

Growing in Christ

January 14 - March 10



Session 1: Beholding & Becoming



And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being **transformed into the same image** from one degree of glory to another.

2 Cor 3:17

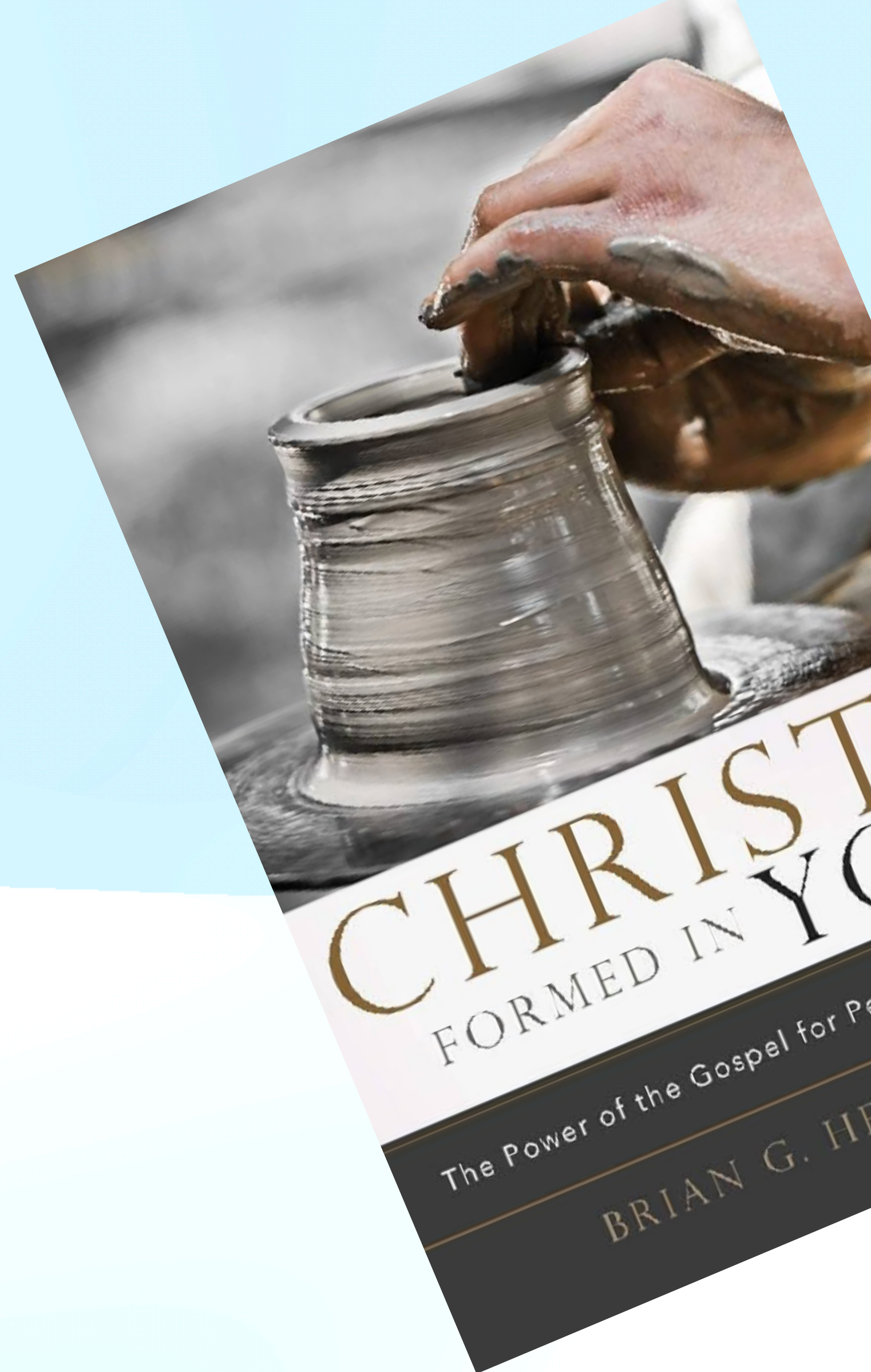


Session 2: Idols of the Heart



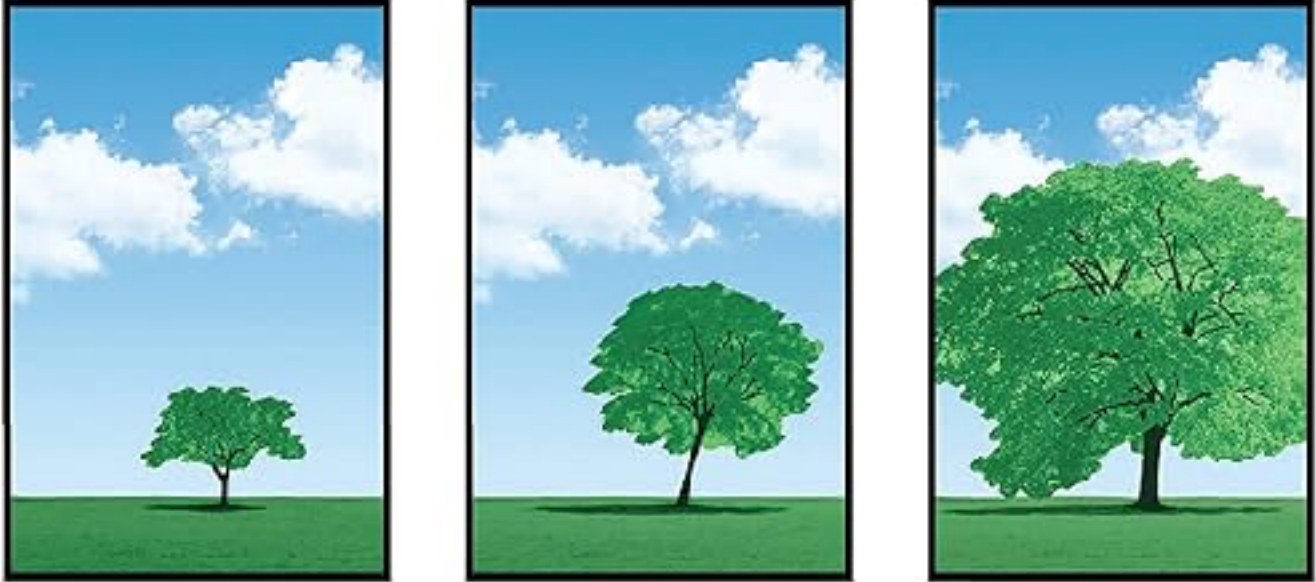


Session 3: The Gospel and Growth

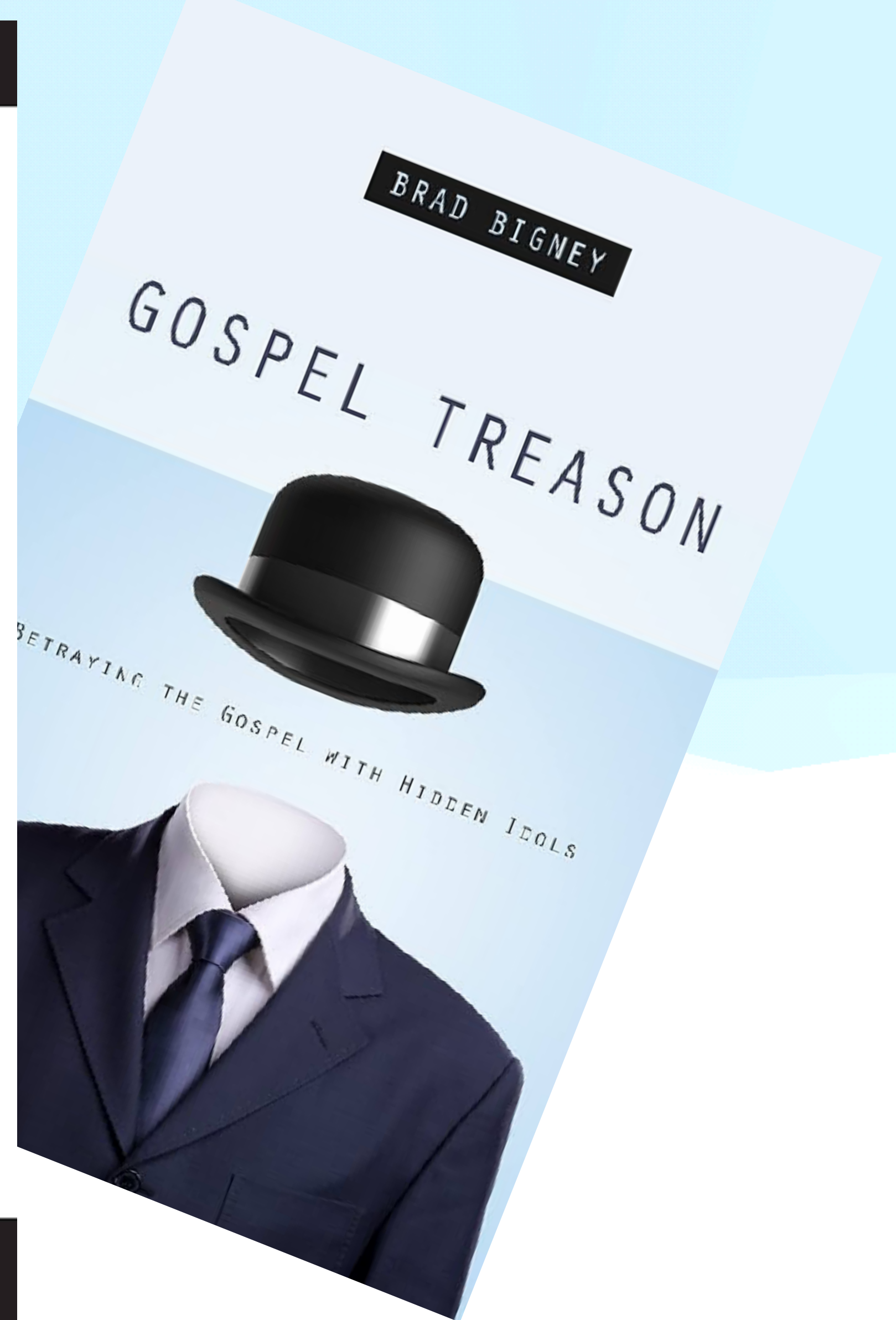


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how people change



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A central graphic with a white background. At the top is an orange circular seal with the text 'OVER 100,000 SOLD ECPA