

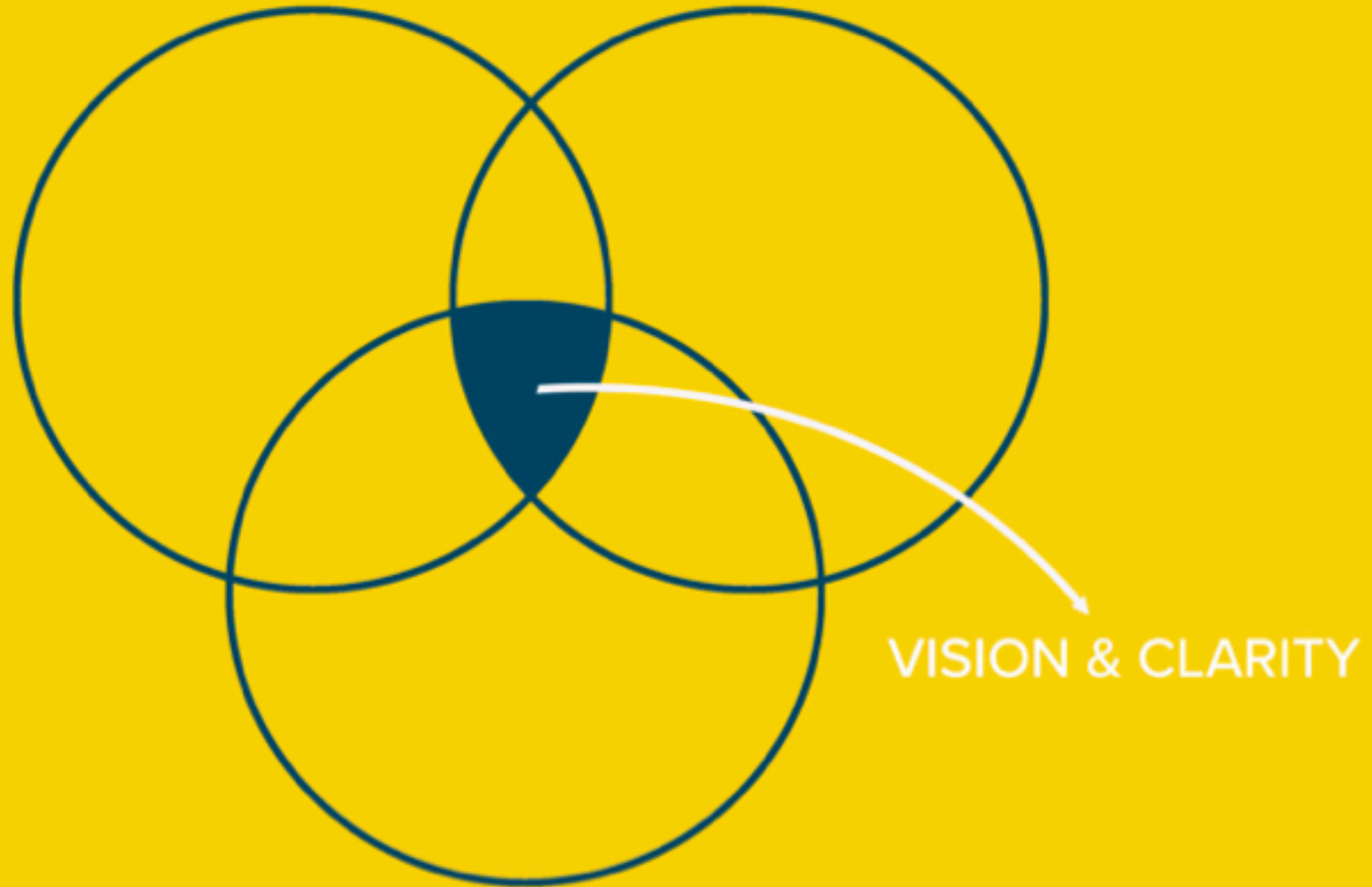
“Begin equipping our church with the knowledge and skills to follow Jesus amidst current cultural challenges.”

1. Sexuality and Gender (Identity/LGBTQ+)
2. Christianity as Relevant (Deconstruction/Religion is harmful)
3. Division and Polarization (Political and Religious)
4. Race and Social Justice
5. Marriage and Family
6. Technology and Social Media

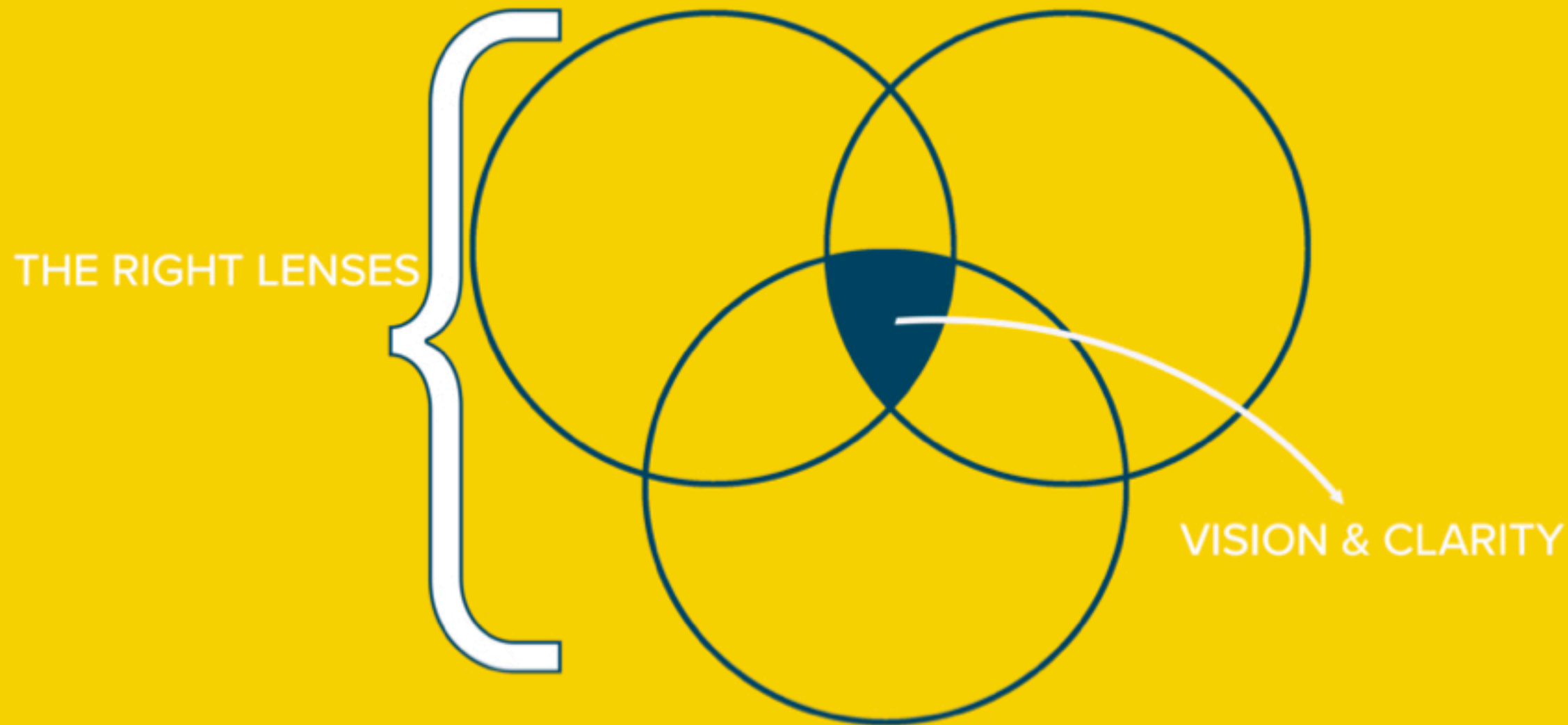
Letter to Diognetus

“They live in their own countries, but only as *aliens*. They have a *share* in everything as citizens, and *endure* everything as *foreigners*. Every foreign land is their fatherland, and yet for them *every fatherland is a foreign land*. Yet, although they live in Greek and barbarian cities alike, as each man’s lot has been cast, and follow the customs of the country in clothing and food and other matters of daily living, *at the same time they give proof of the remarkable and admittedly extraordinary constitution of their own commonwealth.*”

