

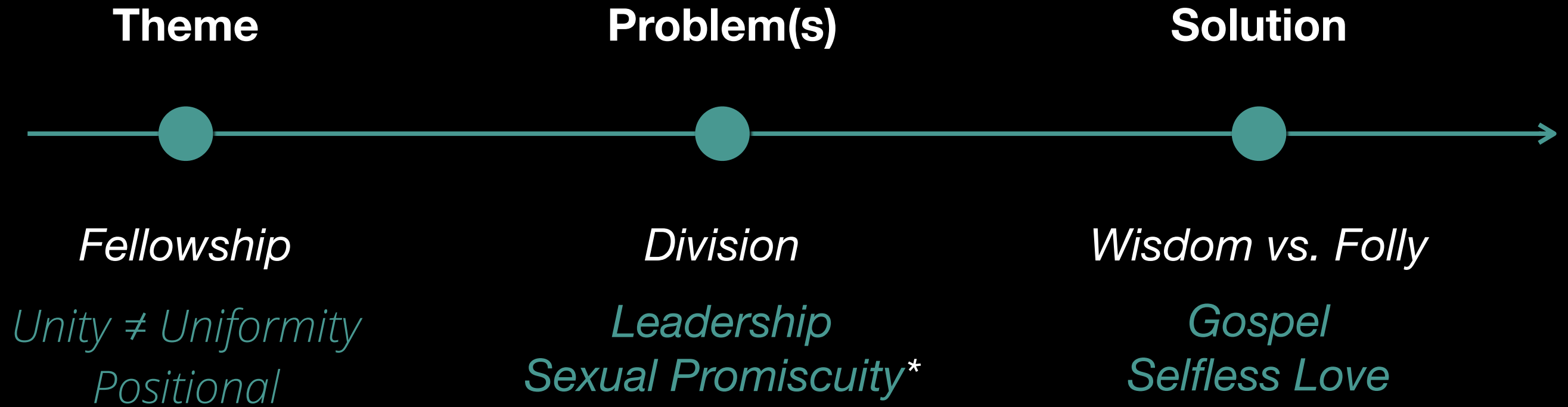
# I Corinthians

The Fight For Family Unity





# Flow Of Thought



# Principle

Unity is maintained through the responsible and capable intervention of the Family of God to fruitfully work through its own problems. Resorting to ungodly legal intervention to seek personal civil justice is inconsistent with a believer's new identity, and it damages the testimony of God to others.

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Unity in God's family thrives when believers swiftly distance themselves from sexual immorality; this is motivated by 1) the recognition that their bodies belong to the Lord and 2) a passion to make much of God.

Next Week

**1 Corinthians 7:1-24**