BRONZE AWARD'. Below the seal is the title 'how people change'. Underneath the title are three vertical panels, each showing a green tree on a grassy field under a blue sky with white clouds. The first panel shows a small sapling, the second shows a medium-sized tree, and the third shows a large, mature tree. At the bottom of the graphic is a black horizontal bar with the authors' names 'Timothy S. Lane | Paul David Tripp' in white text.

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Example: Angry Husband

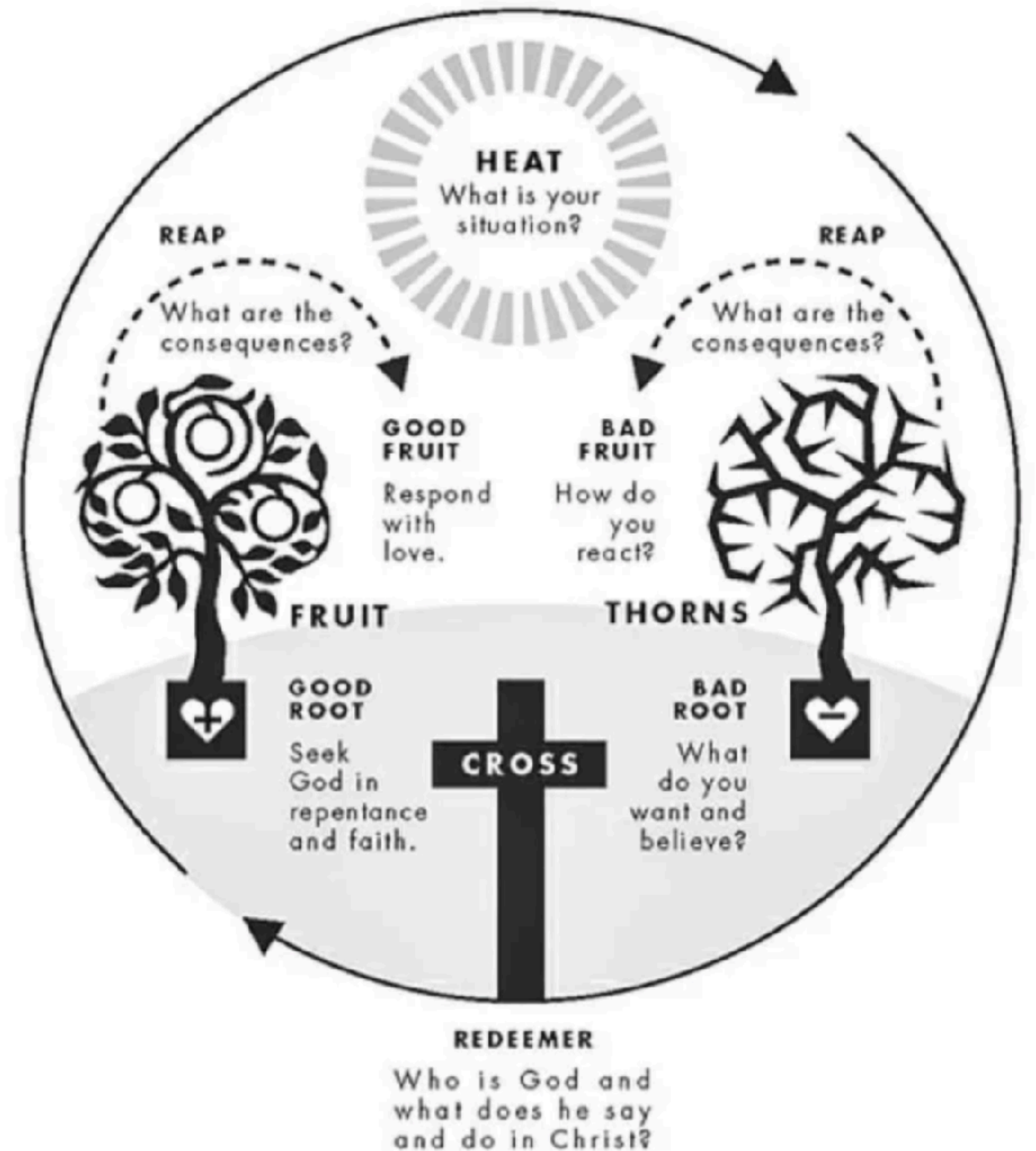
- Street-Level Solutions
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1. Process of Change Overview

