



THE SERMON-
“Needed Based Preaching”

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“Preaching is the spoken communication of divine truth with a view to persuasion.”

T. Harwood Pattison. The Making of the Sermon

***Preaching is -
the spoken communication - (the “how” - means / method)
of divine truth (substance) - (the “what” - source / content)
with a view to persuasion. - (the “why, who, when, where – intent)***

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Authentic Sermon

A Sermon is an “authentic” message only if it is “God centred” an “human focused.”

NB: God’s Word spoken to meet human need.

- 1. Validity of Source**
- 2. Specificity of Situation**

BASIC SERMON FLOW

1. INFORMATION - What the Text Says
2. EXPLANATION – What the Text Means
3. APPLICATION - What the Text Means to Me / Us

BASIC SERMON ELEMENTS

1. **CONTENT- The Text.**
2. **CONSTRUCT- The Arrangement**
3. **CONTEXT- The Audience.**

SERMON ELEMENTS

1. CONTENT- The Text.

What the message contains.

- Biblical Text, Data, Illustrations,

2. CONSTRUCT- The Arrangement

How the message is Organized

Unity, Purpose, Coherence

3. CONTEXT- The Audience.

To whom is the message addressed

- Setting, Relevance, Occasion, Situation.

ELEMENTS OF THE PREACHING MOMENT

NB: A Sermon is not prepared in a “vacuum.”

***The Sermon Content and Communication
is Influenced by “The Preaching Moment”***



DETERMINING FELT NEEDS

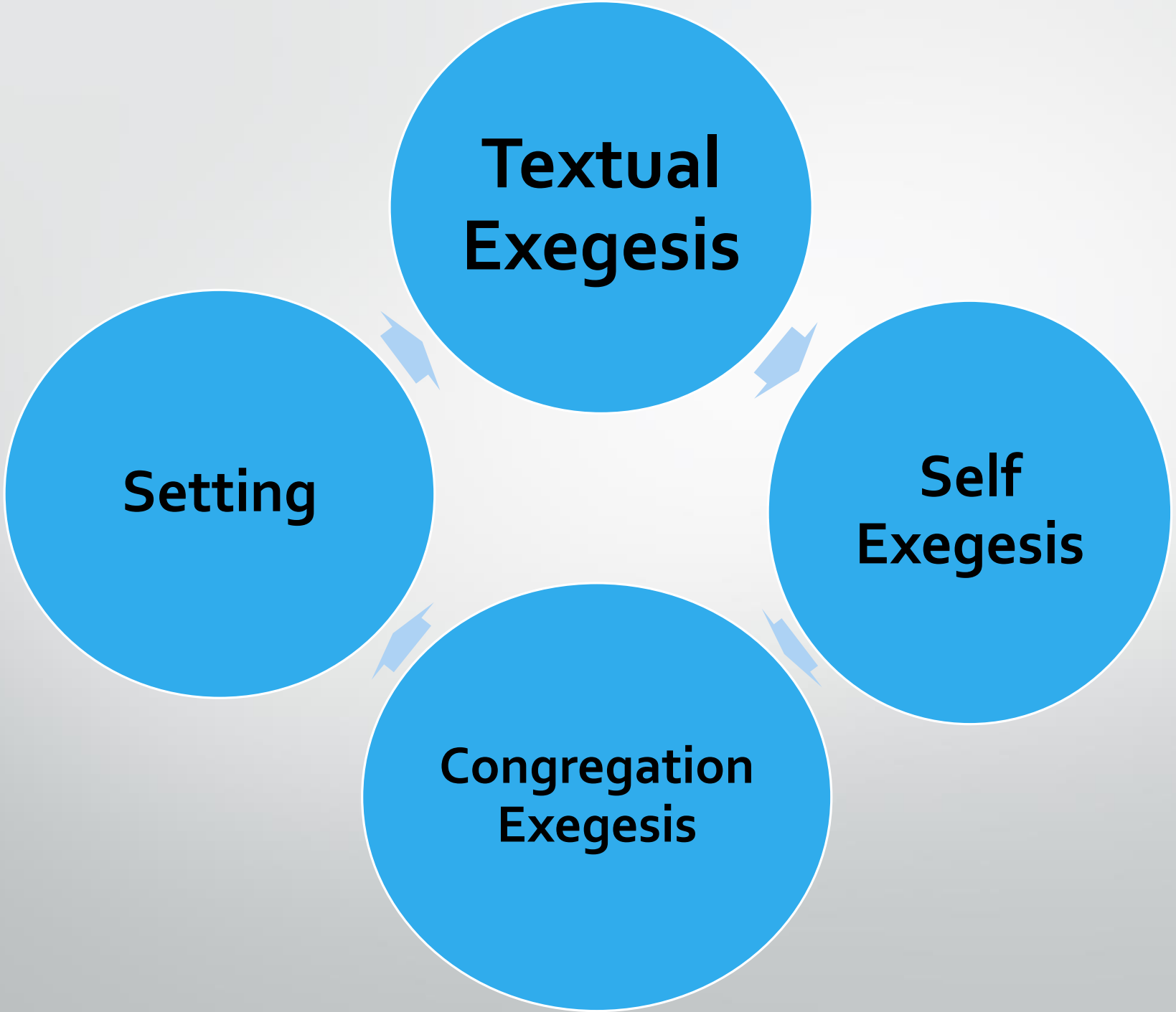


EXEGESIS

“The Interpretive Quadrilateral”

Crowder and Wymer

University of Chicago, 2016



1. Textual Exegesis

What is the situation behind the Text?

