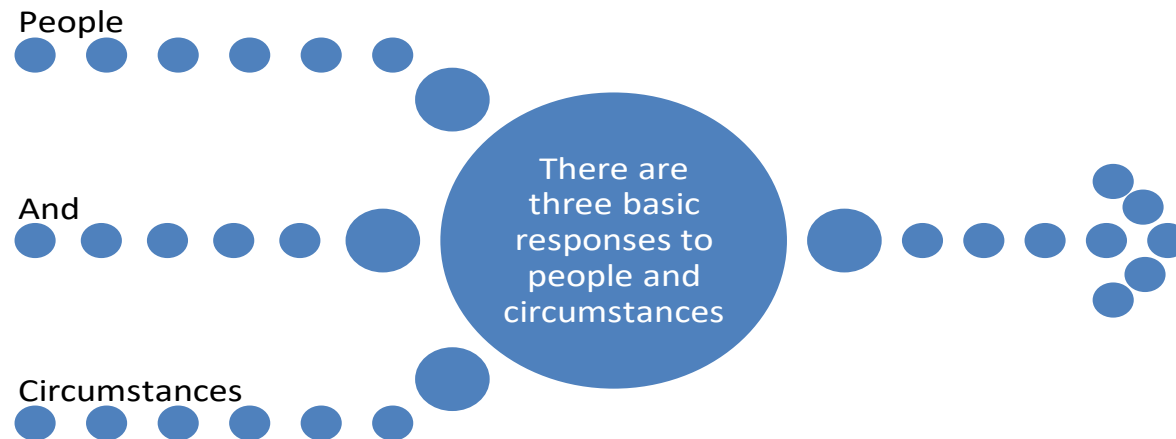


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The Three Basic Responses to People and Circumstances



Neutral Responses-

Demonstrating and expressing happiness, sadness, disappointment, embarrassment, or hurt that does not violate Scripture; The normal expressions in life that God does not hold against you as wrong.