Three Trees Diagram



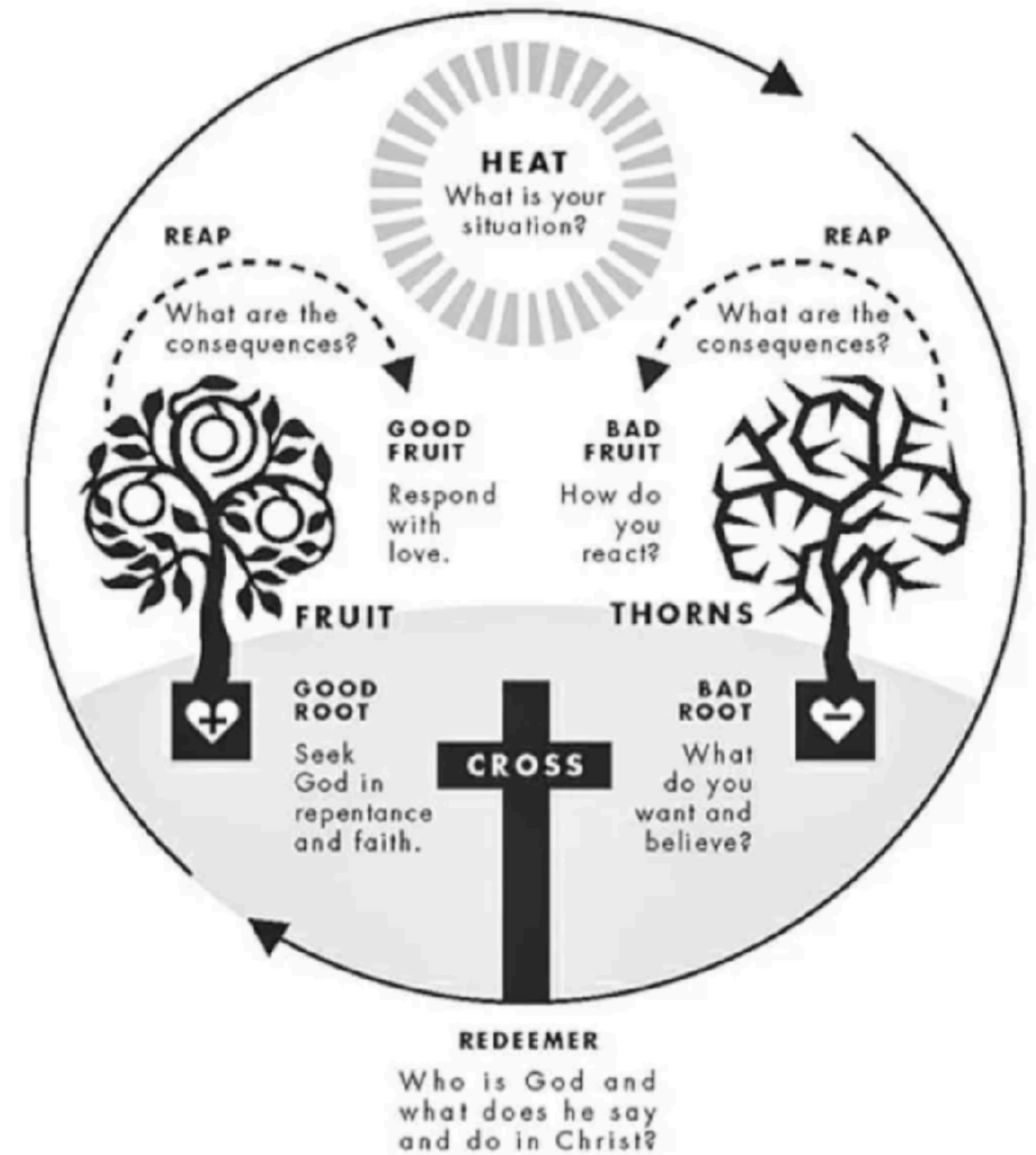


Session 4: Heat and Thorns



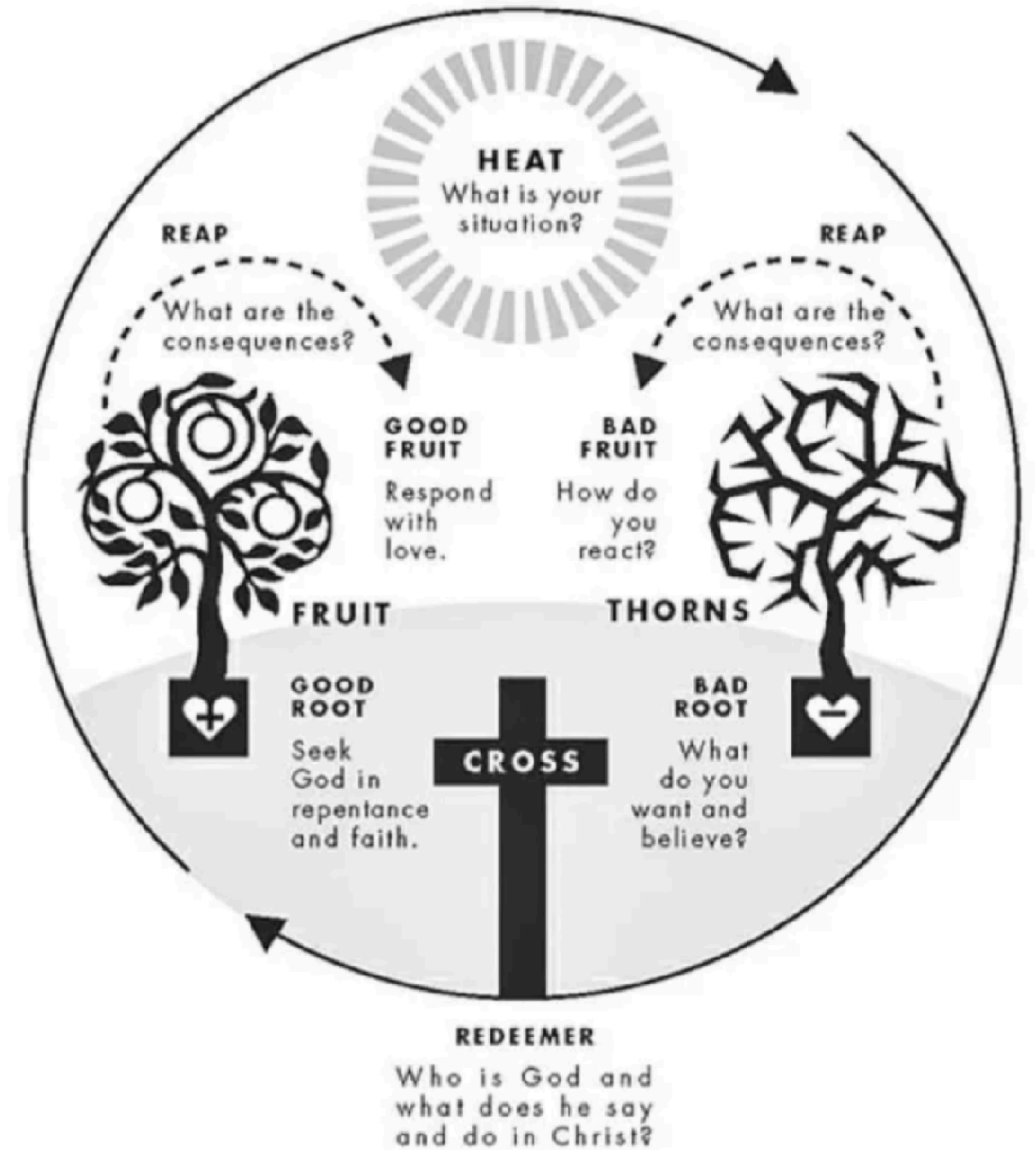
Session 5: Cross and Fruit

“For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush.”



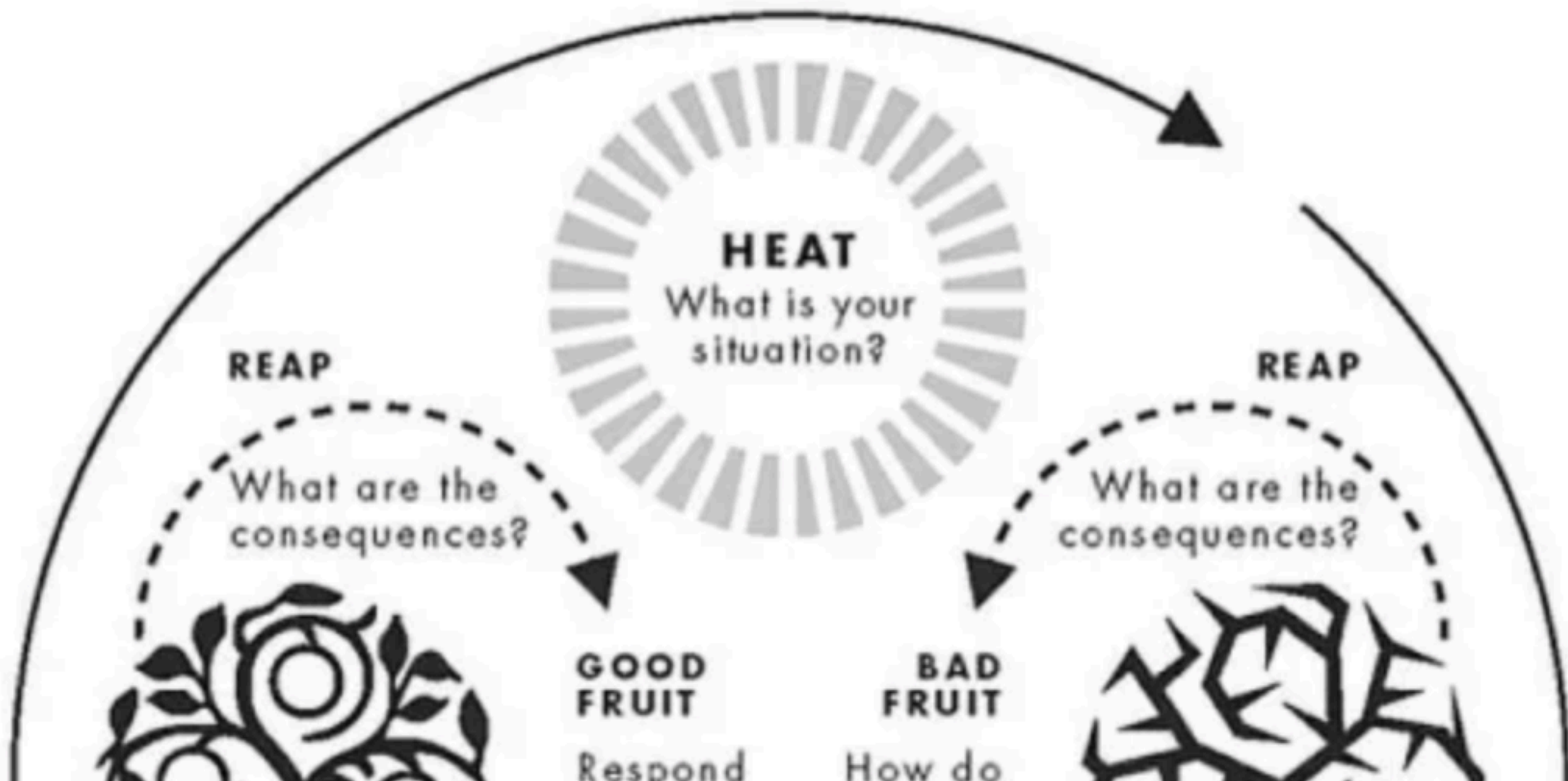
Luke 6:43-45

“The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.”