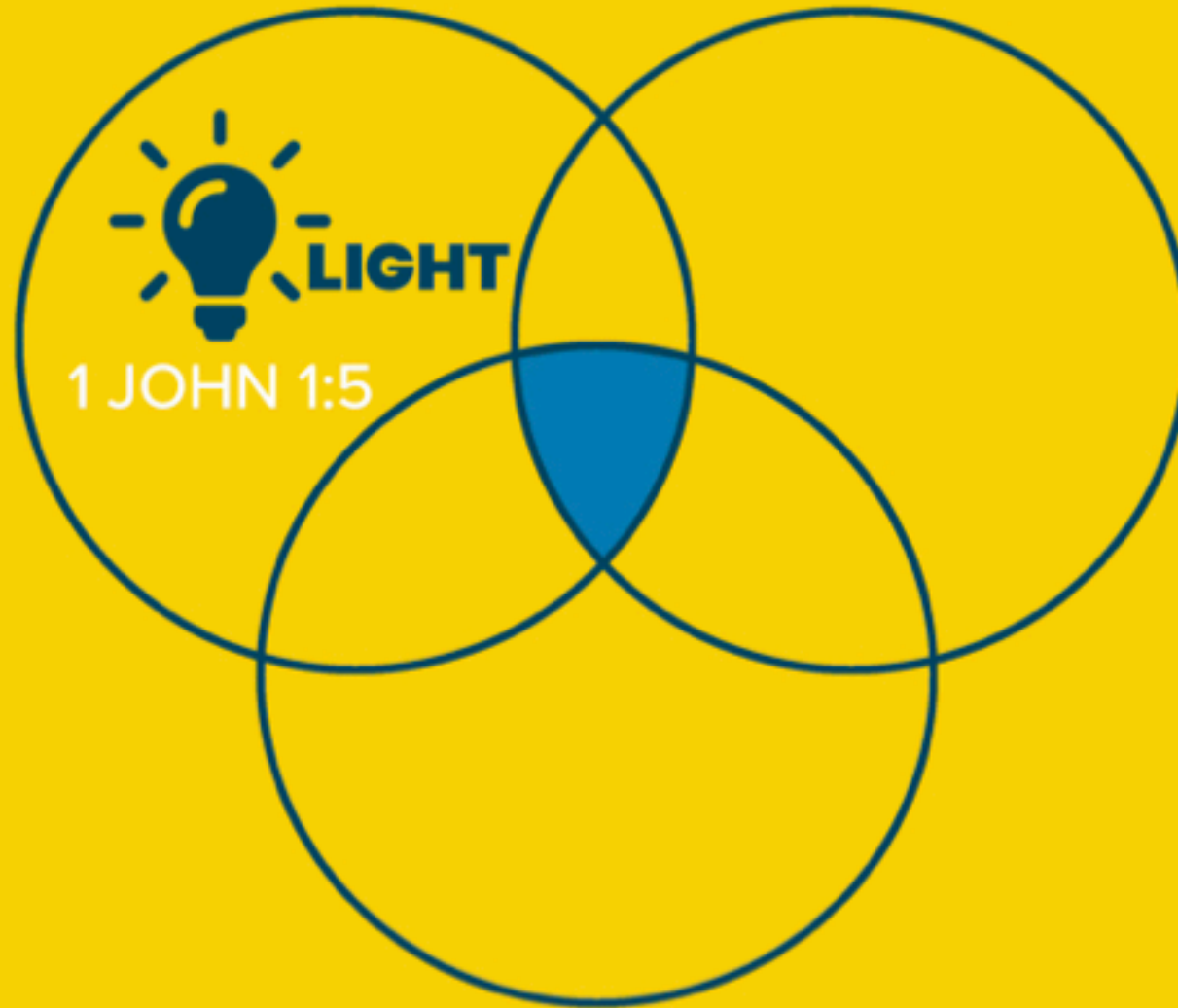
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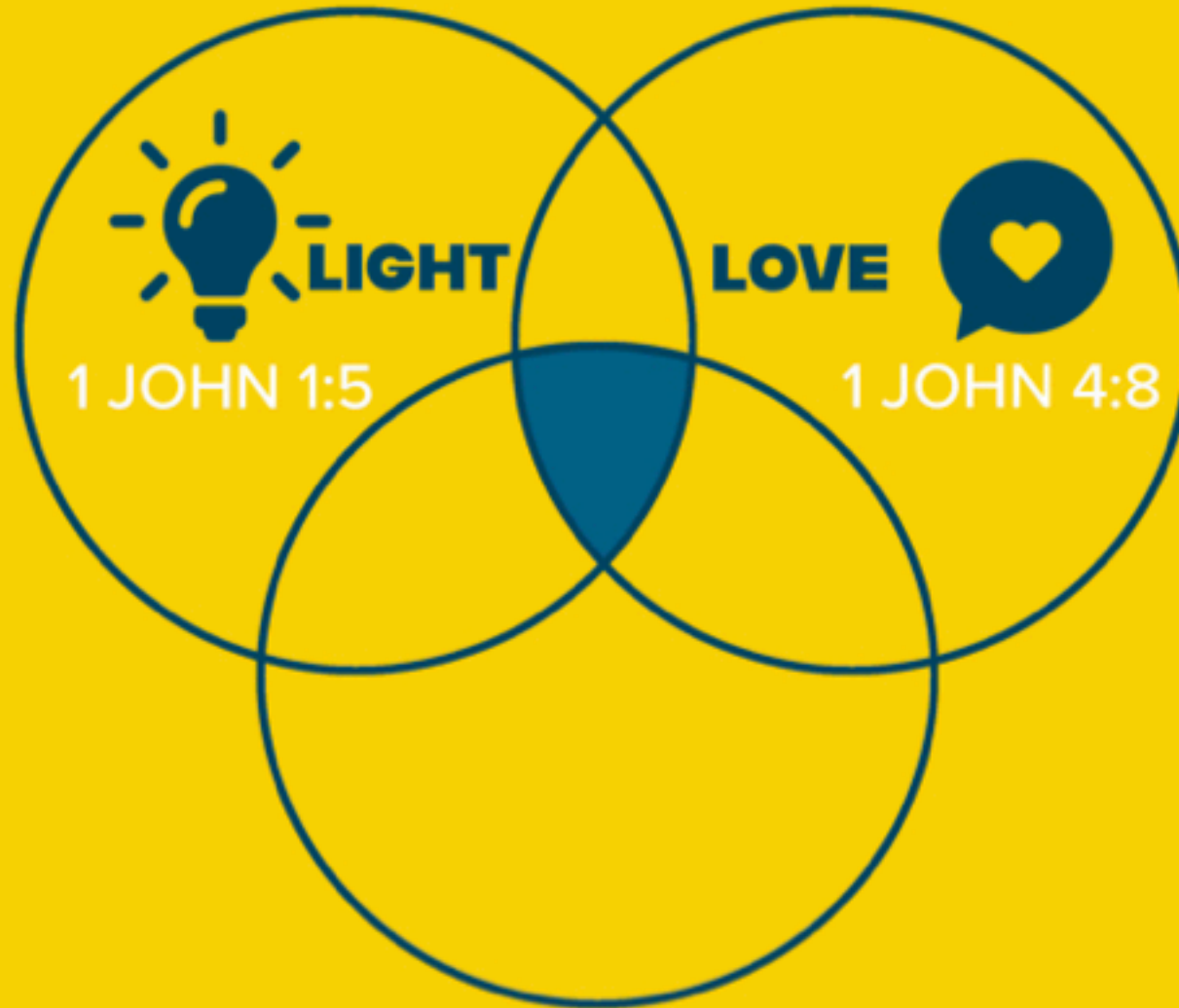
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