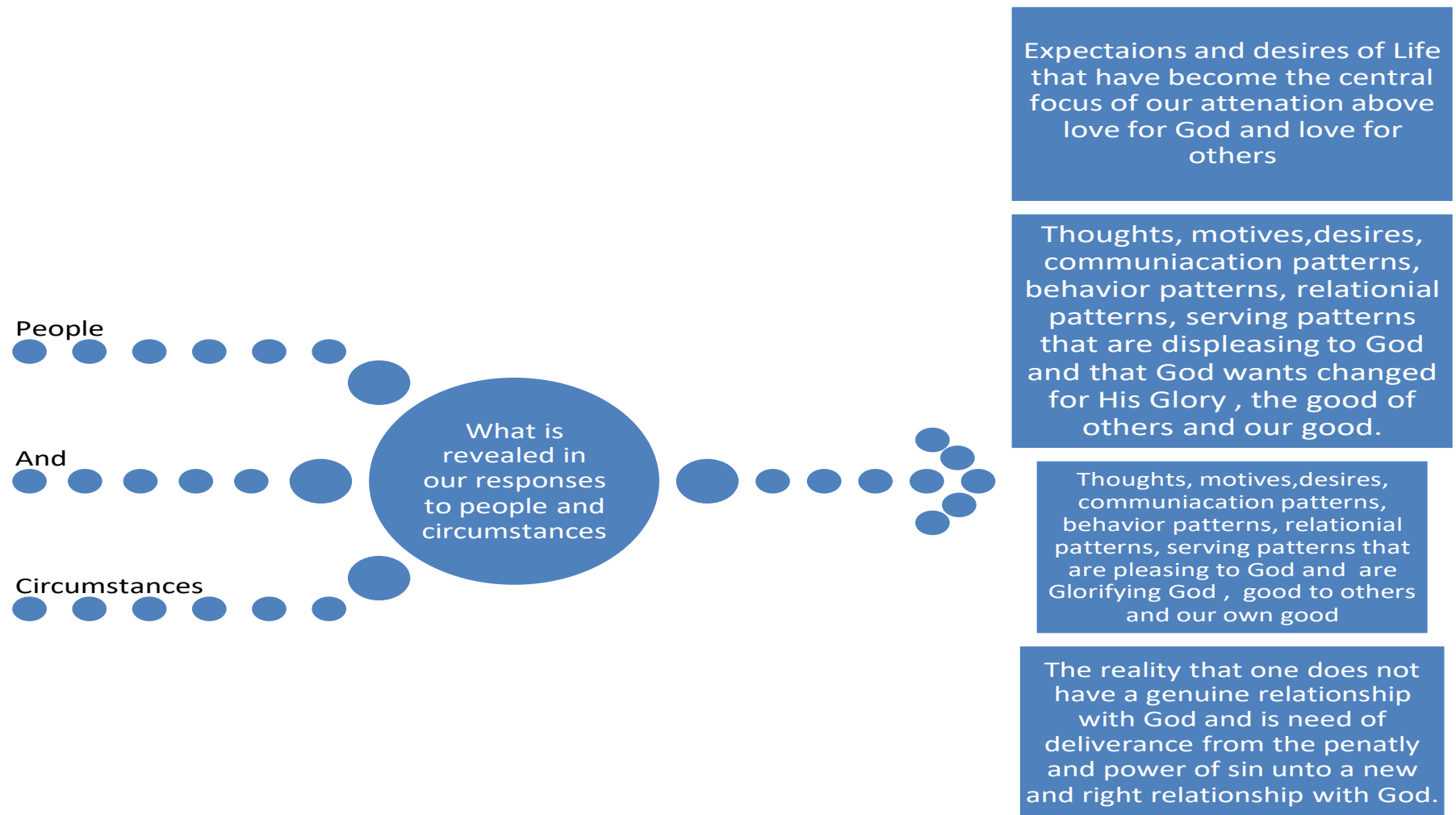
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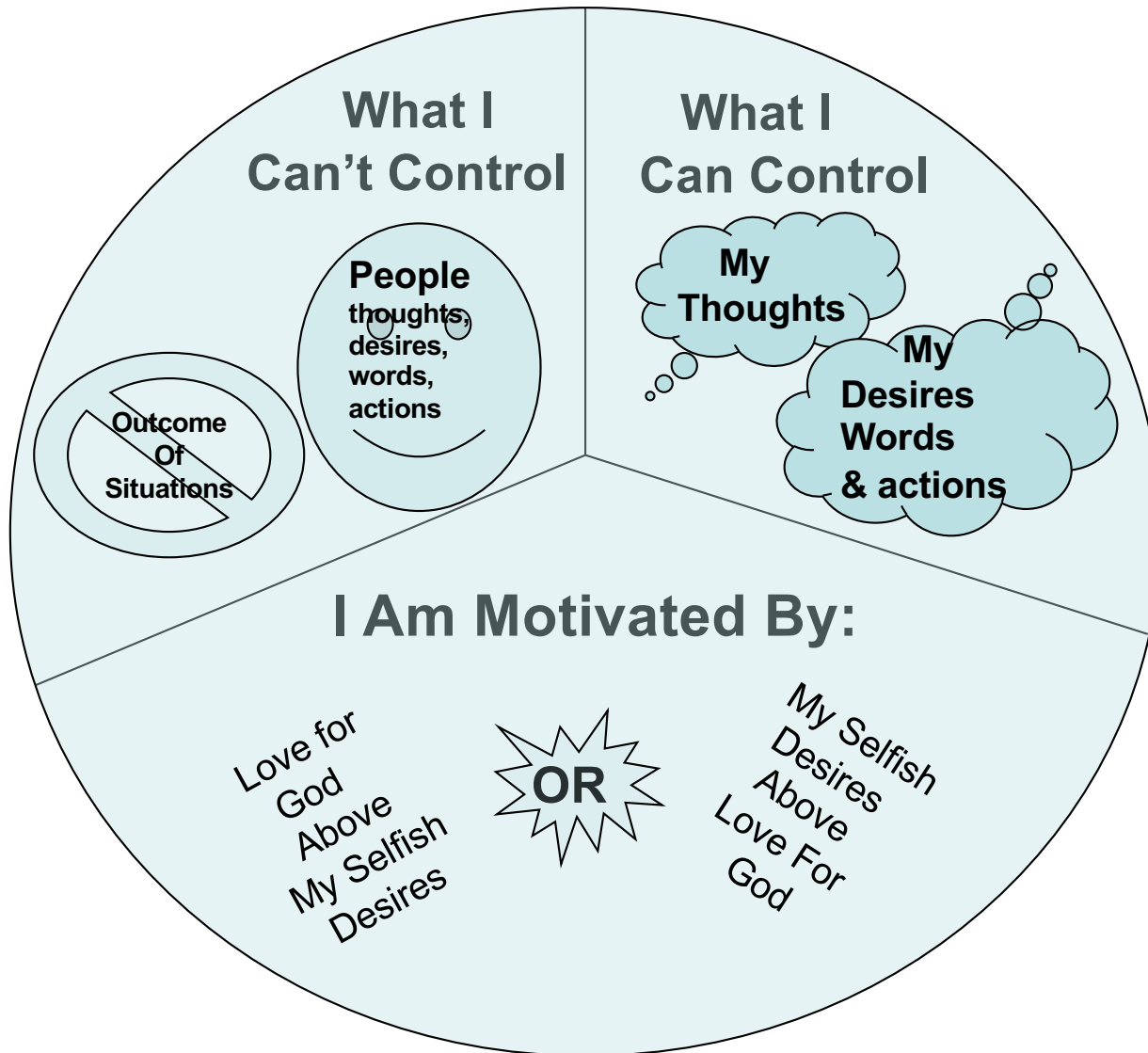
to have thoughts, motives, desires, communication patterns, behavior patterns, manner of life patterns, relationship patterns, or serving patterns we are commanded and empowered by God to have that demonstrate love for God and others.