Luke 6:43-45

Heat: What is your situation?

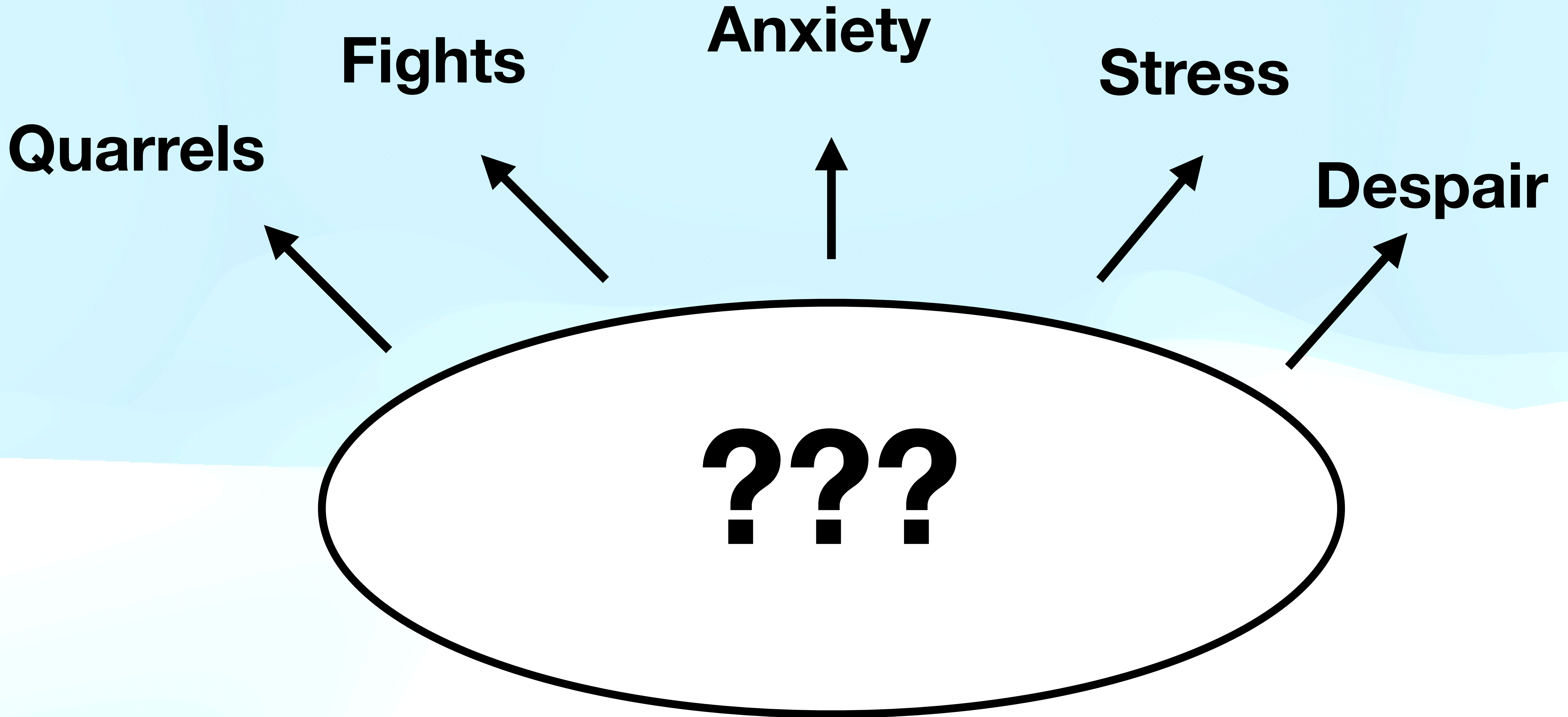




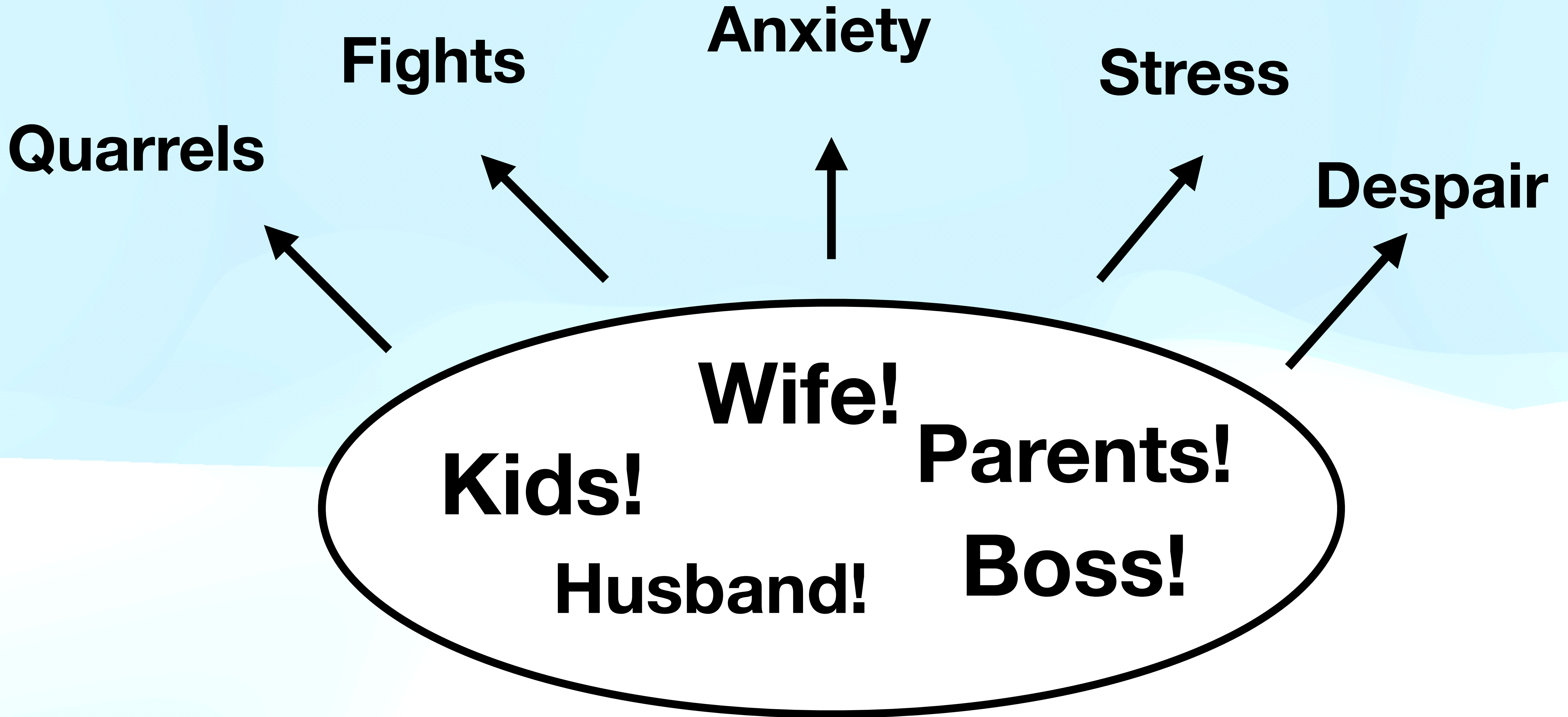
Thorns: How do you react sinfully?

“What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you?”

