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The Metaphor

- I am the true vine

Isaiah 80

⁸You transplanted **a vine** from Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.

⁹You cleared the ground for it,
and it took root and filled the land.

¹⁰The mountains were covered with its shade,
the mighty cedars with its branches.

¹¹Its branches reached as far as the Sea,
its shoots as far as the River.

Isaiah 80

¹² Why (God) have you broken down its walls
so that all who pass by pick its grapes?

¹⁶ Your vine is cut down, it is burned with fire;
at your rebuke your people perish.

¹⁷ Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand,
the son of man you have raised up for yourself.

¹⁸ Then we will not turn away from you;
revive us, and we will call on your name.

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The Metaphor

- I am the true vine
- God is the Gardener
- You (disciples) are the branches
- You are intended to bear fruit
- You are already cleaned (pruned) and ready to bear fruit

How Do We Bear Fruit?

Two Commands

Command #1

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Command #1

Abide in Jesus

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Experience Jesus' Love, and keep experiencing it

Experiencing Jesus...

- Is our only way to Life

John 14:6

⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 15:6

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- Is our only way to Life
- Is our only way to the Father (John 14:6)

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 - He will give His life

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- He spoke of His love
 - He made known the Father's loving plans
 - He called them friends

As Jesus Loved...

- He spoke of His love
 - He made known the Father's loving plans
 - He called them friends
 - He told them that He chose them

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Experiencing and Expressing is Essential

