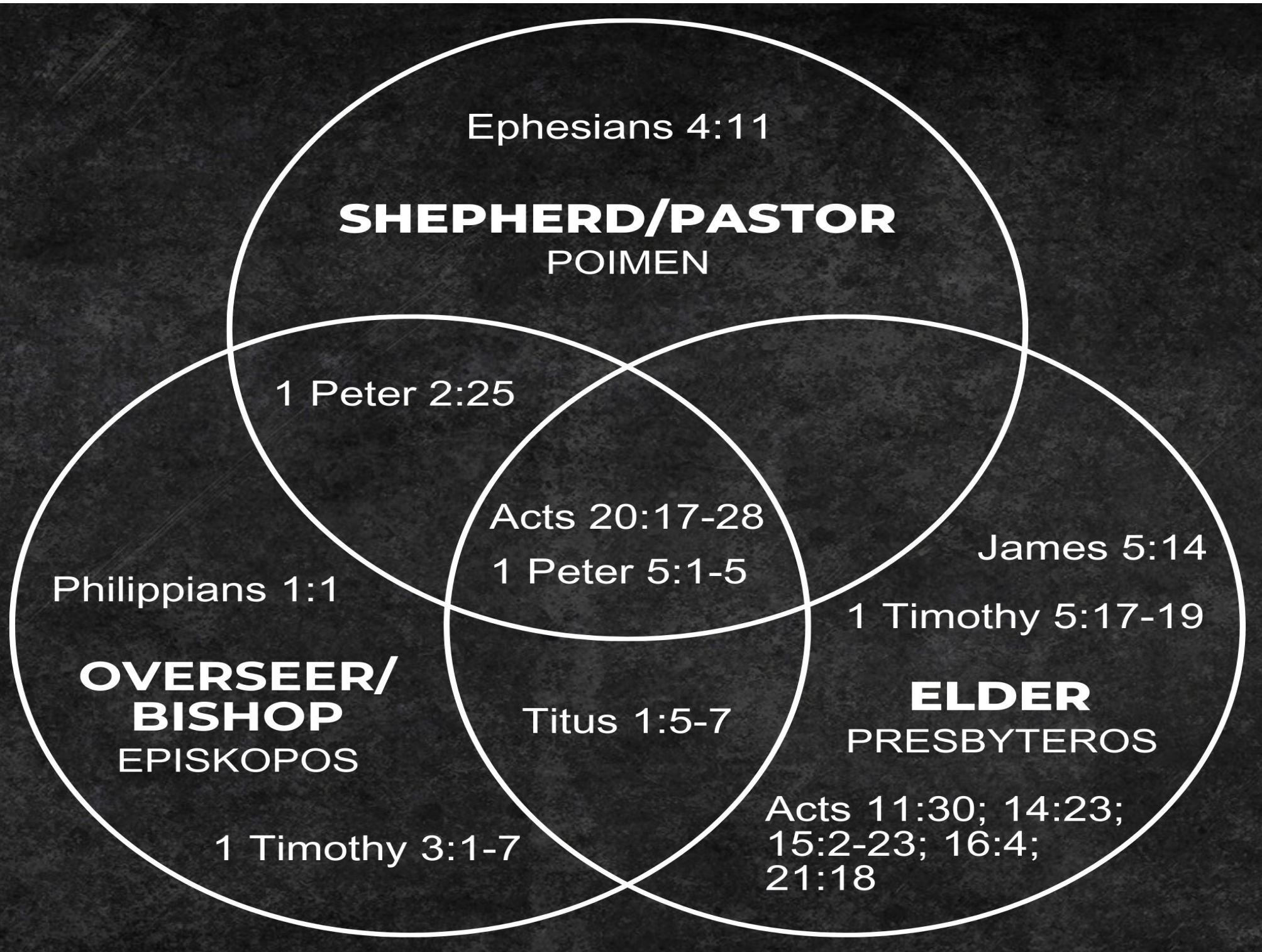
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1 Peter 2:25

Acts 20:17-28

1 Peter 5:1-5

James 5:14

1 Timothy 5:17-19

Philippians 1:1

**OVERSEER/
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EPISKOPOS

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