James 4:1a



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James 4:1a

FAMILY FEUD

Other People

The Devil

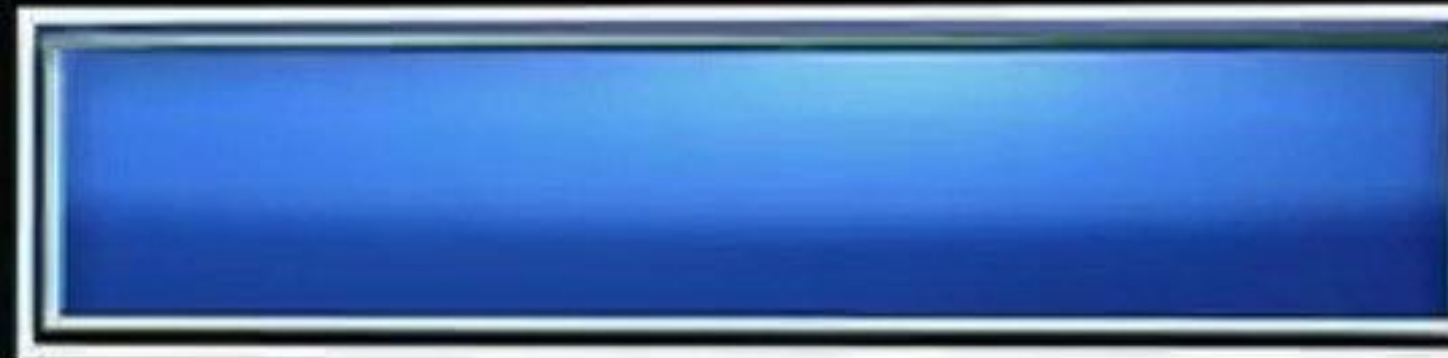
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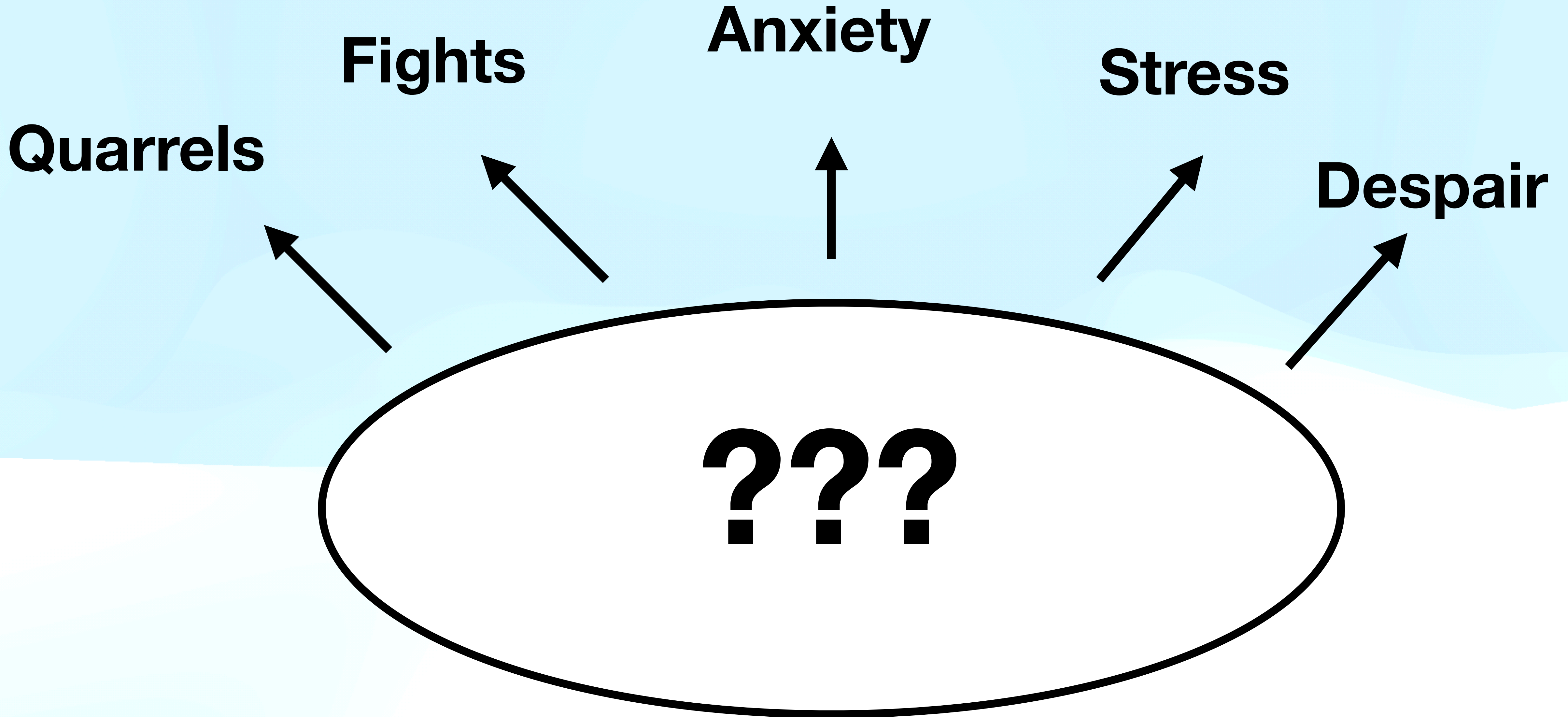
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Bad Day

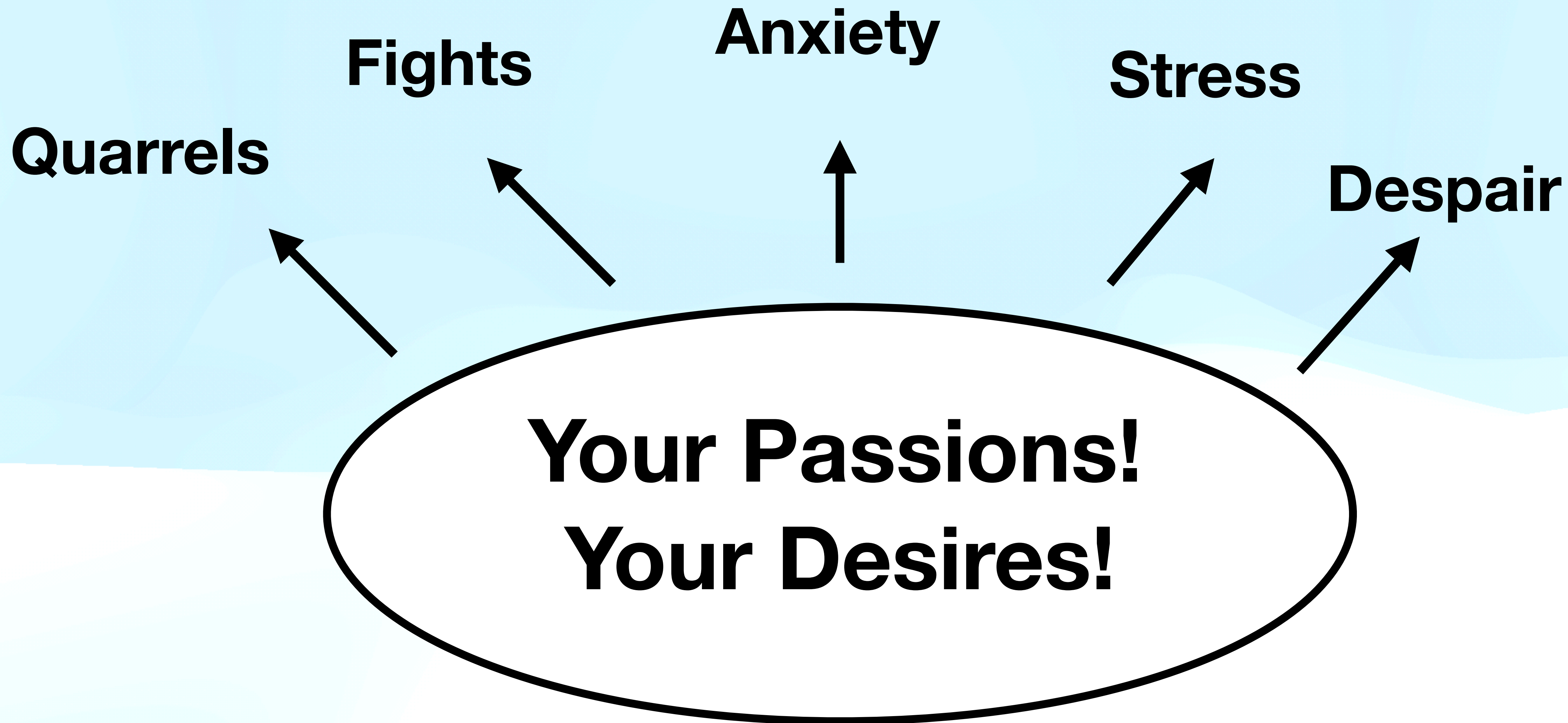
Suffering

My Body





James 4:1a



James 4:1a

From Desire to Sin

I Desire

- These are good, God-given desires. At their basic desire, they're not sinful and that's the key in understanding idolatry. Things like love, respect, safety, security, acceptance, Godly family, marriage, children, provide for family, etc.

I Expect

- A slippery slope occurs where we start thinking "I want" or "I need" these desires to be met in order to be happy, fulfilled, pleased, etc., in life. Right here, we have one foot in the world and one foot out.

I Demand

- Here we say, "I must have" or "I deserve to have" my desires met. Both feet are in the sin pool now and idolatry has taken root.