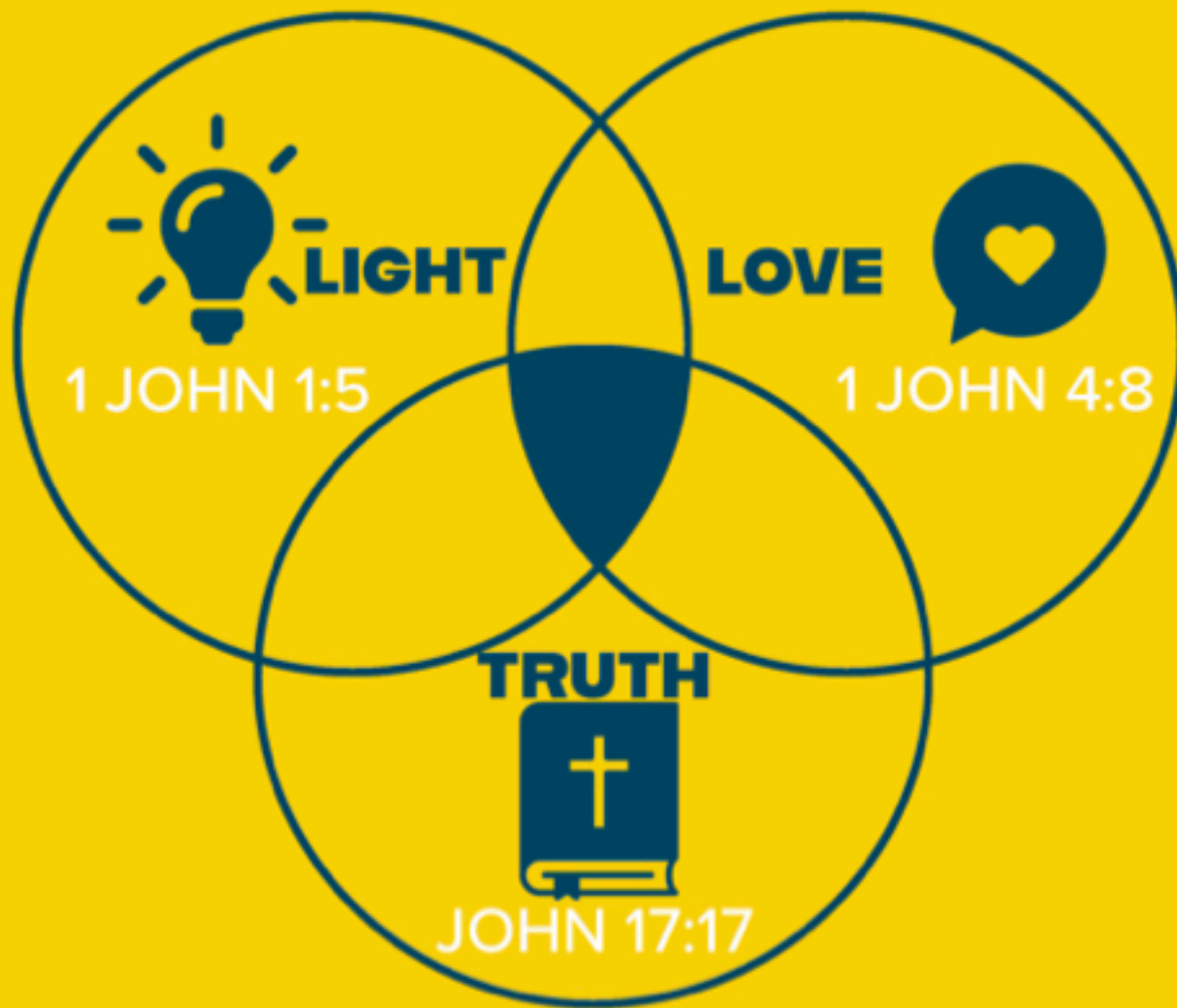
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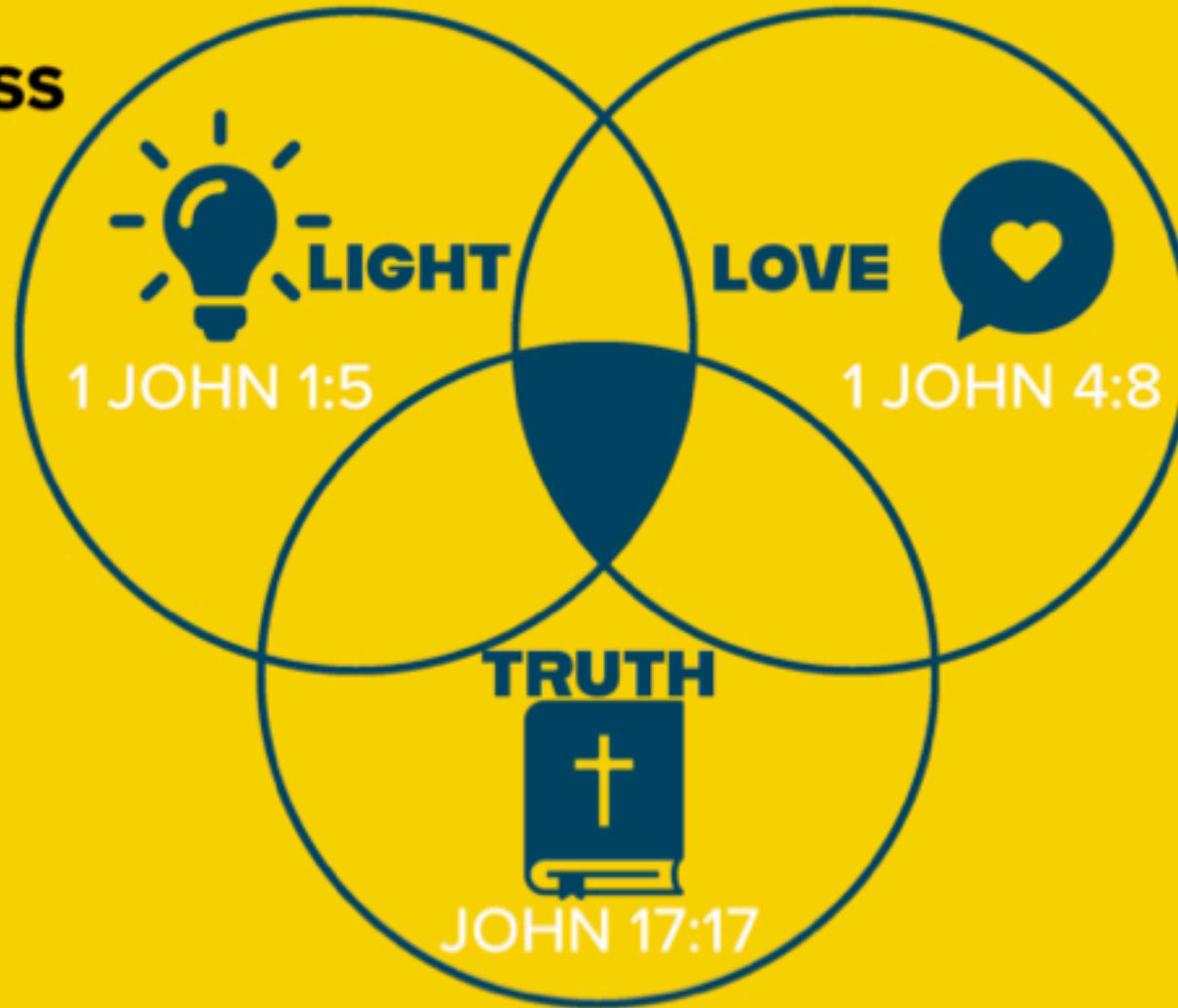