Unloving Responses-

to have unloving thoughts, motives, desires, communication patterns, behavior patterns, manner of life patterns, relationship patterns or serving patterns that are prohibited by God and are determined by the evil in our hearts.

Four Key Issues Revealed in Our Responses to People and Circumstances





Looking at Some Central Heart Issues

Pride

- Mind Set on Self; Self- Centeredness
- Life revolves around what is important to you above what is important to God. When what God says contradicts what you think, you allow what you think to be the perspective you hold above what God says. Interpret the Scripture to fit your agenda.

Lust

- Consumed with what you treasure above loving God and loving others. Willing to sin to get this treasure and to sin when cannot receive this treasure. This treasure in essence has become an all consuming desire that you allow to become the center of your attention above loving God and loving others.

Idolatry

- Will use- People, Places, Products, or Perspectives as means to obtain or to satisfy the lust of one's life; They are placed above God to satisfy the lustful desires you treasure above loving God and loving others. They are the means to your lustful end.

Worry-

disturbing or disquieting thoughts of the mind as one is consumed with the possibility of losing or not receiving something they treasure

Anger-

to have ungodly attitudes, words, or actions as a result of some perceived need, desires, personal preference, or standard not being met, by someone or in circumstances

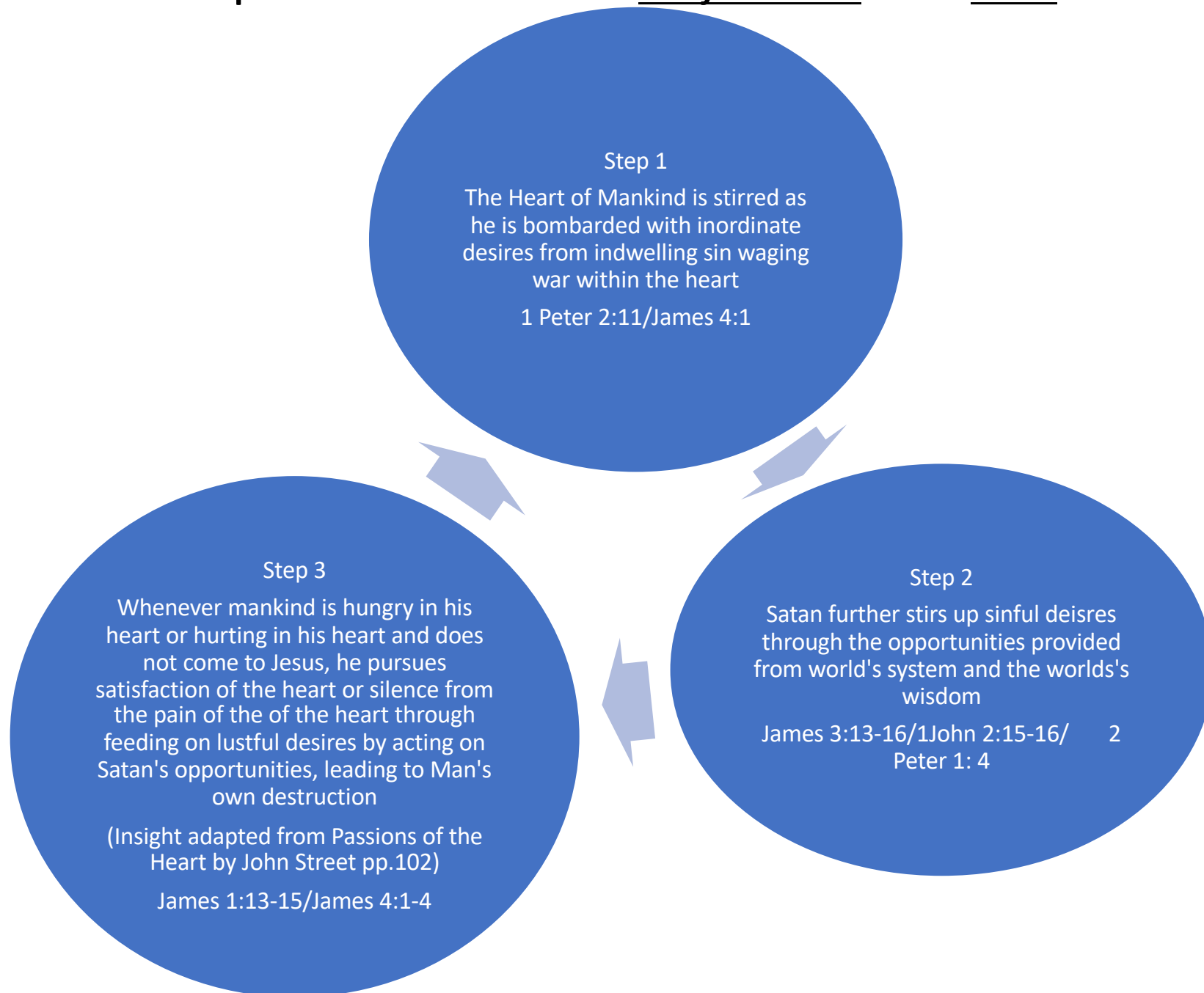
Depression-

enslaving thought, mood, or feeling of unhappiness which becomes the reason people give for not functioning as they should

As you walk in pride, you will be consumed with lust. As you are consumed with lust you will seek idols to satisfy your lustful desires. When the idols seemingly are not going to follow through your expectation to satisfy your lustful desires you may begin to worry. When the idols do not follow through on your expectation to satisfy your lustful desires you may fall into anger. All of this worry and anger could possibly lead you to depression.

As you listen and talk with people evaluate how you are responding to other people and circumstances. Listen to the dominating topics of conversation to determine what you tend to treasure, dislike, worry about, get angry about. Learn the people, places, products, and perspectives you tend to discuss the most and why. Listen to see if your primary conversations are driven by discussions of yourself or other things more important than yourself. Identify who or what tends to lead you to react in happiness or sadness.

Development and The Demise of Lustful Desires of the Heart



Direction and Result of Addressing Some Central Heart Issues

Humility

- Mind set on Jesus Christ; God-Centeredness; Submission to God;
- Embracing and submitting to one's roles and responsibilities in life according to God's Word.
- Life revolves around what is important to God above your desires that have become sinful and have led you into sin. When your sin-focused desires contradict what God commands you allow what God commands to be the perspective you submit to above your sin-focused desires. You pursue God and find more pleasure in that above your sin-focused desires.

