

# Liberty Church

Foundations

# Foundations

# Reading

build him a sure house, and he shall go in and out before my anointed forever. <sup>36</sup> And everyone who is left in your house shall come to implore him for a piece of silver or a loaf of bread and shall say, "Please put me in one of the priests' places, that I may eat a morsel of bread."

## The LORD Calls Samuel

**3** Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

<sup>2</sup> At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. <sup>3</sup> The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

<sup>4</sup> Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup> and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

<sup>6</sup> And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup> Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

<sup>8</sup> And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup> Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup> And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears." <sup>11</sup> Then the LORD said to Samuel, "Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. <sup>12</sup> On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. <sup>13</sup> Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever."

<sup>14</sup> Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>15</sup> But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." And he said, "Here I am." <sup>16</sup> And Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." <sup>17</sup> So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, "It is the LORD. Let him do what seems good to him."

<sup>18</sup> And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>19</sup> And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the LORD. <sup>20</sup> And the LORD appeared again at Shiloh, for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the LORD.

**The Philistines Capture the Ark**

**4** And the word of Samuel came to all Israel. Now Israel went out to battle against the Philistines. They encamped at Ebenezer, and the Philistines encamped at Aphek. <sup>2</sup> The Philistines drew up in line against Israel, and when the battle spread, Israel was defeated before the Philistines, who killed about four thousand men on the field of battle. <sup>3</sup> And when the people came to the camp, the elders of Israel said, "Why has the LORD defeated us today before the Philistines? Let us bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD here from Shiloh, that it may come among us and save us from the power of our enemies." <sup>4</sup> So the people sent to Shiloh and brought from there the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts, who is enthroned on the cherubim. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God.

<sup>1</sup> Or blaspheming for themselves <sup>2</sup> Or he

1 SAMUEL 4:4

but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

## Jesus Goes to Galilee

**4** Therefore when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John <sup>2</sup> (although Jesus Himself was not baptizing, but His disciples were), <sup>3</sup> He left Judea and went away again into Galilee. <sup>4</sup> And He had to pass through Samaria. <sup>5</sup> So He came to a city of Samaria called Sychar, near the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph; <sup>6</sup> and Jacob's well was there. So Jesus, being wearied from His journey, was sitting thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

## The Woman of Samaria

**7** There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." <sup>8</sup> For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. <sup>9</sup> Therefore the Samaritan woman said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me for a drink since I am a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup> She said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep; where then do You get that living water? <sup>12</sup> You are not greater than our father Jacob, are You, who gave us the well, and drank of it himself and his sons and his cattle?" <sup>13</sup> Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."

<sup>15</sup> The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, so I will not be thirsty nor come all the way here to draw." <sup>16</sup> He said to her, "Go, call your husband and come here." <sup>17</sup> The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have correctly said, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly." <sup>19</sup> The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you people say that

in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. <sup>24</sup> [God is spirit], and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup> The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us." <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

**27** At this point His disciples came, and they were amazed that He had been speaking with a woman, yet no one said, "What do You seek?" or, "Why do You speak with her?" <sup>28</sup> So the woman left her waterpot, and went into the city and said to the men, <sup>29</sup> "Come, see a man who told me all the things that I have done; this is not the Christ, is it?" <sup>30</sup> They went out of the city, and were coming to Him.

**31** Meanwhile the disciples were urging Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." <sup>32</sup> But He said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." <sup>33</sup> So the disciples were saying to one another, "No one brought Him anything to eat, did he?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work. <sup>35</sup> Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest. <sup>36</sup> Already he who reaps is receiving wages and is gathering fruit for life eternal; so that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup> For in this case the saying is true, 'One sows and another reaps.' <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored and you have entered into their labor."

## The Samaritans

**39** From that city many of the Samaritans believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all the things that I have done." <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they were asking Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> Many more believed because

<sup>42</sup> Job 31:8; Mic 6:15 <sup>39</sup> Jn 4:5, 30 <sup>40</sup> Jn 4:29

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# Studying

6But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female.  
7Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.  
8So they are no longer two but one flesh.  
9What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.

10And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter.  
11And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

### Let the Children Come to Me

13And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them.  
14But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.  
15Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."  
16And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

### The Rich Young Man

17And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"  
18And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.  
19You know the commandments: Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother."  
20And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth."  
21And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that

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9<sup>1</sup> Cor. 7:10  
11<sup>1</sup> See Matt. 5:32  
12<sup>1</sup> 1 Cor. 7:11, 13  
13<sup>1</sup> For ver. 13-16, see Matt. 19:13-15; Luke 18:15-17  
14<sup>1</sup> Matt. 18:3  
15<sup>1</sup> [John 3:3, 5] [Luke 8:13; James 1:21]  
16<sup>1</sup> ch. 9:36  
17<sup>1</sup> For ver. 17-30, see Matt. 19:16-29; Luke 18:18-30; [Luke 10:25-28]  
18<sup>1</sup> See ch. 1:40  
19<sup>1</sup> [Matt. 19:16]; See Matt. 25:34  
20<sup>1</sup> Rom. 13:9; Cited from Ex. 20:12-16; Deut. 5:16-20; [Matt. 5:21, 27]  
21<sup>1</sup> [Phil. 3:6]  
22<sup>1</sup> ver. 27; Luke 22:61; John 1:42; [ch. 3:5] [John 11:5; 13:23] [Luke 12:33; [Luke 16:9; 19:8; Acts 2:45; 4:34, 35; 1 Tim. 6:18, 19]

the kingdom of God!"  
24And to enter the kingdom of God, how difficult it is!  
25It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.  
26And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?"  
27Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God."  
28Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you."  
29Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.  
31But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

### Jesus Foretells His Death a Third Time

32And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid.  
And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles.  
34And they will mock him and spit on him, and

