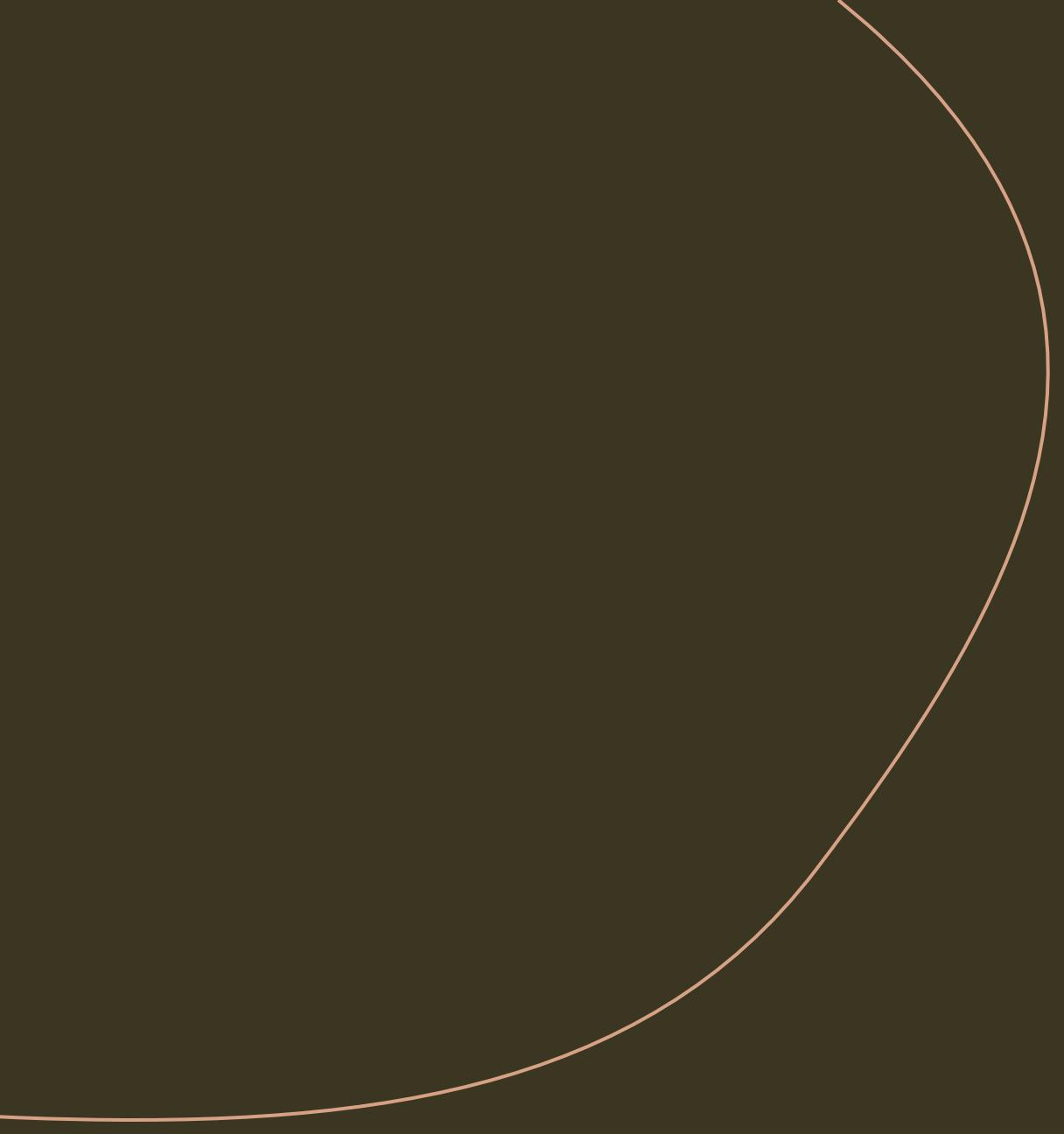


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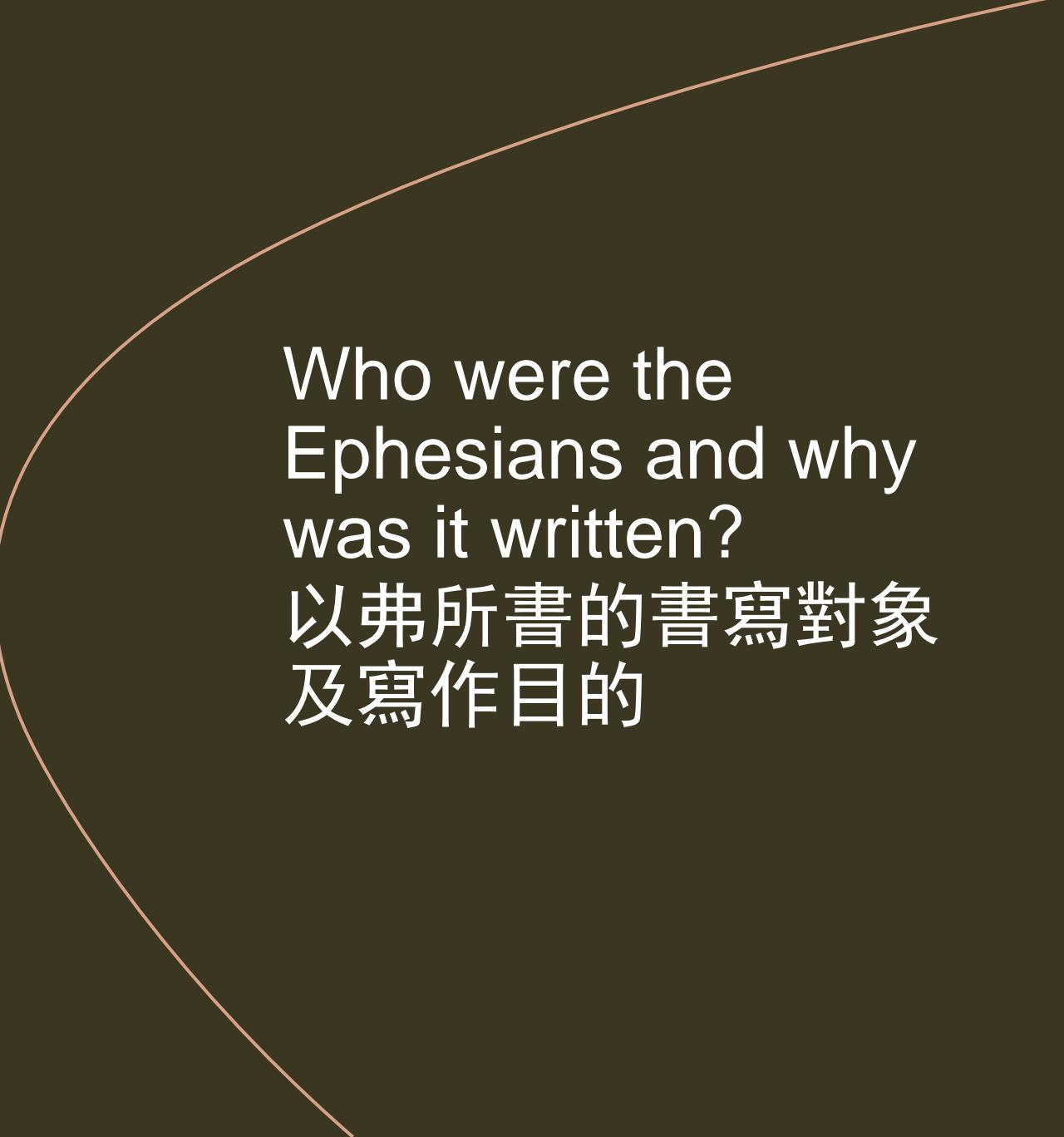
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- Written by Paul whilst in prison,
probably in around AD60
保羅在獄中於公元60年間寫成
- Many similarities to Colossians -
possibly written as a circular letter to
other churches
與歌羅西書有很多類近內容 - 非常有
可能是一封於眾教會傳閱的書信