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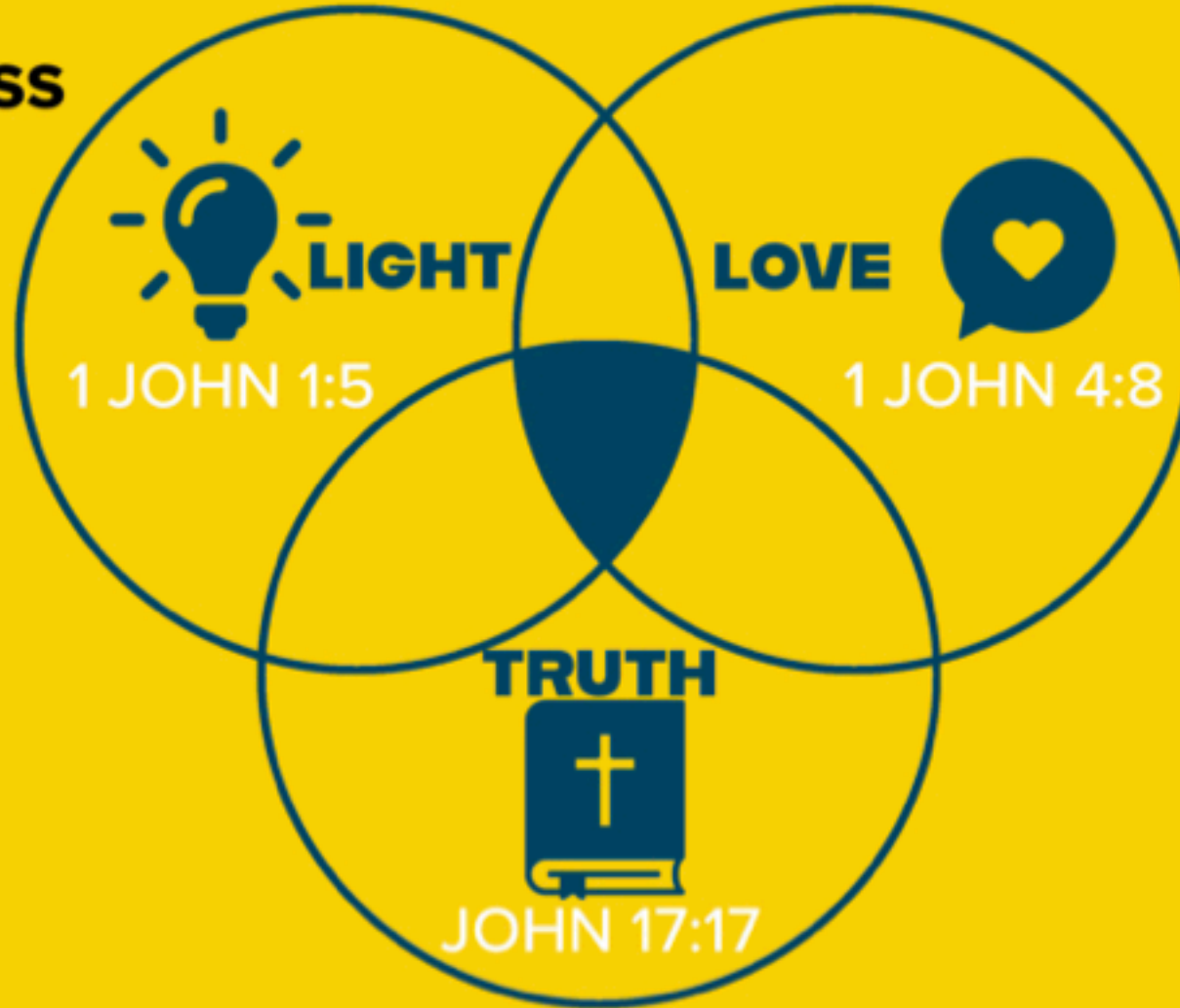
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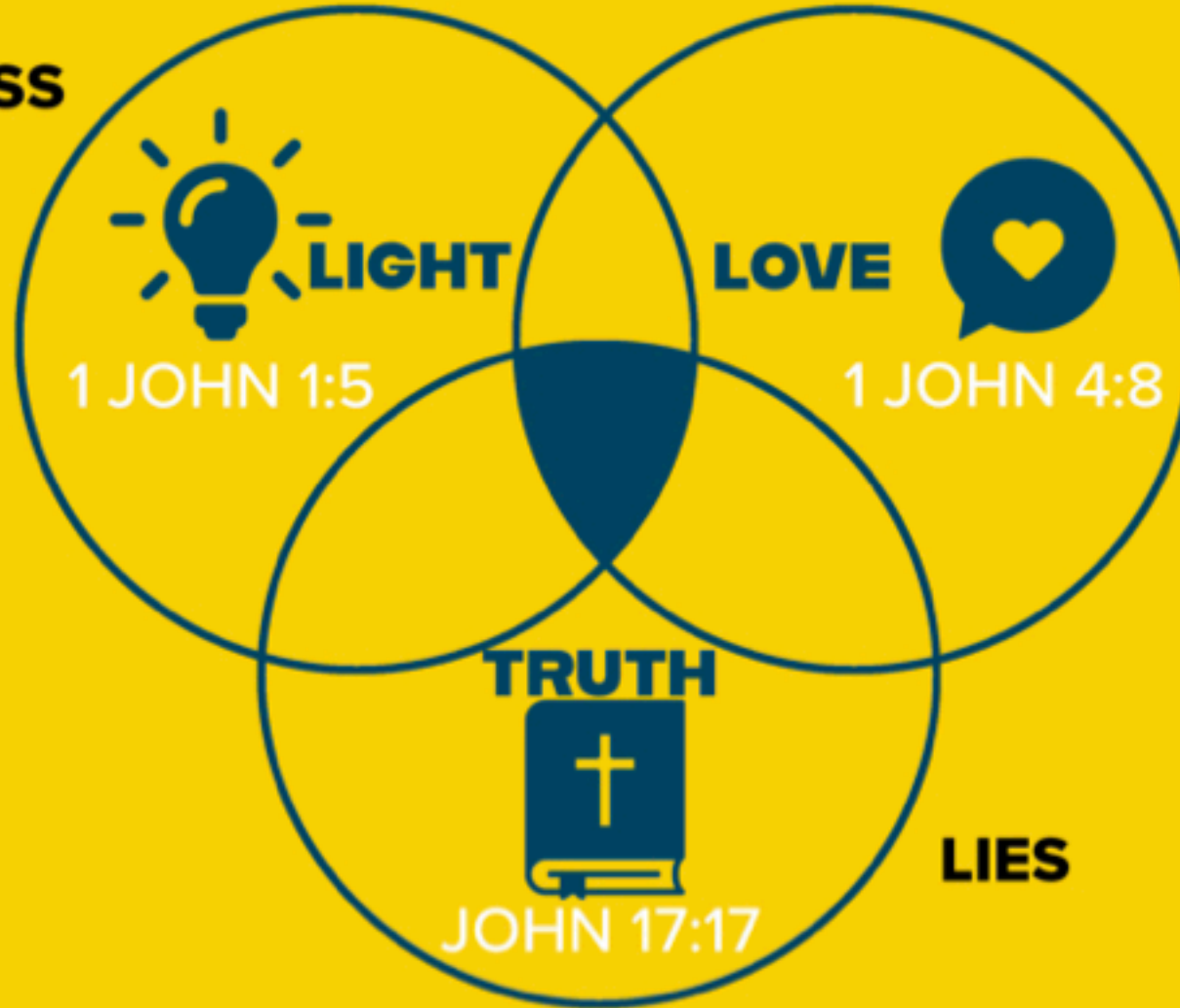
LIGHT
1 JOHN 1:5