Love For God

- Consumed with following the commands of God. You are devoted to doing what God says in all aspects of life. Because you want to know Jesus Christ intimately, be like Jesus Christ, and be useful to Jesus Christ, you are willing and wanting to follow the commands of God knowing obedience leads to knowing, becoming like and being useful to Jesus Christ. You focus on doing what God says in your thoughts, motives, desires, words, actions & way of life. Because God first loved you, you seek to love Him by your submission to Him accordingly in all aspects of life.

Love For Others

- Consumed with treating people with the highest level of what is called appropriate by Scripture unconditionally. Seeking the highest good of others unconditionally. Taking the characteristics of 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 and applying them accordingly to all unconditionally. Serving others unconditionally with the spiritual gifts God has given you. You become an ambassador to unbelievers and a builder of believers unconditionally.

Embracing God-

Entrusting one's self to God according to the specific characteristics of God as one encounters all aspects of life.

Accepting What God Allows-

Enduring the difficult, disappointing and down times of life knowing God is working out His ultimate good in your life through them; Enjoying the delightful times of life knowing God has granted them for your enjoyment and development as well; Submitting to your roles and responsibilities during the good and bad times because of your commitment to and confidence in God. Living by your commitment to God, and confidence in God above your mood of the moment.

Peace of God

Tranquility of the heart as a result of embracing God and accepting what God allows in one's life. Calmness of soul regardless of the situation because of one's surrender to and submission to God accordingly.

As you walk in humility, you will be preoccupied with love for God. As you are preoccupied with love for God you will develop in genuine love for others. As you walk in love for God and love for others you will develop in embracing God and accepting what God allows as you live by your trust in the person, plans, precepts and promises of God.

Living this way involves living by your commitment to God and confidence in God above your mood of the moment. As you develop in living by your commitment to God and confidence in God, you will experience the peace of God in your life on a consistent basis in the good and bad of life.

Overall, as you develop in living by humility, love for God and others, embracing God, and accepting what God allows, you will not only experience the peace of God consistently, but you will find yourself turning away from a life reduced to making God, people and circumstances the help to or the complaint against you accomplishing your personal ambitions.

Living a life where you make God, people and circumstances the help to or the complaint against you accomplishing your personal ambitions reveal the pride, lust, idolatry, worry, or anger in your life which can lead to depression in your life.