I'm
Disappointed

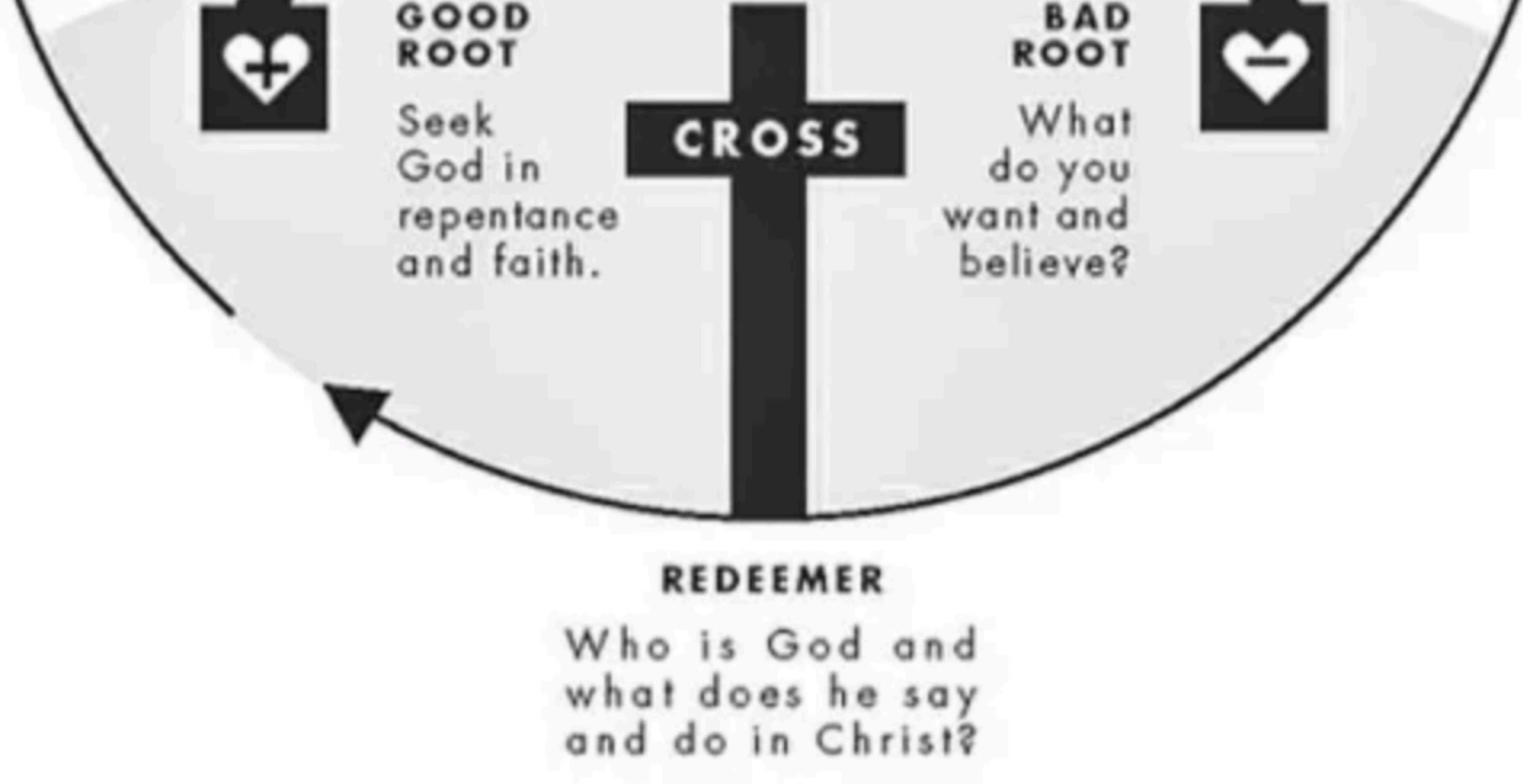
- Here's all the emotional energy when we don't get something that we really, really, really, really, did I say really? Want. We question God's character, love and mercy, get angry, depressed, fearful, etc.

I Judge

- Because idols demand a sacrifice and that we're living for our mini-kingdom, we play the judge and issue a verdict that needs to be carried out because our functional idol (desires) did not get satisfied.

I Punish

- Because our idols (desires) didn't get satisfied, we say, "because you did (or did not) meet my desires, I will respond by _____". We either lash out in anger to tear down the person or we go inflict self-harm to ourselves in the form of "addiction" or other ways.



Cross: Who is God and what has He said and done in Christ?

Fruit: How do you respond in repentance and faith?





2. Cross: Who Is God and What Has He Said and Done in Christ?



**New Identity &
New Potential**

The Indwelling Christ



“I have been *crucified with Christ*. It is *no longer I who live*, but *Christ who lives in me*. And the life I now live in the flesh I live *by faith in the Son of God*, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

Galatians 2:20

The Indwelling Christ

**Three
Redemptive
Truths**



Three Redemptive Truths

1. The Redemptive Fact





**THE
OLD
YOU!**

**“I have been
crucified with
Christ...”**

**“I no longer
live...”**

Three Redemptive Truths

2. The Present Reality



A photograph of a dark, narrow cave passage leading to a bright, glowing light source at the end. The light is warm and golden, illuminating the rough, textured walls of the cave. The perspective is from inside the cave, looking out towards the light.

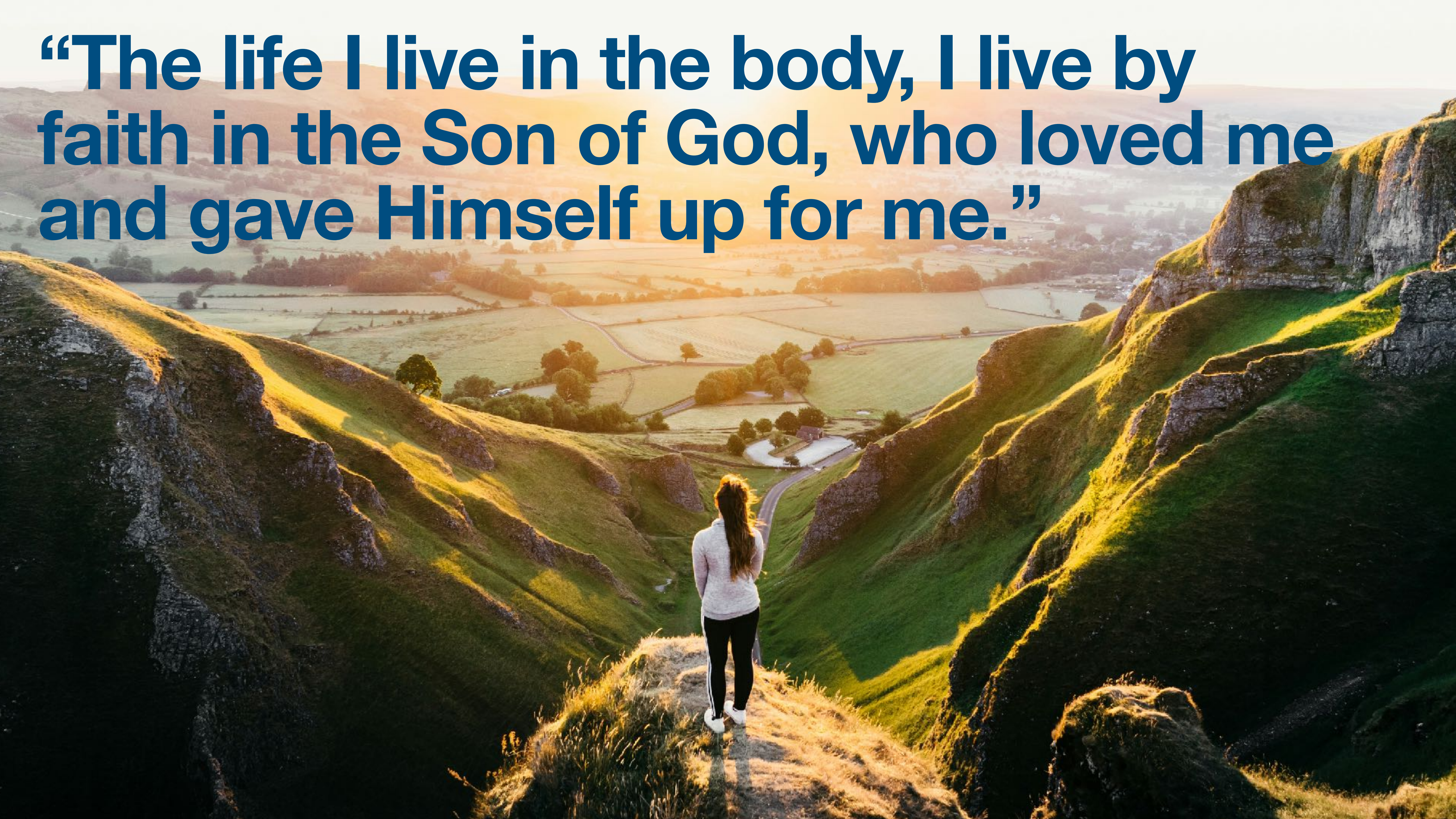
“But Christ lives in me...”