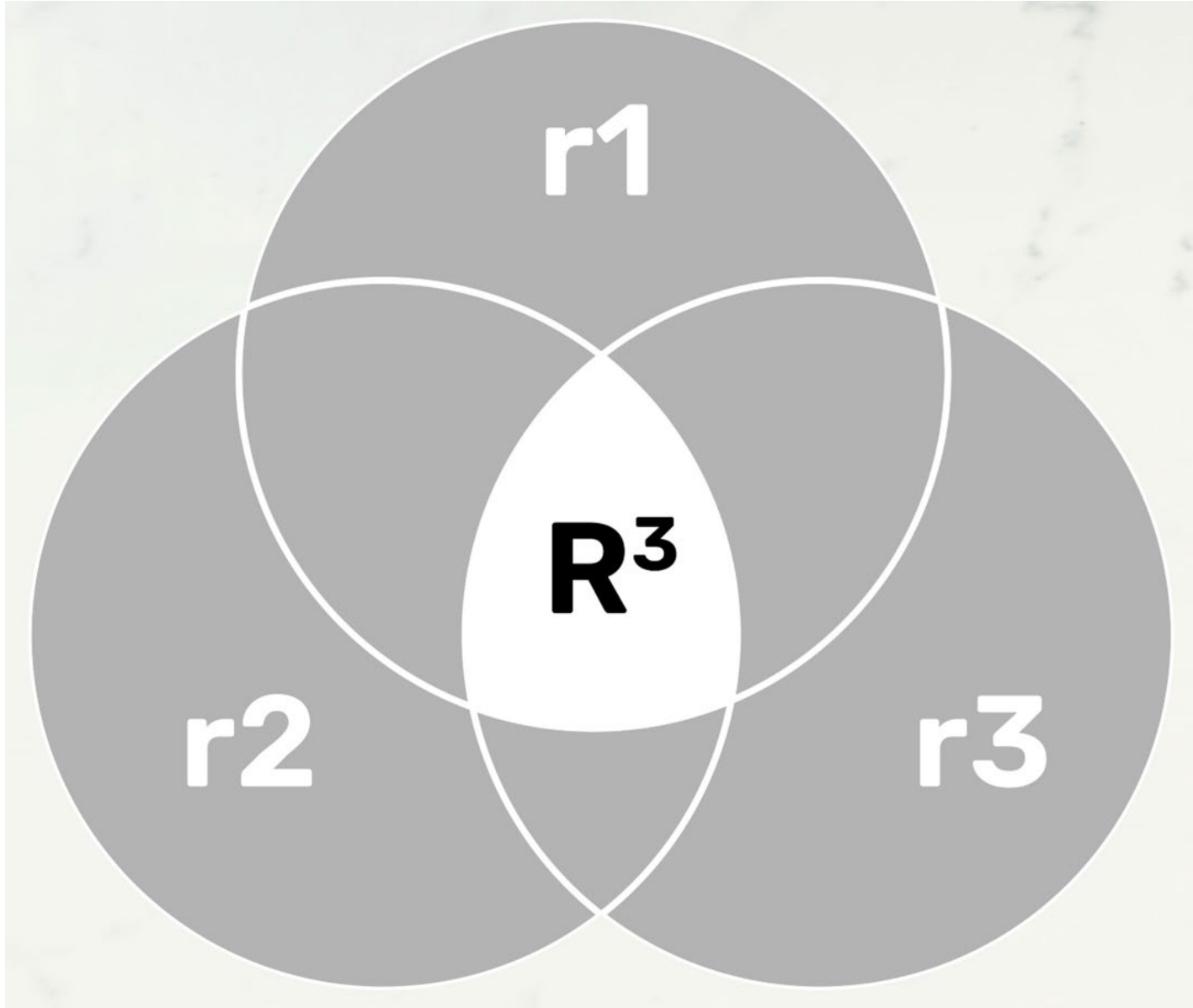
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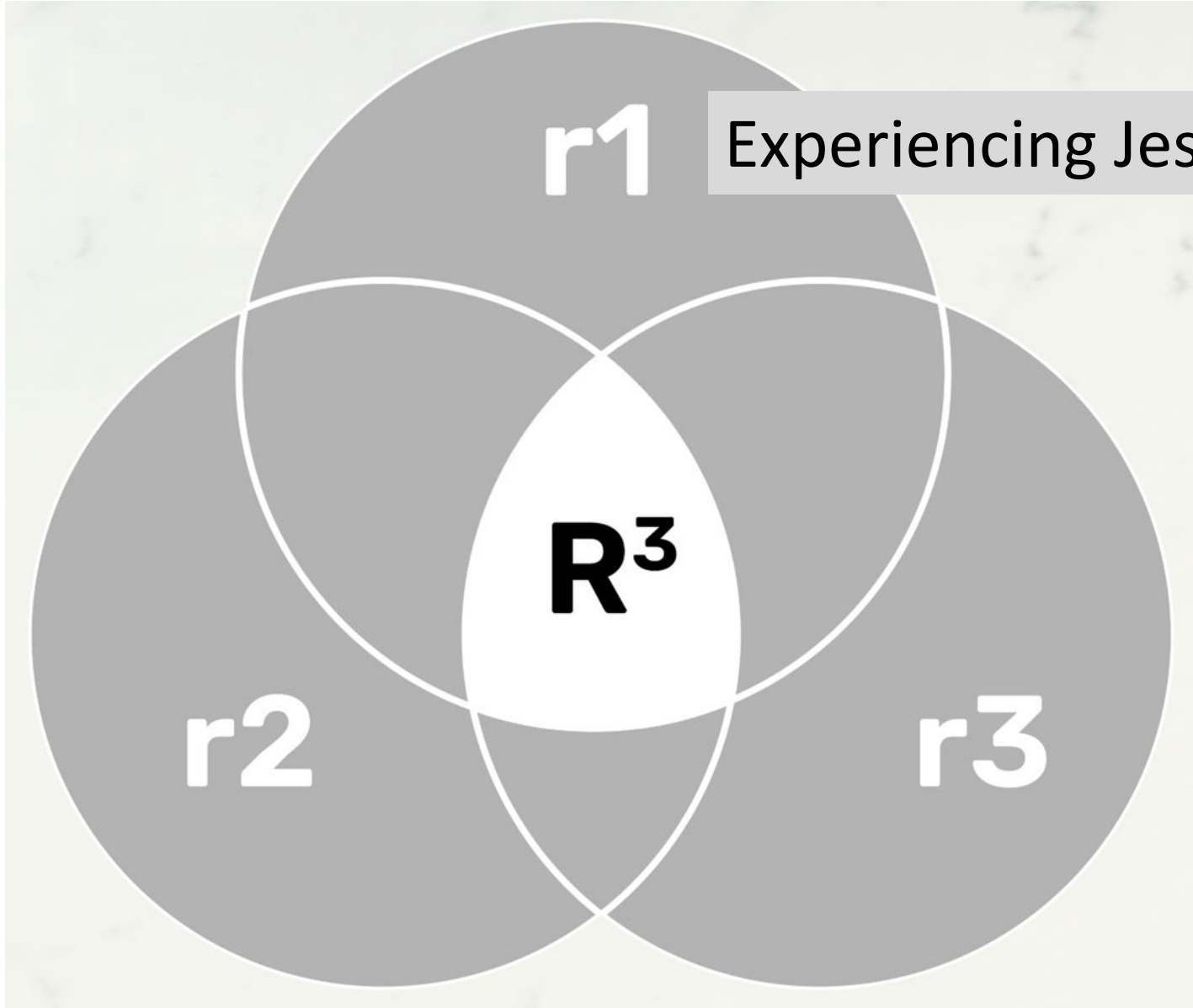
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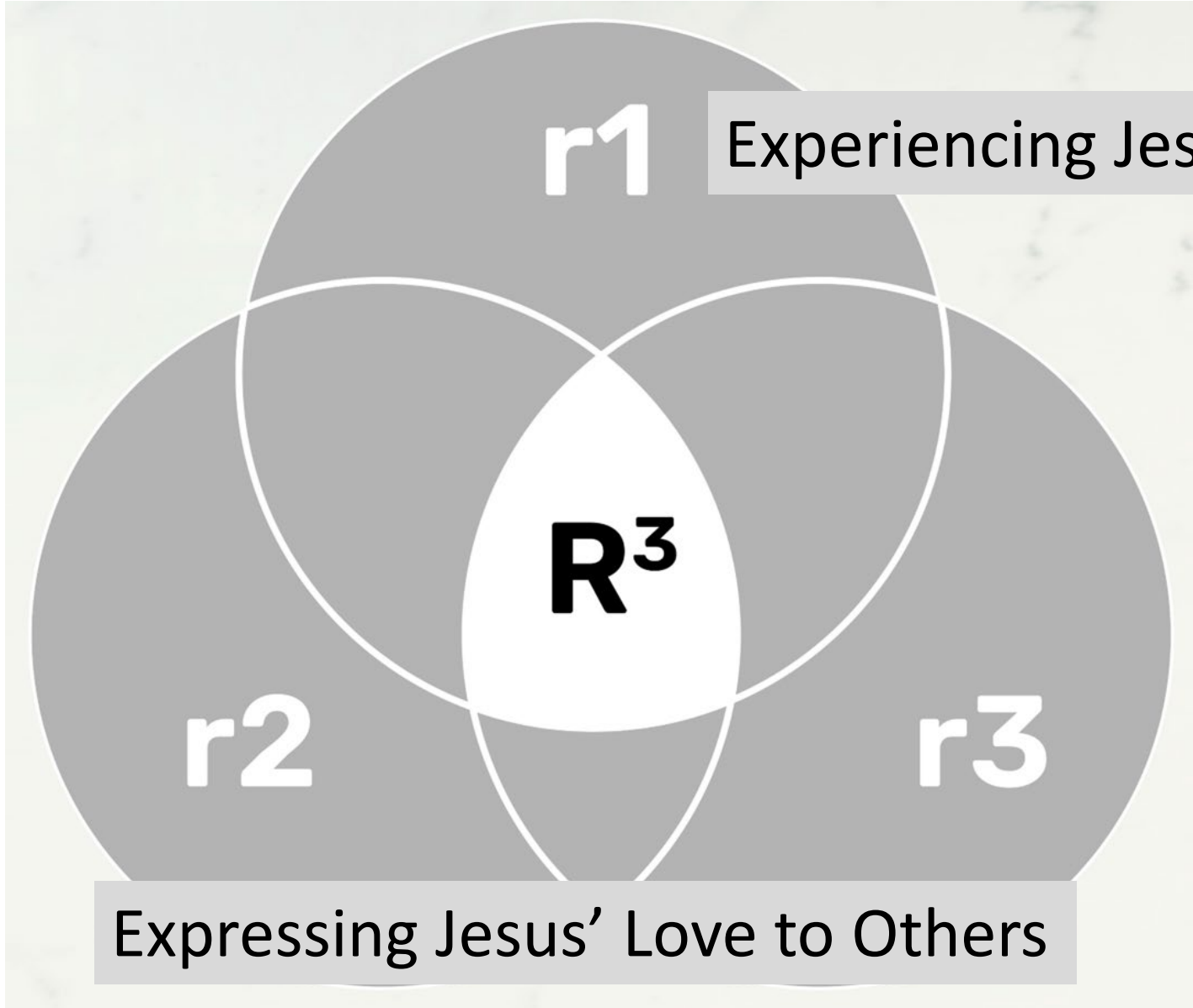