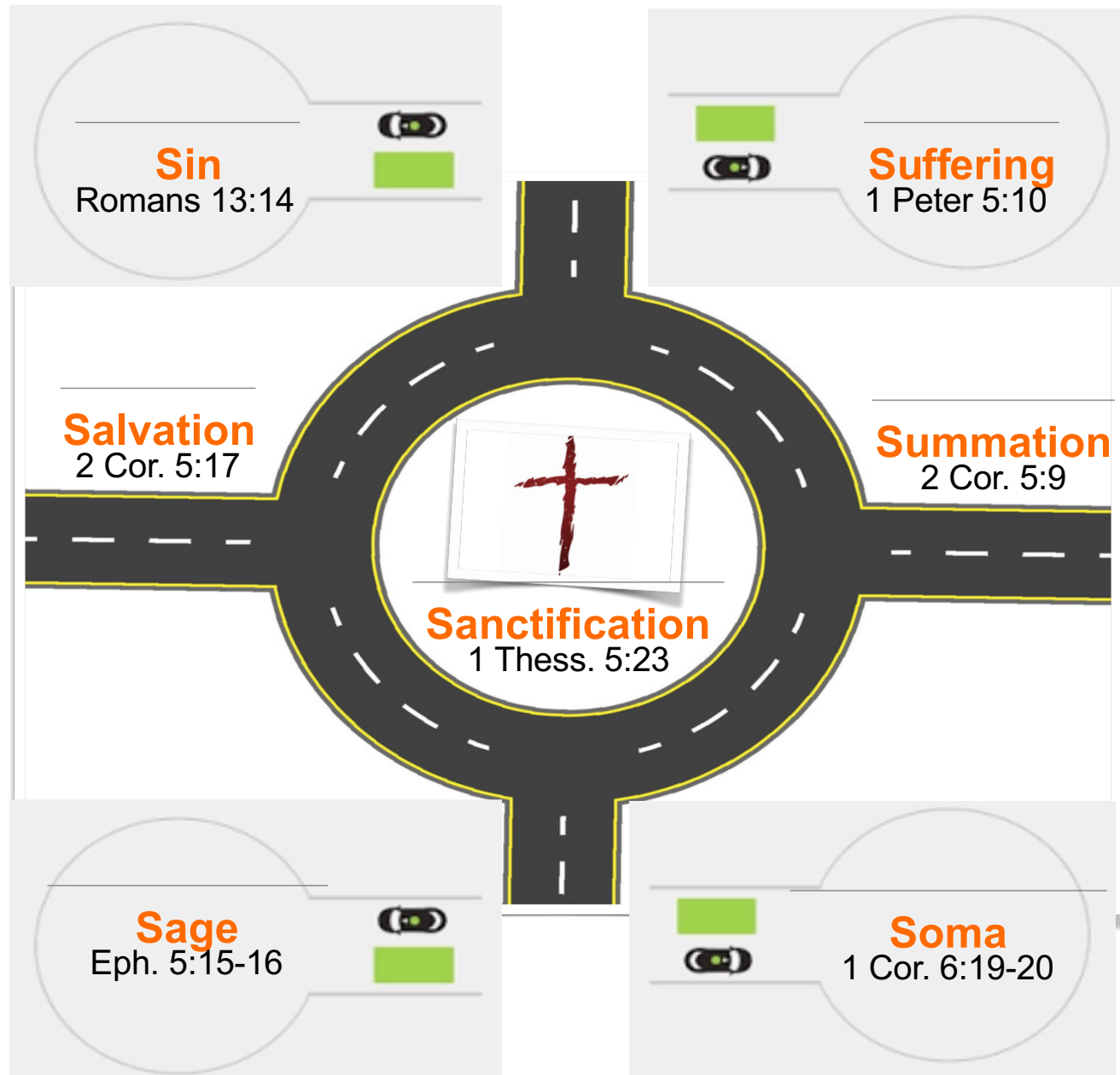
Evaluate your life and see where you stand. Identify where you are lacking in humility, in love for God and others, in embracing God, in accepting what God allows and in the peace of God. Move into the process of remorse over your sin accordingly, renouncing of your sin accordingly, repenting of your sin accordingly, renewing your mind in the truth of humility, love for God and others, embracing God, accepting what God allows, and the peace of God.

Replace the pride, lust, idolatry, worry, anger, (and all other sins discovered) which can lead to depression with humility, love for God and others, embracing God, accepting what God allows, which will result in the peace of God accordingly on consistent basis in the good and bad of life.

You will see a difference in your life when you start living for God and stop living for yourself. People and circumstances will be handled by God's agenda. You will find that life is more satisfying and productive as you live to please God instead of seeking to use God, people or circumstances to accomplish what is and has been more important to you above your allegiance to and obedience to God.

You will find that life is more satisfying and productive as you live to please God instead of being worried or angry with God, people, or circumstances as a result of them falling short of providing what is and has been more important to you above your allegiance to and obedience to God.

The Cul-De-Sac of Life Issues



Salvation Concepts to Teach

Concept 1 –The Gospel of Jesus Christ	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teach who Jesus Christ is. • Teach the doctrine of salvation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teach the way of salvation. • Teach the evidence that validates one has received salvation. <p>(Bullet points adapted from Randall D. Westerberg from a paper “The Lack of Assurance of Salvation”; Doctorate of Ministry Paper for Southern Baptist Theological Seminary)</p>
Concept 2 – Understanding the Difference Between Faith That Works and Working For Salvation	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain Paul’s Theology of Faith. • Explain James’ Theology of Faith. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show how Paul and James are explaining different sides of the faith in Jesus Christ. • Explain how one cannot work for their salvation.
Concept 3 – True Faith in the Gospel Vs Intellectual Awareness of the Gospel	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain how intellectual assent to the person and work of Christ is not trust in Jesus Christ. • Explain how genuine faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ goes beyond intellectual assent to putting trust in what one understands. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show the dangers of intellectual assent. • Show the benefits of genuine faith in Jesus Christ.
Concept 4 – From Salvation to Sanctification to Satisfaction	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain how we were saved from the penalty, power, and soon presence of sin. • Explain how we are saved unto sanctification into the image of Jesus Christ. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain how sanctification will lead to satisfaction as we obey God. • Explain how Psalm 16:11 applies to the salvation, sanctification, and satisfaction experience.
Concept 5 – Spiritual Deception	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teach people the danger of practicing religion. • Teach people how easy it is to be deceived into thinking they are Christians due to some acts of ministry service when actually they are not. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help people examine themselves to see if they are deceived about being a Christian. • Lead them into faith if they have been deceived.