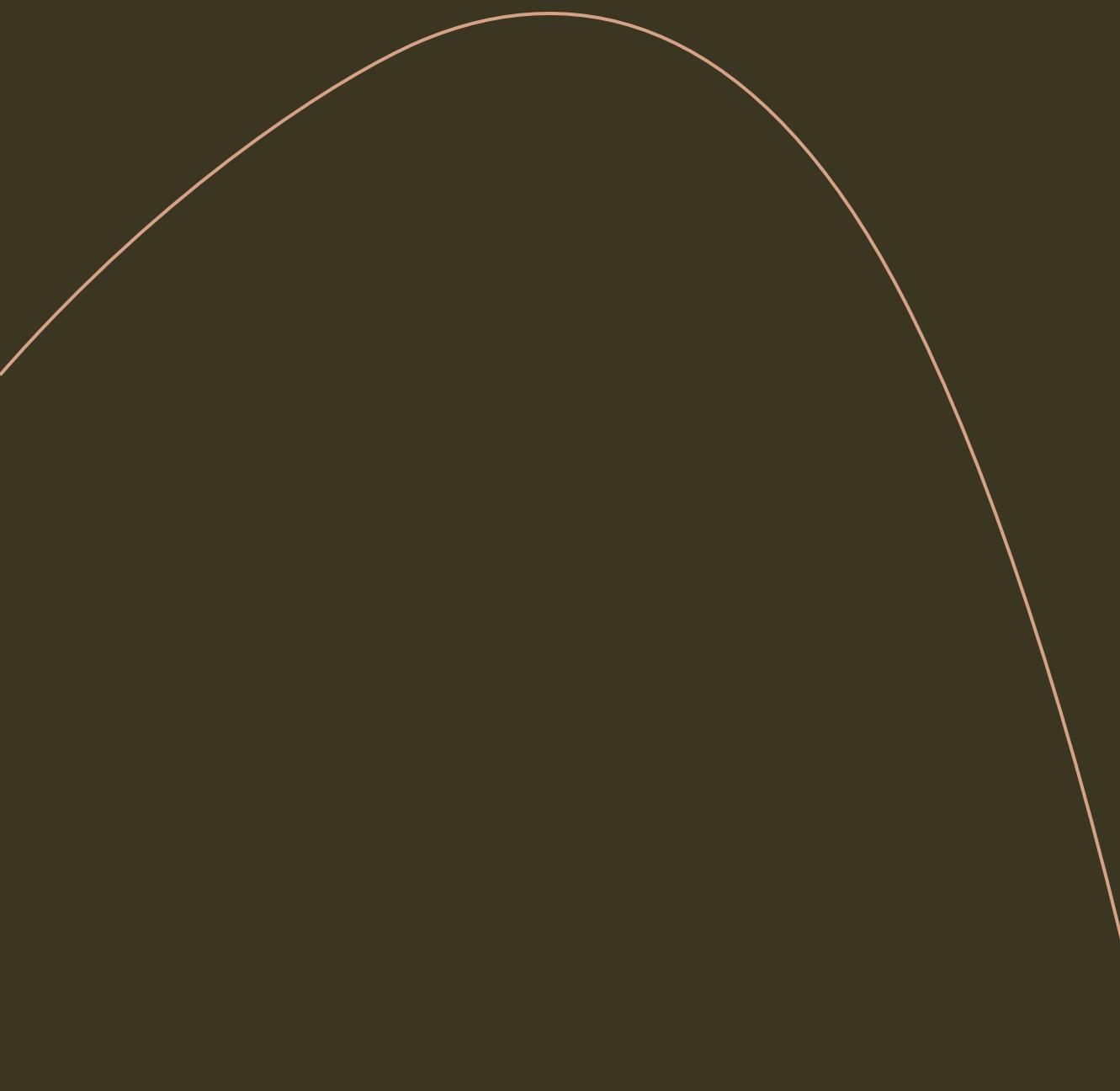


Who were the
Ephesians and why
was it written?
以弗所書的書寫對象
及寫作目的



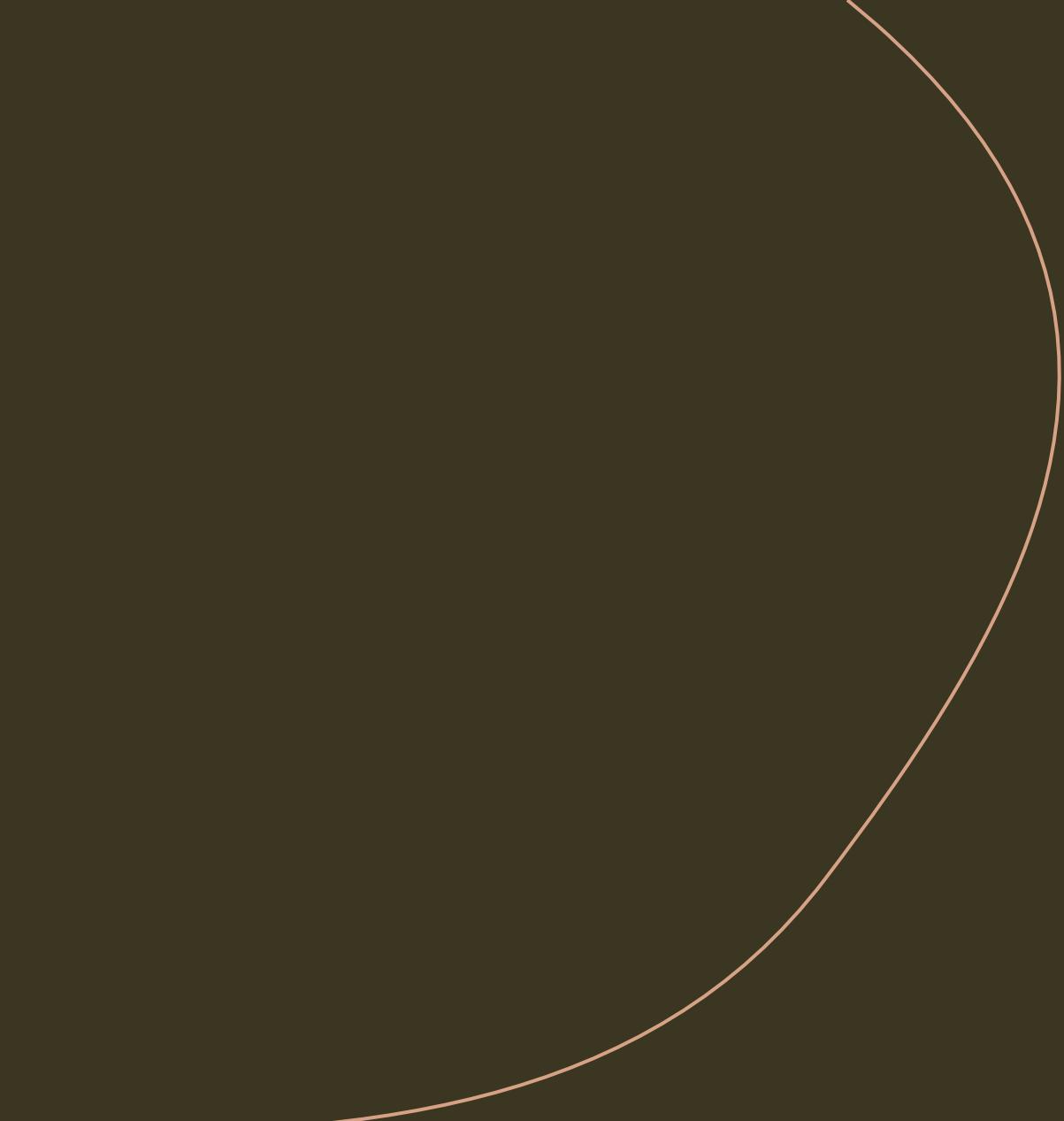
CONTEXT 背景

- Cultural melting pot of nationalities
容納不同國家文化的大熔爐
- Spiritually aware but ‘anythingarian’
充斥偶像文化
- God fearing minority (the Jews) seen
as bigoted and judgmental
敬畏神的少數群體（猶太人）被視為偏
執及批判的一群



THE CHALLENGE 考驗

- Cultural heritage vs unity in Christ
文化承傳 vs 基督裡同歸於一
- Understanding God's plans and purposes and personalizing what that means
明白上帝的計劃和目的，並在生活中踐行
- Revelations 2:1-7. How to maintain your first love?
啟示錄 2:1-7 如何重拾起初的愛心？



Why is the book of Ephesians like
a football match?
為甚麼以弗所書像一場足球比賽？

Because it's a book of two halves:

因為這一卷書可以分為兩個部分：

- Chapters 1-3: the Gospel Story

第1-3章：福音的故事

- Chapters 4-6: Our Story

第4-6章：我們的故事