What was the intent / purpose of the Text?

2. Self Exegesis

Who am I?

- **History / Experiences**
- **Biases**
- **Temperament**

NB: Self influences interpretation and Intent

No one interprets a Text with a “Neutral” mind

3. Contemporary Context

How does this Text relate to:

- **Contemporary Context**
- **Cultural Context**
- **Social location**

4. Congregational Exegesis

- What is the congregation's:
 - History?
 - Composition
 - Experience
 - Demographics
 - Challenges
 - World View

NB: Congregational Exegesis is critical to preaching.



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Addressing Human Needs

HUMAN NEED- TRI-FOCUS

- 1. Felt Need: Conscious and Acknowledged**
- 2. Unfelt Need: Unconscious Unaware**
- 3. Felt Unacknowledged Need: Conscious Rebellious**

PREACHING TO FELT NEEDS

1. Pastoral / Nurturing (Need for Empowering)

**Eg: Ex 5- Moses,
Jesus- Luke 4**

PREACHING TO UNFELT NEEDS

1. Teacher / Instructor (Need for Edification)

Eg: Jesus, Acts, Paul,

PREACHING TO FELT- UNACKNOWLEDGED NEEDS

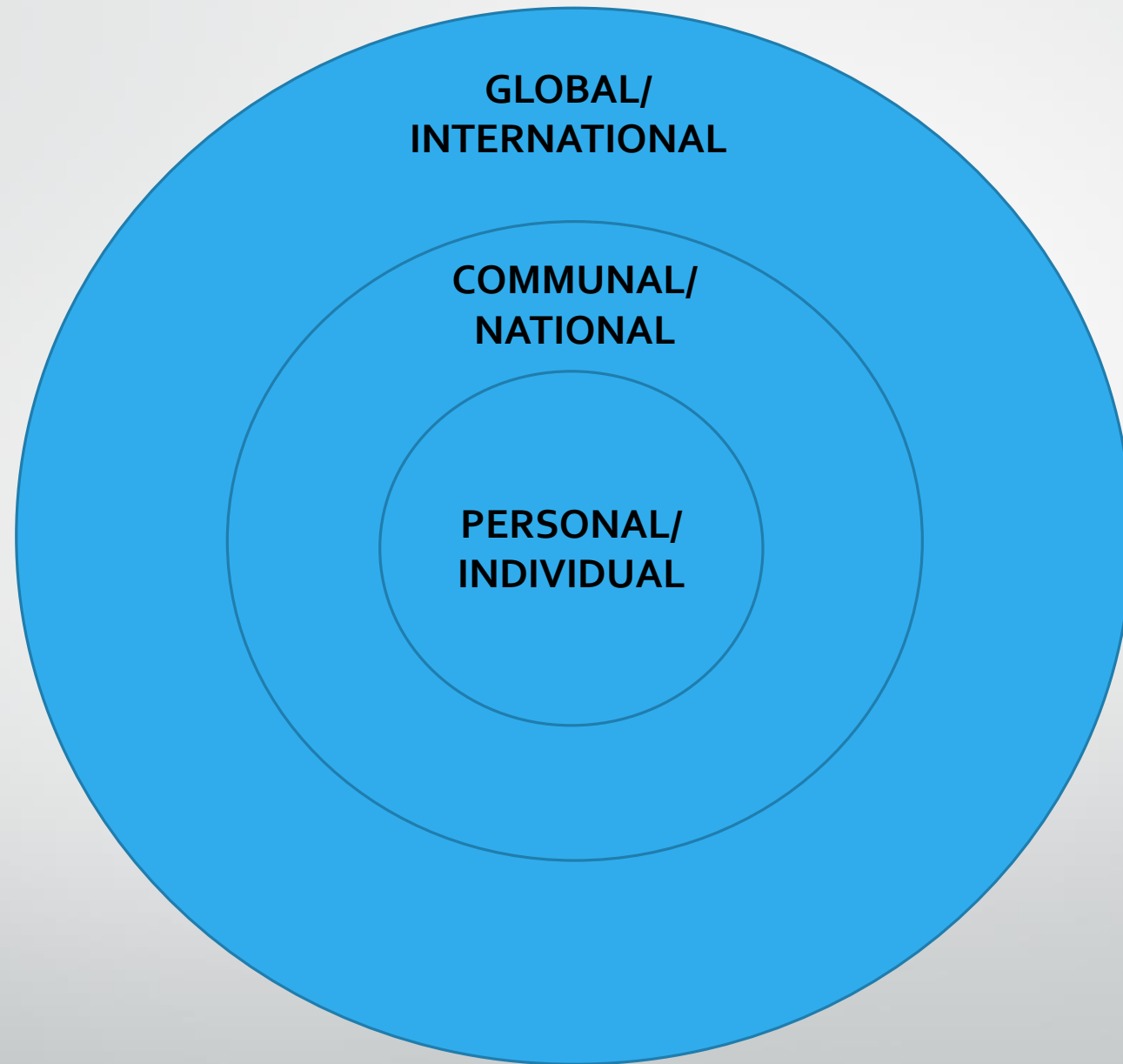
1. Prophetic / Reproof (Need for Reprimand)

Eg: Isaiah's, Jeremiah's, John's ministry, etc

HUMAN NEED- CONTEXT

All preaching is relevant only as it relates to the specific “need” context.