Three Redemptive Truths

3. The Results for Daily Living



“The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.”









The Indwelling Christ

**Three
Redemptive
Implications**



Three Redemptive Implications

1. Humility



Three Redemptive Implications

2. Gracious Relationships



Three Redemptive Implications

3. Courageous Grace & Constructive Truth



A close-up photograph of a young child with light hair, wearing a blue and yellow striped long-sleeved shirt, crawling on a dark, textured pavement. The child's face is the central focus, showing a sad or frustrated expression with furrowed brows and a downturned mouth. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with green grass and a light-colored concrete path.

The Indwelling Christ

What if I fail?



The Cross-Centered Life

YOU ARE

NEW

NEW

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a ***new creation***. The ***old has passed away***; behold, ***the new has come***.”

2 Cor 5:17

NEW

“Jesus answered him, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is *born again* he cannot see the kingdom of God.’”

John 3:3

NEW

“I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you ***a new heart***, and ***a new spirit*** I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a ***heart of flesh***. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.”

Ezekiel 36:25-27

NEW

“...he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become *partakers of the divine nature*, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.”

2 Peter 1:4

NEW

“...and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be ***filled with all the fullness of God.***”

Ephesians 3:19

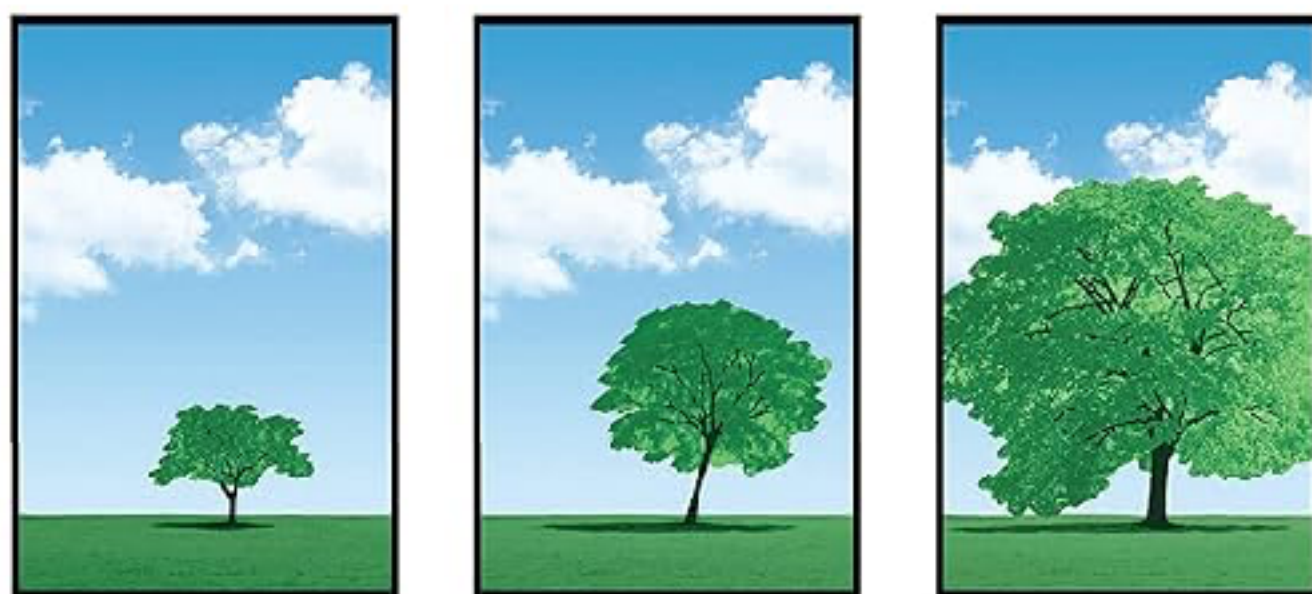
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“...and he died for all, that those who live might ***no longer live for themselves*** but for him who for their sake died and was raised.”

2 Cor 5:15



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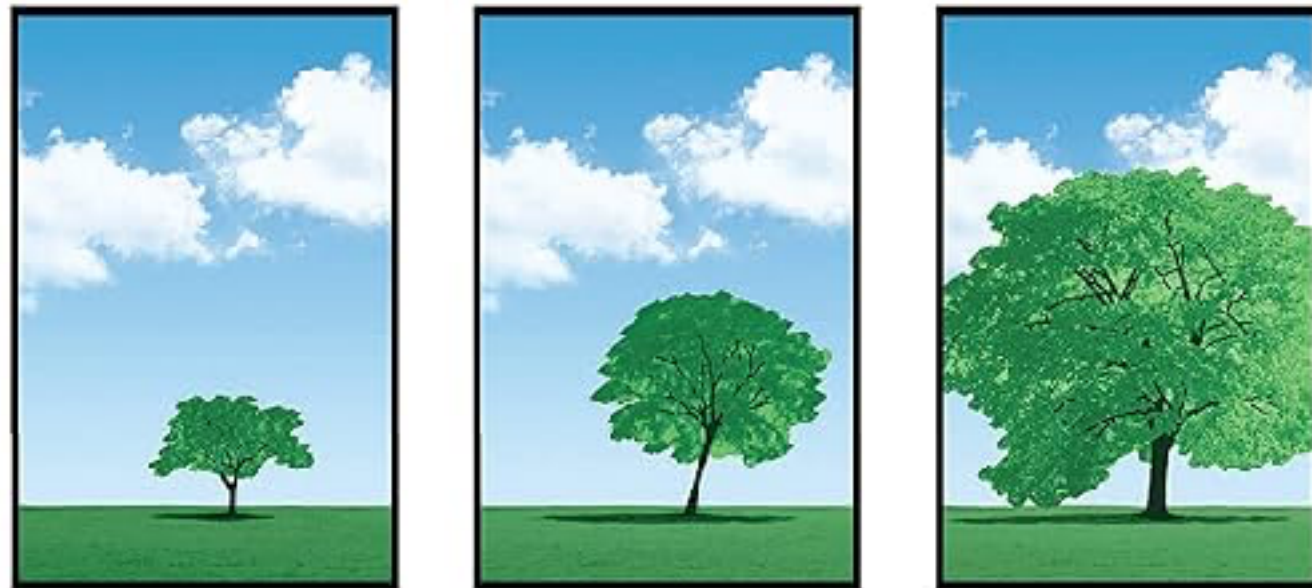


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Why does it feel like so little has changed?



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Real World, Take One

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Faith: Seeing Who You Are in Christ





“My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.”

1 John 2:1-2



“See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are...Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.”

1 John 3:1-3



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2 Cor 5:17

Faith: Seeing Christ's Glory and Grace





“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”

Phil 2:5-8



“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Mark 10:45



“For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.”

1 Pet 2:21-23



**Repentance:
Admitting and Turning from Sin**



Prodigal Son: Luke 15



Wake Up (17):

“When he came to his senses...”



Own Up (18-19):

“I have sinned...”

“I am not worthy...”



Own Up (18-19):

**Godly Sorrow
Worldly Sorrow**

See 2 Cor 7:8-11



Own Up (18-19):

**The Sin beneath
the Sin**

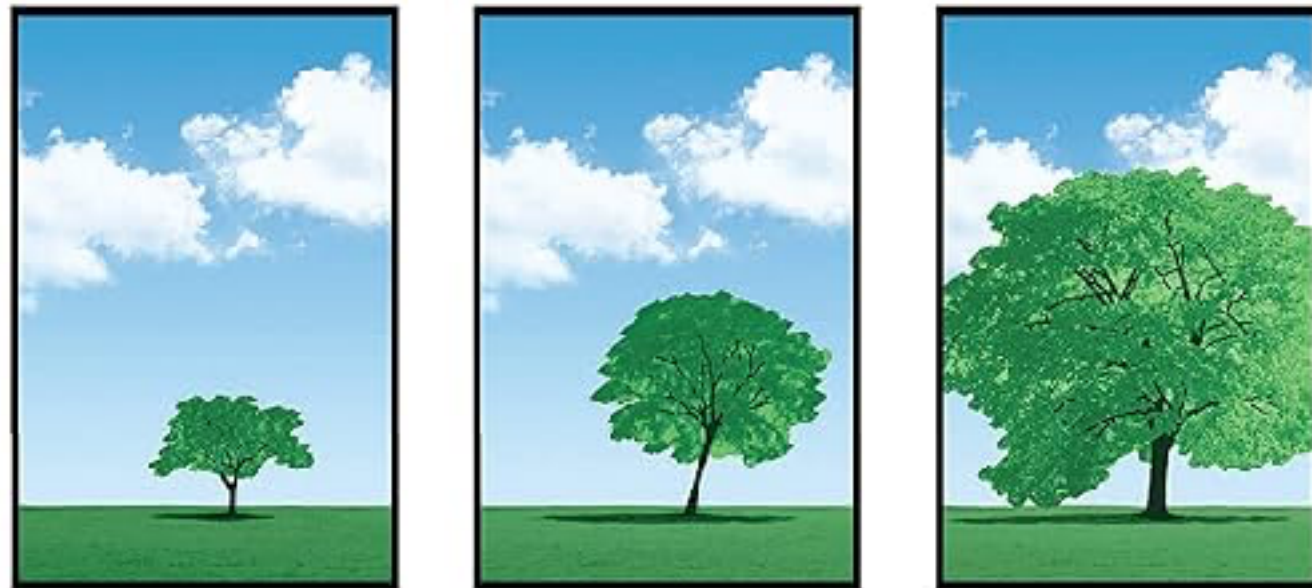


Shift Weight (20):

“And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.”