Chapters 1-3: the Gospel Story

第1-3章：福音的故事

- **God's Plan (1:3-14)** - chosen, redeemed, grace, united under Christ, salvation, Trinity

神的計劃（一章3-14節） - 擇選、救贖、恩典、基督裡同歸於一、救恩、
三一神

- **Prayer for Understanding (1:15-23)** 求智慧的禱告（一章15-23節）

- **Salvation through Christ (2:1-10)** – saved by grace

基督的救恩（二章1-10節） - 得救是本乎恩

- **United in Christ (2:11-22)** – reconciliation through the cross, fellow citizens

在基督裡合而為一（二章11-22節） - 藉十字架與神與人和好

Chapters 1-3: the Gospel Story

第1-3章：福音的故事

- **God's Purpose for the Church (3:1-13)** - reveal the manifold wisdom of God (to the universe!)
上帝對教會的計劃（三章1-13節）- 彰顯上帝百般的智慧（於所造之萬物中）
- **Prayer for Fullness (3:14-21)** – strength, comprehension, eternal glory
充滿上帝一切豐盛的禱告（三章14-21節）- 剛強、明白、永恆的榮耀

Chapters 4-6: Our Story

第4-6章：我們的故事

Fulfilling God's Purposes in practical ways through our daily lives

在生活中活出上帝的目的和心意

- **Active Unity (4:1-6)** - humility, gentleness, tolerance

持守合一（四章1-6節）- 謙卑、溫柔、忍耐

- **Growing Together (4:7-16)** – maturing, equipping, serving

一同成長（四章7-16節）- 成熟、裝備、服事

- **Distinctive (4:17-24)** – lay aside the old, put on the new

不再一樣（四章17-23節）- 脫去舊我，穿上新我

- **Christ Copiers (5:1-20)** – walk in love, let go of evil, Spirit-filled

效法基督（五章1-20節）- 愛心行事、不作暗昧無益之事、被聖靈充滿

Chapters 4-6: Our Story

第4-6章：我們的故事

- **Radical Relationships (5:21-6:9)** - subject to one another, wives & husbands, children & parents, slaves & masters
徹底改變的關係（五章21-六章9節） - 彼此順服、妻子與丈夫、兒女與父母、僕人與主人
- **Ready for Conflict (6:10-20)** – expect resistance, stand firm, be ready, pray in the Spirit
與邪惡爭戰（六章10-20節） - 預備爭戰、靠主站立得住、警醒不倦、在聖靈裡禱告

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