Concept 6 – Spiritual Amnesia

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explain how some Christians have forgotten the purpose of their salvation.• Explain how the light of the world has dimmed their eyes to the light of God. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teach them the way of repentance.• Teach the way of sanctification. |
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Suffering Concepts to Teach

Concept 1 – Emotions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define emotions from the Latin- which means to stir up one to actions. Explain and demonstrate how emotions come from thoughts of the mind and brain. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain and demonstrate how emotions operate. Help individuals connect the teaching to their lives accordingly.
Concept 2 – Understanding and Dealing With Suffering	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teach and explain the definition of suffering- to experience pain or distress as a result of choices within our control and choices beyond our control. Teach and explain why we suffer- sin, sanctification, or satan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teach and explain how to think about suffering. Teach and explain how to deal with suffering.
Concept 3 – Kinds of Sorrow	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teach and explain common sorrow- a sadness of the soul due to one experiencing the disappointments of life, the difficulties of life, or the death of a loved one. Teach and explain chosen sorrow- a sadness of the soul created by one grumbling or complaining about their circumstances. Teach and explain conscience sorrow- a sadness of soul as a result one's conscience bringing about guilt due to some act(s) of sin in one's life. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teach and explain casualty sorrow- a sadness of soul as result of regret over the consequences of sin choices ultimately leading one to death because of a lack of repentance. Teach and explain contrite sorrow- a sadness of soul because one is broken over their sin against God. Teach and explain chastisement sorrow- a sadness of soul because one is experiencing the discipline of God leading to a product of righteousness in their living.
Concept 4 – How To Deal With the Past	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help people identify what they did not want from the past that they still think about with revenge, anger, fear, or worry in the present and repent of it. Help people identify what they lost or did not receive in the past that they still treasuring in their hearts in a selfish self-centered ways in the present and repent of it. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help people identify past sinful actions and decisions that have caused present day problems and lead them to repent of it. Help people interpret their past and live in the present by the will of God.

Sin/ Sanctification (Moving Through Awareness/Brokenness/Change Process)

Concept 1 – What I Cannot and Can Control	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teach the person to distinguish between what he/she is concerned about and what he is responsible for. • Help the person understand how not making the distinction can create complications resulting in him/her negating his/her responsibilities by being consumed with what he is concerned about but cannot control. • Help the person understand that he cannot control what people think, say, or do. • Help the person understand that he cannot control the outcome of events. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teach the person that he can control what he thinks, says, does. • Help the person understand that he is motivated either by selfish desires or love for God in relation to people and situations. • Help the person understand that the condition of his life is a by-product of heart choices not the actions of others or circumstances in life.
Concept 2 – The Point of Choice	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teach the person that he is either God-centered or self-centered. • Teach the person that his choices are driven by his/her thoughts. • Teach the person that at the core of his thoughts is either the love of self and the love of pleasure or the love of God and the love of others. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help the person understand that if he is consumed with the love of pleasure and the love of self he may create idols and lust in his heart and bring destruction to his life as a result. • Teach him the steps to turn from this sin and all other sinful ways and turn to God.
Concept 3 – The Biblical Framework	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help him understand that our ambition in life is to please God. • Help him understand that God has given us two basic commandments to please Him (Love God and Love His Neighbor). • Teach him that God has set up consequences within our hearts to happen when we don't walk in love for God and love for others. • Teach him that God has set up consequences within our hearts to happen when we walk in love for God and love for others. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help him learn and understand the principle and picture of a sense of guilt, apparently uncaused fear, and apparently uncaused fleeing as the consequences of not walking in love for God and others. • Help him learn and understand the principle and picture of the peace of God, confidence before God and drawing near to God as the consequences of walking in love for God and others. • Help him learn and understand the process of moving from a lack of love for God and others to love for God and others.
Concept 4 – Pride	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain that pride is ultimately a self-centered way of living. • Give examples of pride. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help the person learn how pride operates in their life. • Lead the person to repent of pride.

