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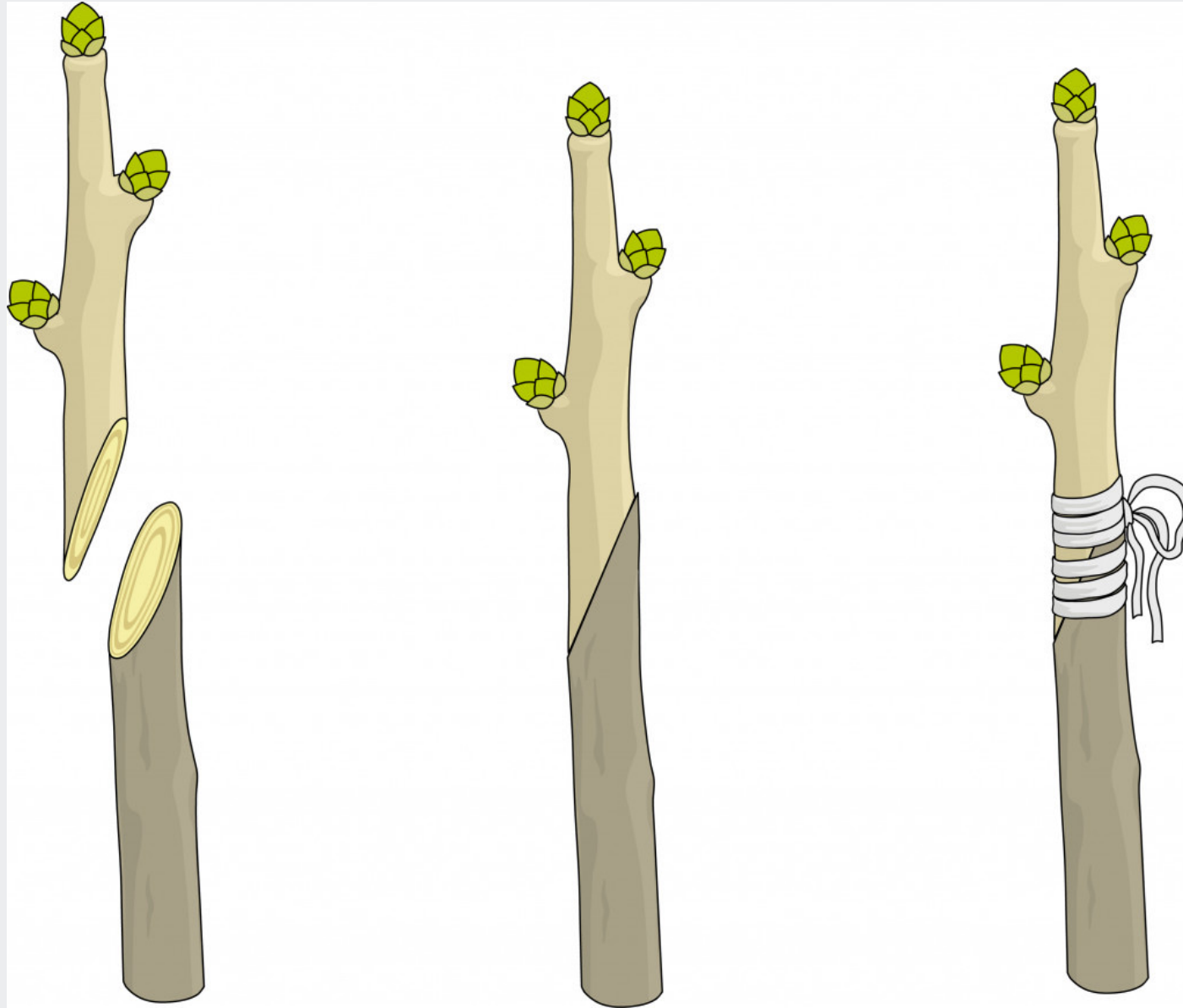


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- **Peter is writing to remind these Christians to live out their identity in Christ.**

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