LOVE
1 JOHN 4:8

TRUTH
JOHN 17:17

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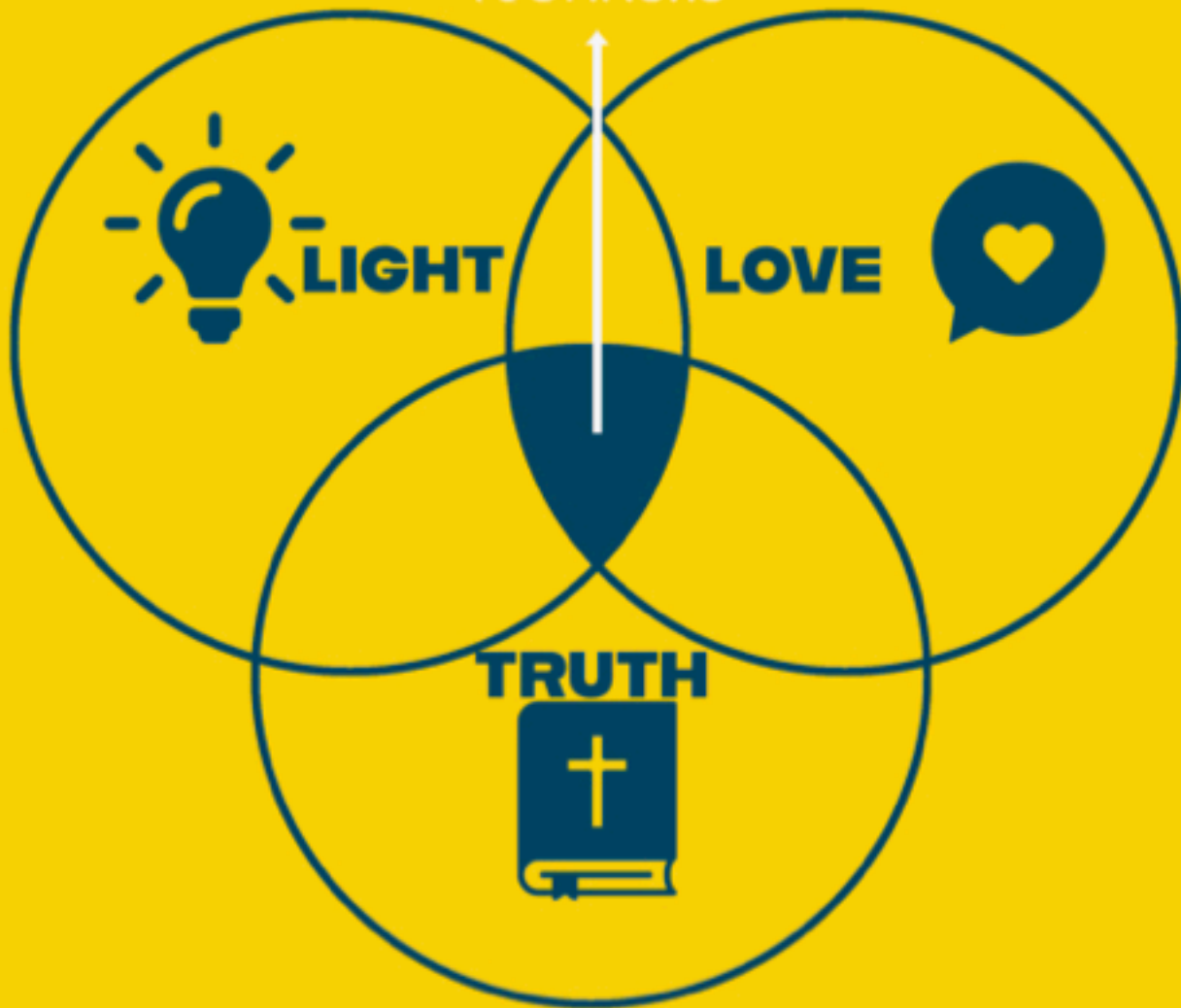
TO BE IN THE WORLD
BUT NOT OF THE WORLD
(JOHN 17:11,16)