CYCLE OF NEEDS



Do not address one at the risk of neglecting the others

Eg: Death / Funeral Sermon

1. Comfort- promise of resurrection

2. Warn- Uncertainty of Life

3. Teach- State of the Dead



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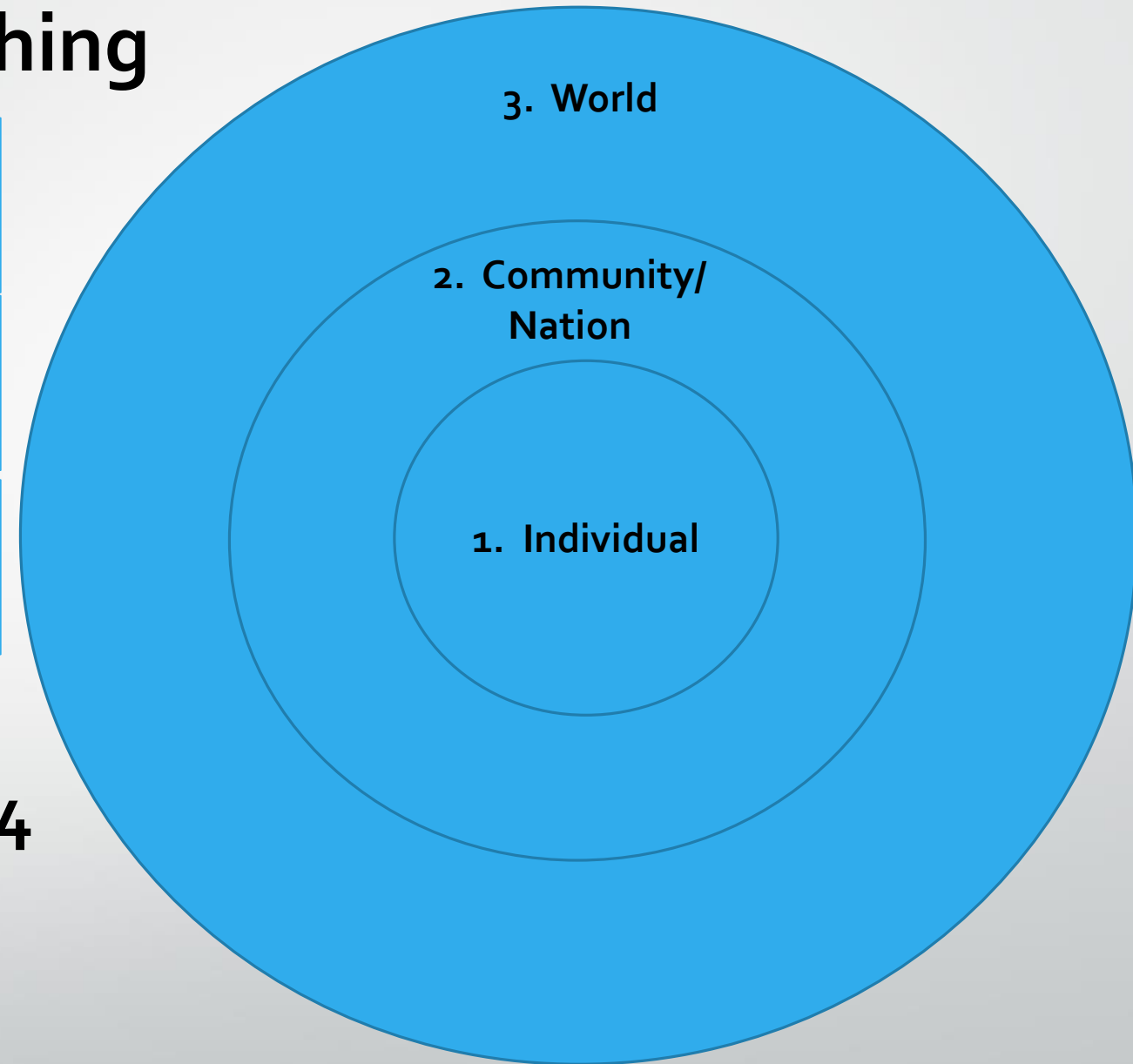
Needs Based Preaching

1. How does the sermon meet Individual needs?

2. How does it address Communal/ National needs?

3. How does it address Global needs?

Eg. Jesus' sermon in Luke 4
Spoke to the person,
the nation and the world.





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