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Real World, Take Two

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3. Fruit: How Do You Respond in Christ?





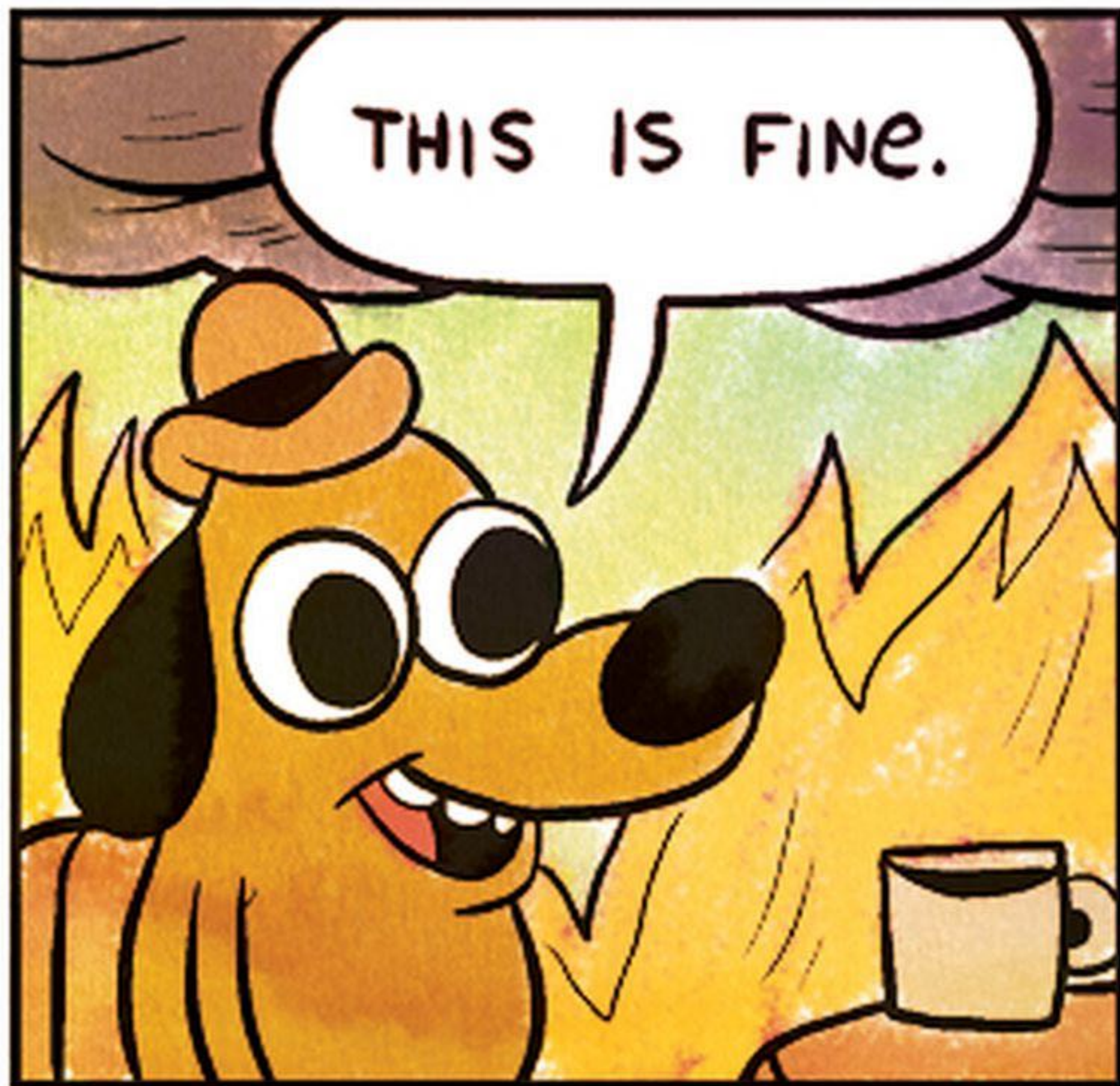
Diagnosis

“It would be tempting to stop at analysis and pretend that we have finished our work. But that would be a travesty, according to the Bible. ***Real change does not take place until it is visible in our lives and our relationships.*** Our understanding of something does not mean we have solved the problem.”

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Fruit Tree Responses







Face Reality



Rest in God's Sovereignty



Rest in God's Goodness



**Respond with
Appropriate Intensity**



Appropriate Response:
Humility



Appropriate Response:
Godly Emotions



**Reflect the Cross
in Relationships:
Matthew 18:21-35**



**Cross-Shaped
Relationships:
Ready to Forgive**



**Cross-Shaped
Relationships:
Seek Forgiveness**



**True Forgiveness:
Humble Honesty**



True Forgiveness:
Ask



**True Forgiveness:
Acknowledge**



True Forgiveness:

- “I was wrong for...”
- “Will you forgive me?”
- “I am sorry for the pain I have caused you.”



**Cross-Shaped
Relationships:
Grace and Patience**

A close-up photograph of several red, round berries, possibly raspberries, covered in water droplets. The berries are arranged in a vertical line, with a few more visible in the background. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting foliage. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the berries and the clarity of the water droplets.

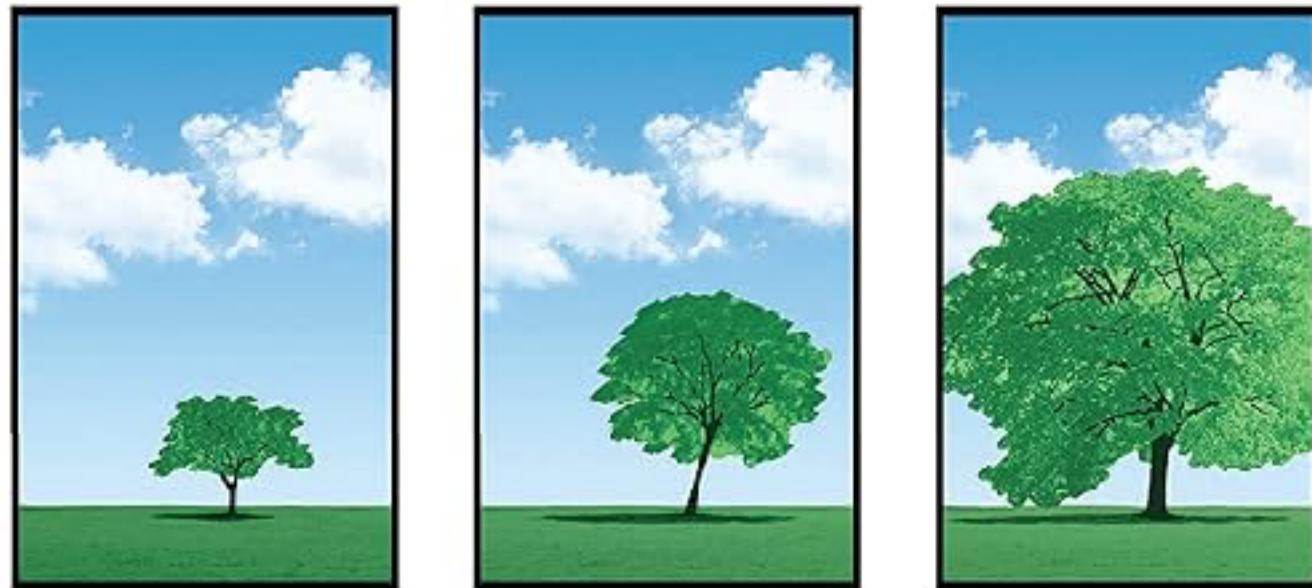
Cross-Shaped Relationships: Compassion



Make Peace
Speak Truth
Serve
Grant Forgiveness
Say No to Sin
Use Your Gifts



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