LIES

THE WORLD

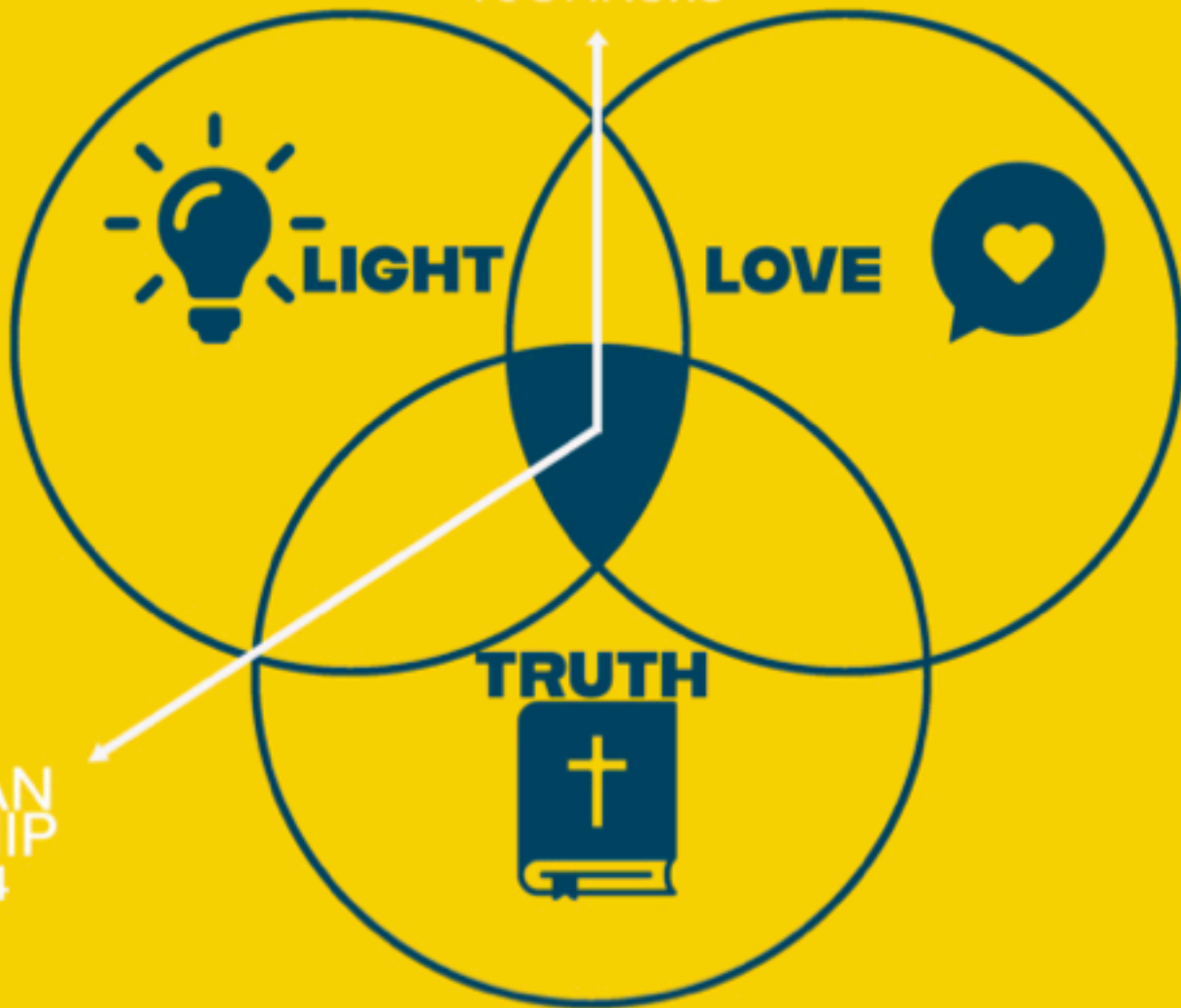
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ETERNAL LIFE
1 JOHN 5:13