Concept 5 – Idolatrous Lust

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teach the concept of idols.• Give examples of idols• Teach the concept of lust.• Give examples of lust. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explain the term Idolatrous Lust accordingly• Give demonstrations of how Idols are used to gain lustful desires of one's heart.• Help the person identify the idolatrous lusts of his heart.• Lead the person to repentance and embracing God accordingly. |
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Concept 6 – Worry

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Define worry- the fear of not getting something you want or need, the fear losing something you want or need, or the fear of getting something you don't want or need as a result of being consumed and controlled by these things that are very important to you from this world below and in this world below.• Help people see that worry is an attitude that moves into emotions causing one to be negatively preoccupied with what may or may not happen | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lead people into understanding that the driving force behind worry are the desires that have become demands that one has the potential to loose or gain resulting in one responding in worry to the future potential.• Lead people to repent and embrace God accordingly. |
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Concept 7 – Anger

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Define anger- a disposition of the mind that entertains antagonism towards others resulting in various emotions and actions.• Help people see that anger is an attitude that moves into emotions and then expresses itself in various actions. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lead people into understanding that the driving force behind anger are the desires that have become demands that are not being satisfied resulting in one responding in anger to unmet desires that have become demands..• Lead people to repent and embrace God accordingly. |
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Concept 8 – Sorrow and Repentance

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teach the categories worldly sorrow and godly sorrow.• Have the person identify the kind of sorrow he or she is experiencing. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teach the practice of repentance• Lead the person into the practice of repentance. |
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Concept 9 – The Purpose of Life

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explain the glory of God• Teach the principles of know God, becoming like God and being useful to God. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teach the principle of learning, living, and loving by the truth• Teach the person about being a disciple, ambassador, and builder for God. |
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Concept 10 – The First and Greatest Commandment

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teach various ways God loves us.• Teach what it means to love God. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teach specific areas of life where one can love God.• Help individuals learn how to put this to practice.• Teach how to embrace God accordingly. |
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Concept 11 – The Second and Great Commandment

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teach the basic categories of Love.• Teach the calling to Agape Love. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teach the characteristics of agape love.• Help people understand how it applies to his life. |
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Concept 12– Living By Purpose

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teach and explain a Biblical View of God and His agenda.• Help him lay out a mission plan for his life and family according to God's agenda. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Help him identify the God-given roles and responsibilities for himself and family and write out a job descriptions of each according to Scripture.• Help him organize his life around these particular roles and responsibilities in way that is God-honoring. |
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Soma Issues

Concept 1 – Is Medication Okay For Christians ?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teach the nature of man being material/immaterial glory• Teach the reality of pain being both physical and immaterial	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teach the reality of medication being effective for physical problems• Teach the reality of medication being a wonderful support but terrible solution for immaterial pain.
Concept 2 – A Biblical Perspective on Illness	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explain the origin of illness.• Explain the key perspective to teach people struggling with physical illness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explain an approach to help people with physical illness.•
Concept 3 – A Biblical View of Psychotropic Drugs	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explain why Christians may be on psychotropic drugs.• Present a biblical perspective on psychotropic drugs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide an approach on how to help Christians on psychotropic drugs.

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Concept 1 – Understanding Foolishness

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explain three Categories of foolishness.• Explain various characteristics of foolishness. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7 ways to address foolishness.• |
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Concept 2 – Understanding Wisdom

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explain the definition of wisdom.• Teach the difference between the wisdom of God and the wisdom of the world. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teach and explain how to gain and keep the wisdom of God.• Describe the characteristics of people who have the wisdom of God.• Teach and explain the benefits of gaining the wisdom of God. |
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