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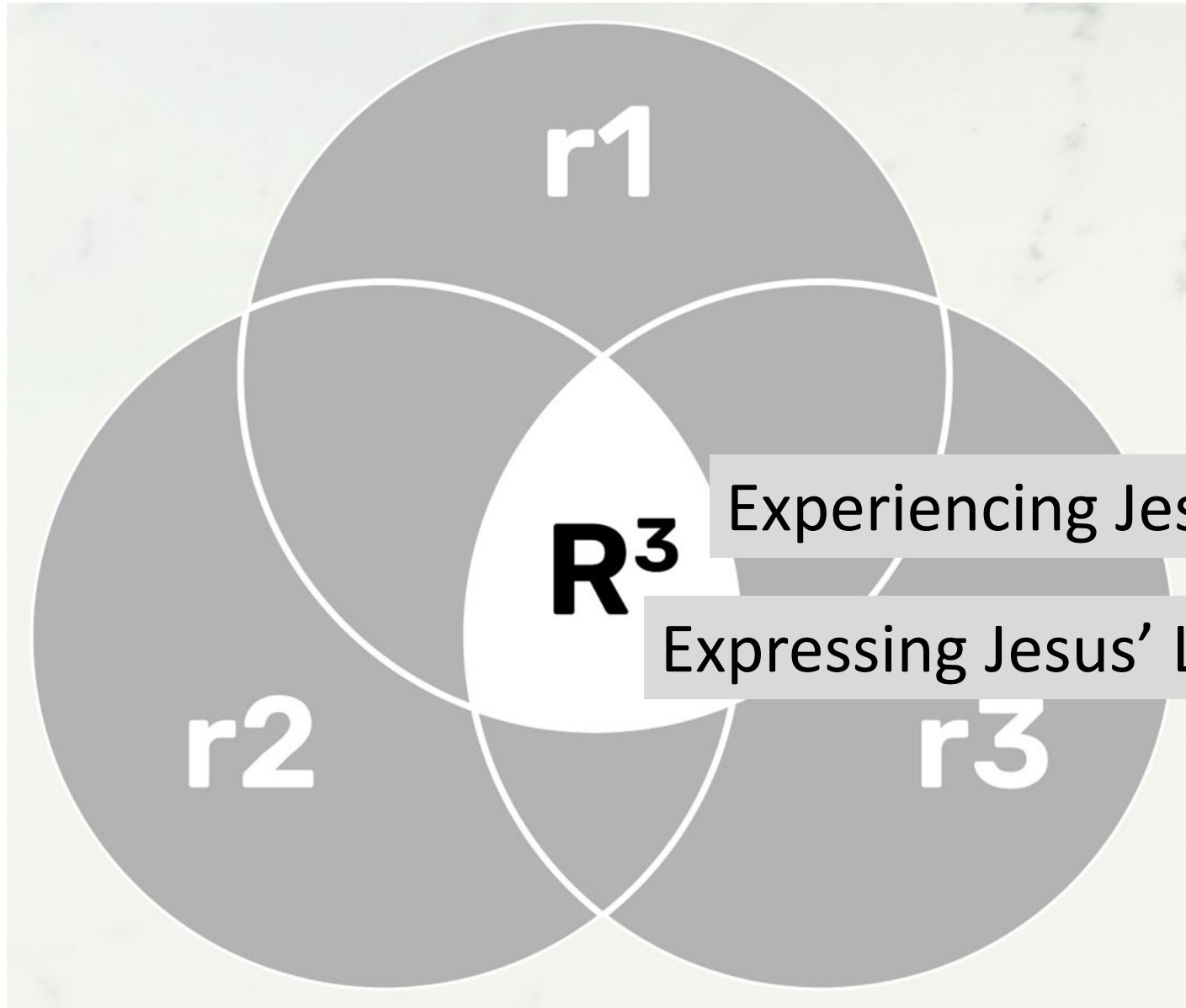
How We Typically Talk About Experiencing and Expressing at RCC





Experiencing Jesus' Love





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The two essential ingredients of Christianity
(experiencing Jesus' love and expressing it)
are for our JOY!

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Two Commands (for our Joy)

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