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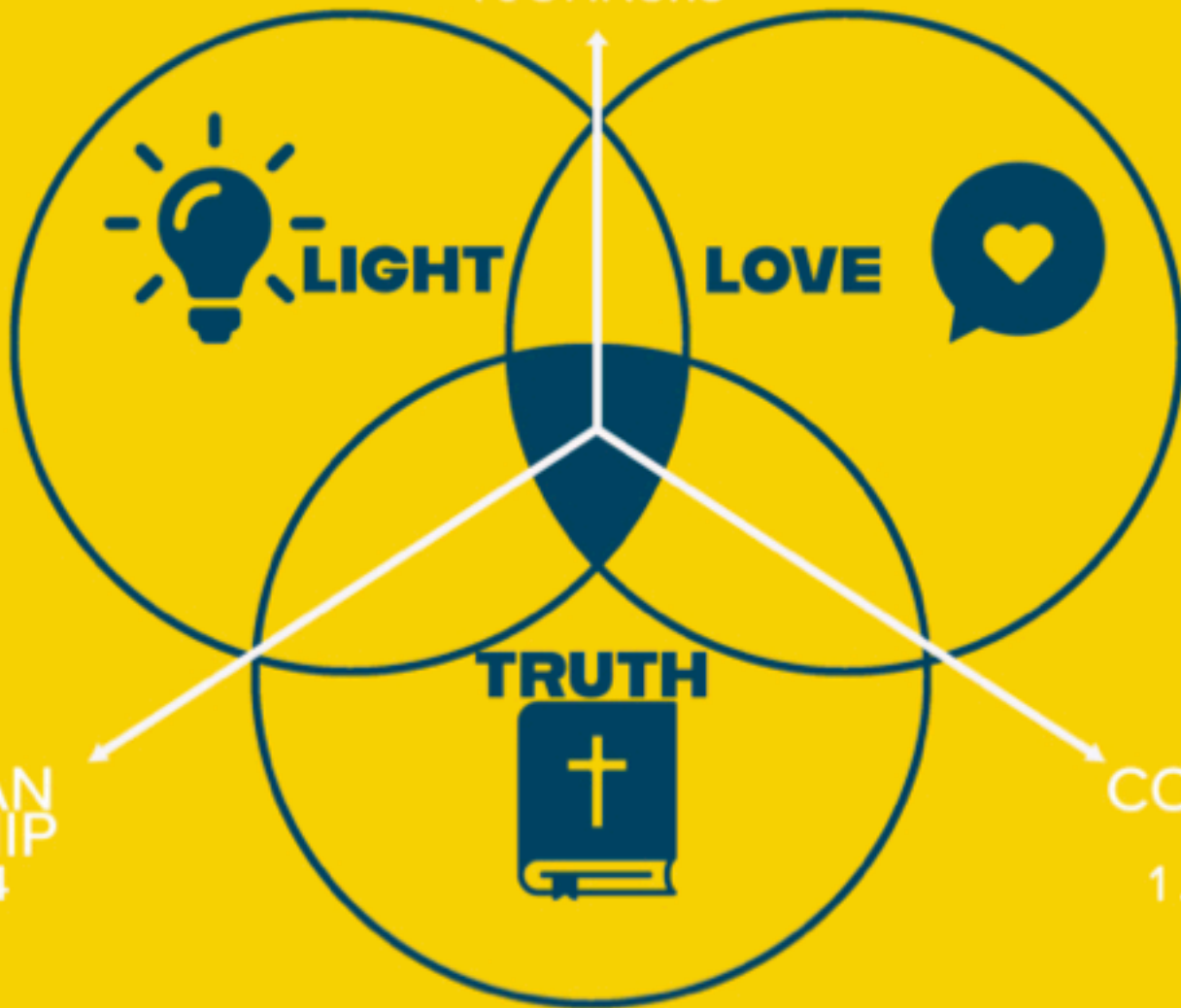
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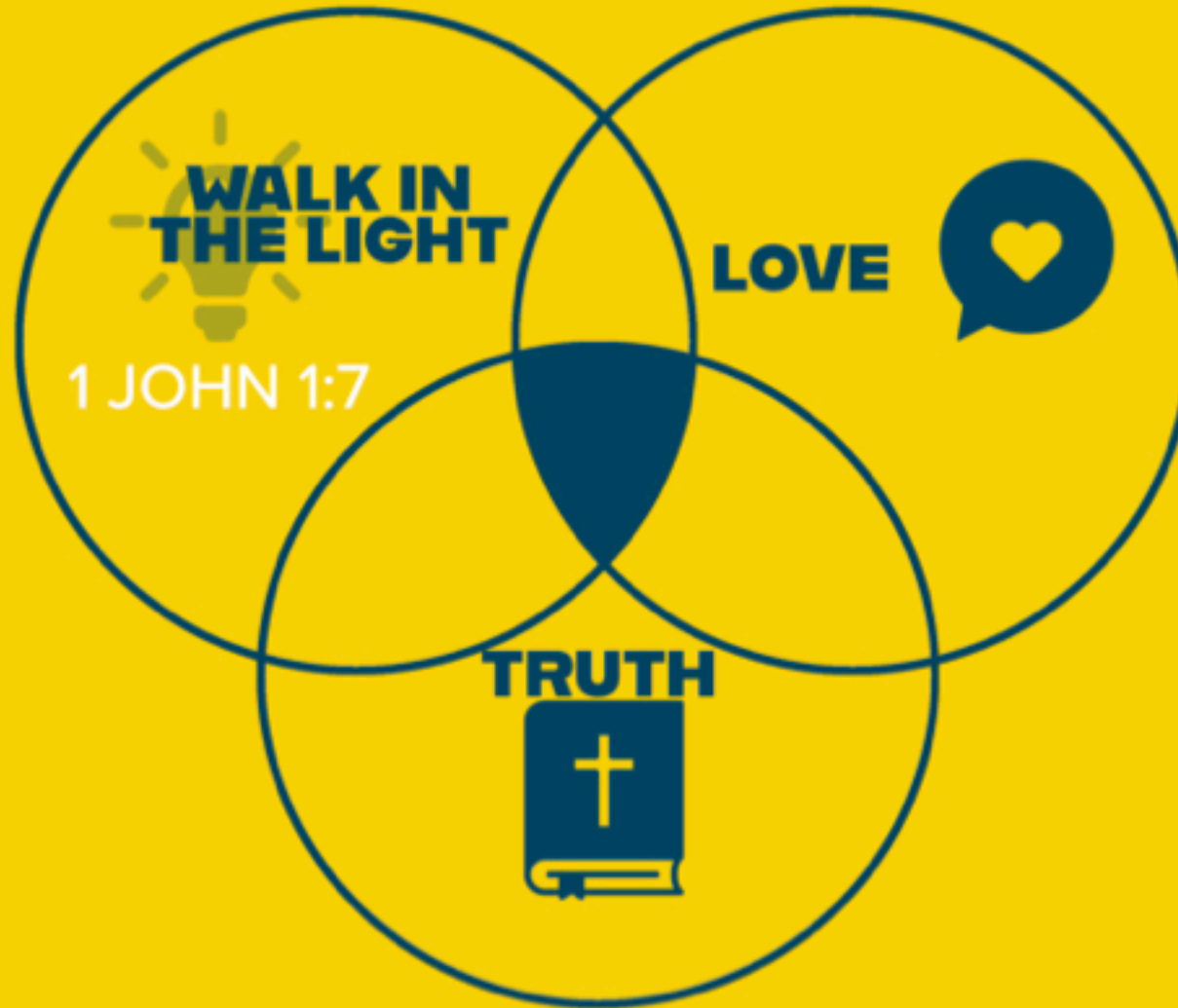
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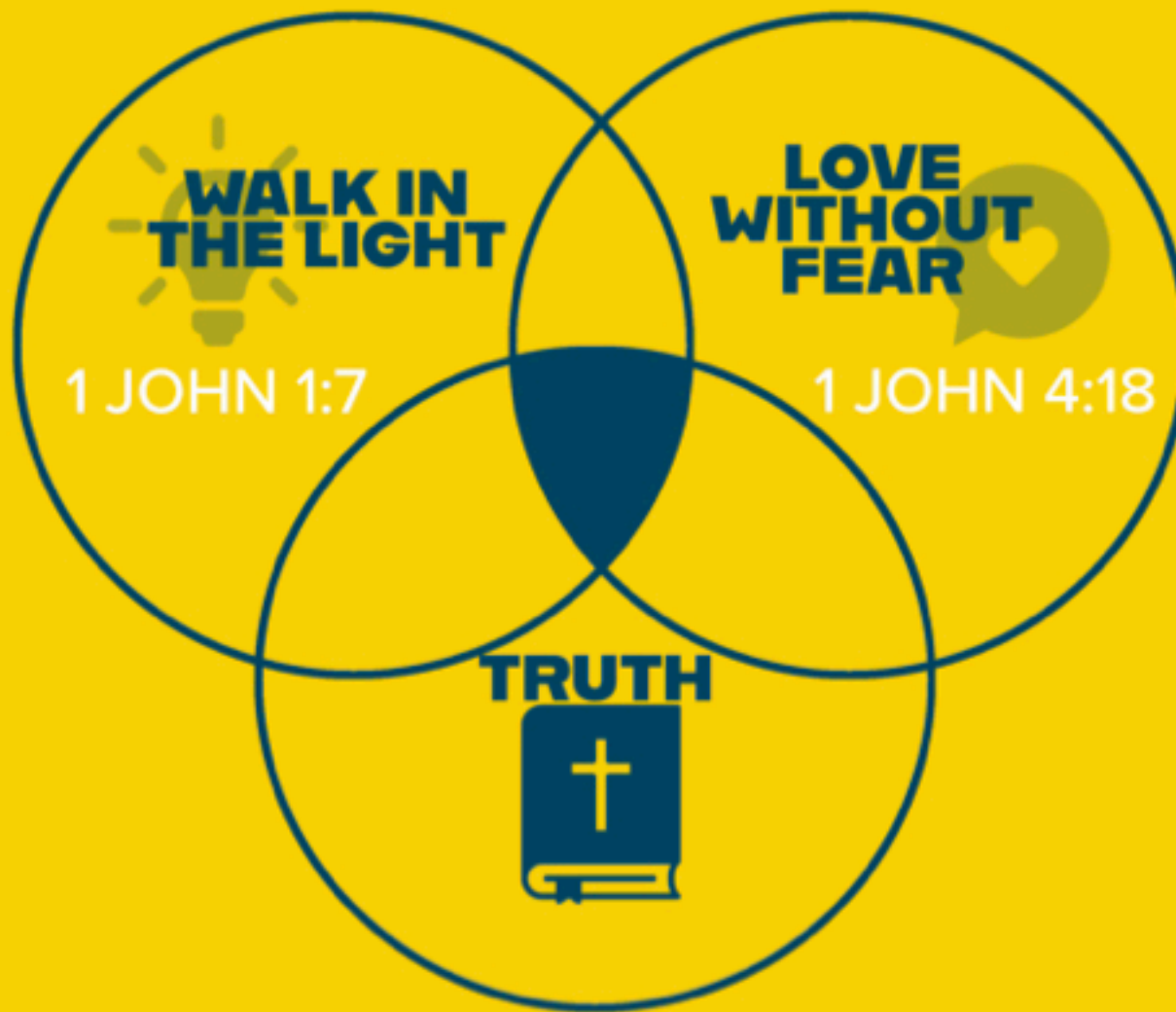
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JOY
1 JOHN 1:4

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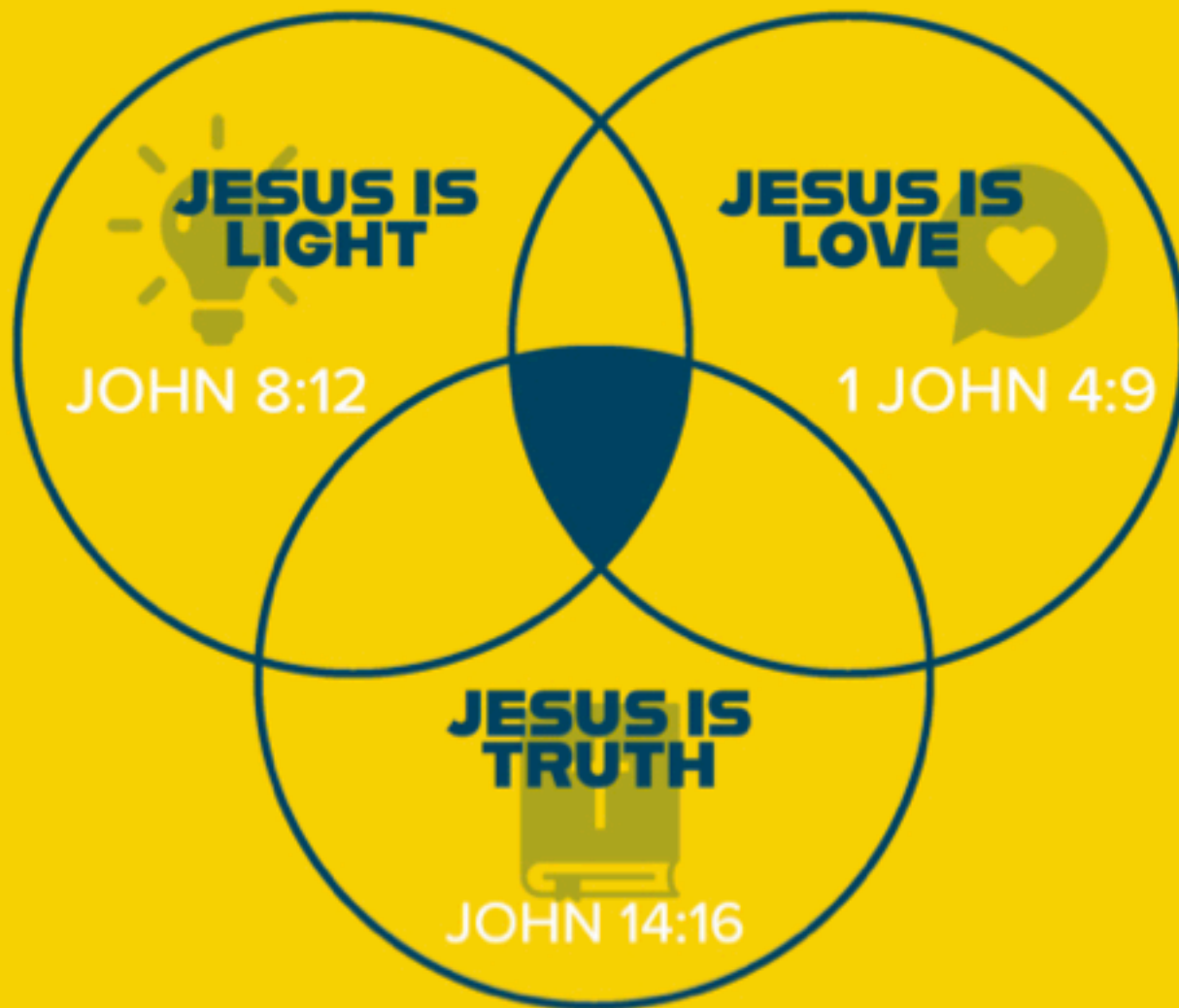
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- Humility – repentance and confession
- Surrender – sacrifice and service
- Suffering – courage and perseverance

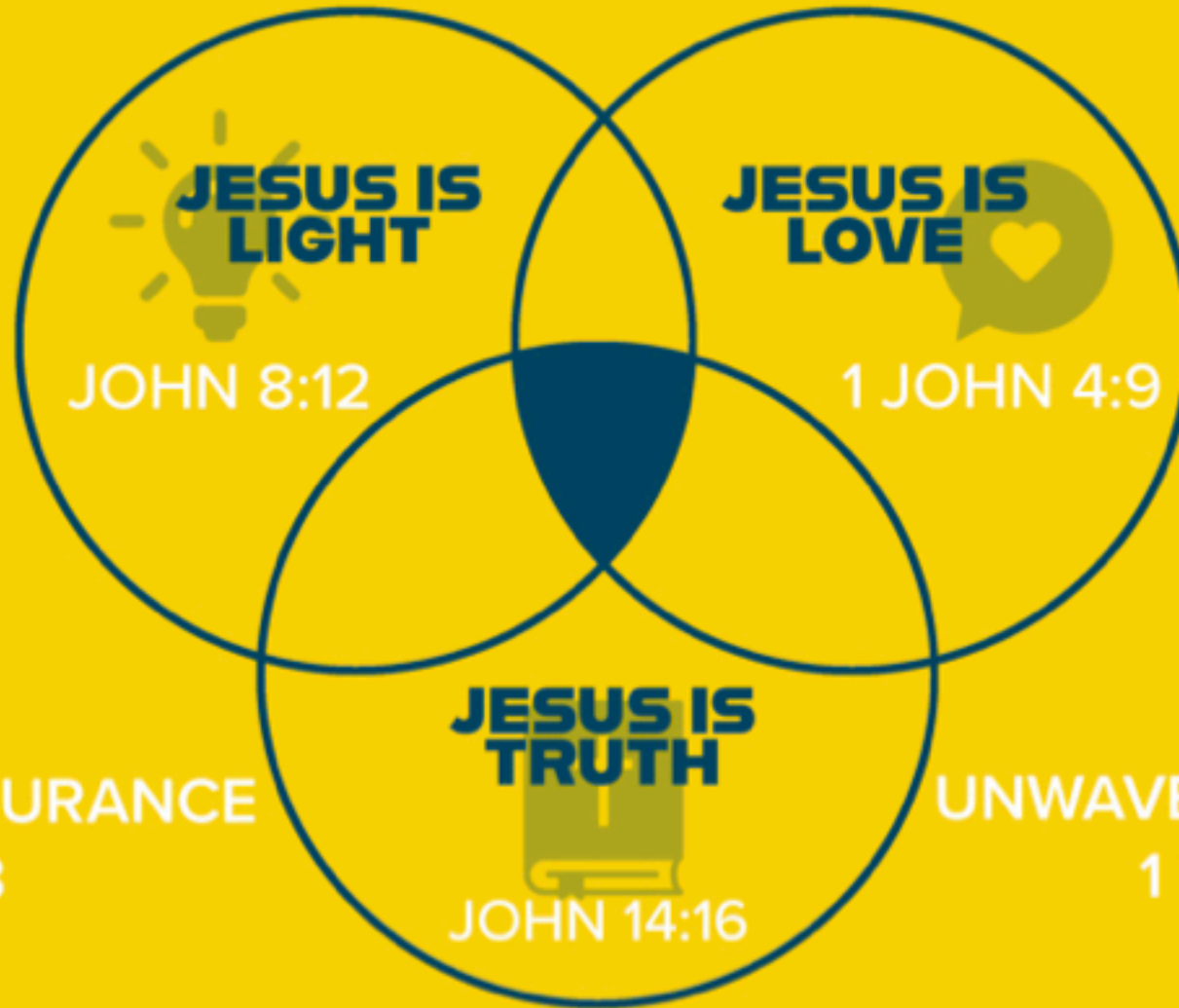
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What was the “something else” that made the Christian movement so unique and influential in the Greco-Roman world? It was not how Christians lived or how they formed people in the faith, at least not primarily. Rather, it was more fundamental than that. It concerned what Christians believed about the very nature of reality or, better put, who they believed was at the center of reality—namely, Jesus Christ.

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UNSHAKEABLE ASSURANCE
1 JOHN 5:13

UNWAVERING FAITHFULNESS
1 THESS 5:23-24

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OUR COMMON CONFESSION & COMMITMENT

WALK IN THE LIGHT

LOVE WITHOUT FEAR

HOLD FAST TO THE TRUTH

FOR HE WHO CALLS YOU IS FAITHFUL