22<sup>1</sup> Matt. 6:19, 20  
23<sup>1</sup> [Ezek. 33:31]  
24<sup>1</sup> See ch. 3:5  
25<sup>1</sup> [1 Cor. 1:26]; See Matt. 13:22  
26<sup>1</sup> See Matt. 12:28  
27<sup>1</sup> ver. 32 ch. 2:5 (Gk.); [John 13:33; 21:5] [Job 31:24; Ps. 49:6; 52:7; Prov. 11:28; 1 Tim. 6:17]  
28<sup>1</sup> [See ver. 23 above]  
29<sup>1</sup> [See ver. 23 above]  
30<sup>1</sup> ver. 23 ch. 14:36; Gen. 18:14; Job 42:2; Jer. 32:17, 27; Luke 1:37  
31<sup>1</sup> ch. 1:18, 20; Matt. 4:20, 22  
32<sup>1</sup> [Luke 14:26]  
33<sup>1</sup> See ch. 8:35  
34<sup>1</sup> [Matt. 6:33]  
35<sup>1</sup> Cor. 12:10;

What about the First 4 Commandments? These were aimed at God

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2 Thess. 1:4; 2 Tim. 3:11, 12; [John 15:20; Acts 14:22] Matt. 12:32; Eph. 1:21; [Luke 20:35] 31<sup>1</sup> See Matt. 19:30 32<sup>1</sup> For ver. 32-34, see Matt. 20:17-19; Luke 18:31-33 Luke 9:51; 19:28 ver. 24 33<sup>1</sup> See Matt. 16:21 Matt. 26:66; John 19:7 Matt. 27:2; John 18:30, 31; Acts 3:13; [Acts 2:23; 4:27; 21:11] 34<sup>1</sup> Matt. 27:26-31 ch. 14:65; 15:19; See Matt. 26:67

<sup>1</sup> Some manuscripts omit and hold fast to his wife <sup>2</sup> Some manuscripts add for those who trust in riches <sup>3</sup> Some manuscripts to one another

the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, and he will abide in you, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.  
27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.  
28 You heard me say to you, I am going away, and I will come to you. If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.  
29 And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.  
30 I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.

### Where over Bear

Messianic Claim = Is. 5:1-7

αἶψα = Lift up (he)  
καθαίρει = prunes (he)  
Spring Practice (v.2)  
Bearing Fruit - Passive Action  
\* Harvest Practice (v.6)

### I Am the True Vine Change in Identity (Jn 3.5)

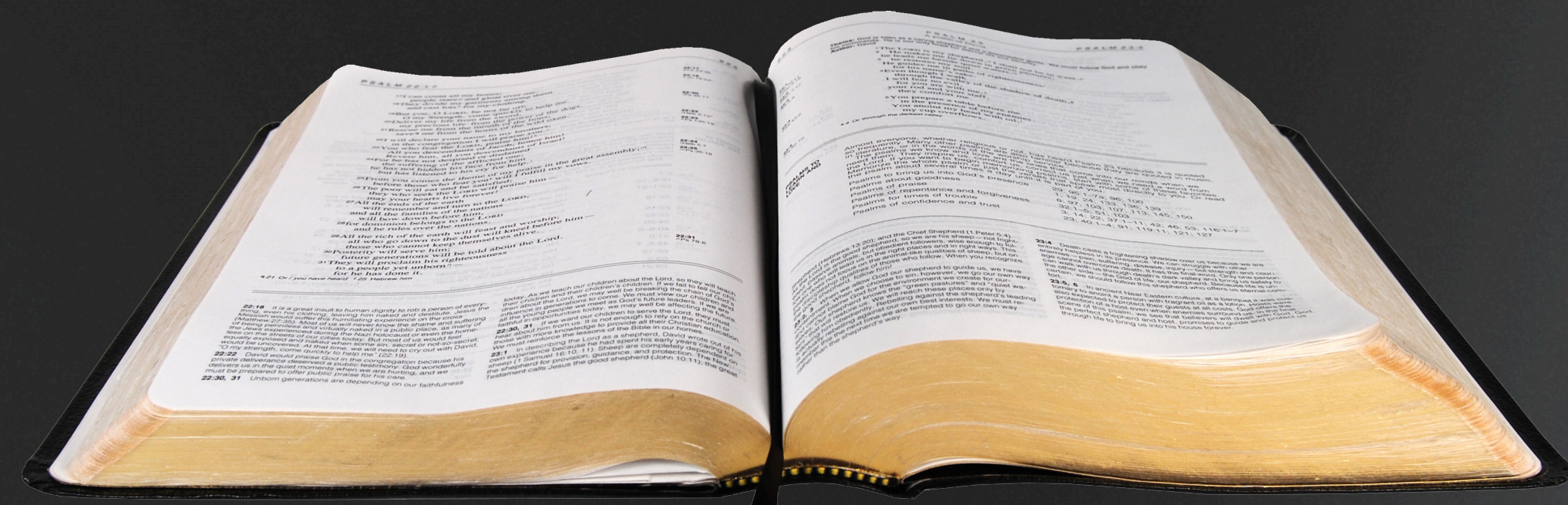
15 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.  
2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.  
3 Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.  
4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.  
5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.  
6 If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.  
7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.  
8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.  
9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.  
10 If you keep my commandments you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.  
11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.  
13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.  
14 You are my friends if you do what I command you.  
15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.  
16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.  
17 These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

<sup>1</sup> Some manuscripts omit me <sup>2</sup> Or Advocate, or Counselor; also 14:26; 15:26; 16:7 <sup>3</sup> Some manuscripts and is <sup>4</sup> Greek bondservants <sup>5</sup> Greek bondservant; also verse 20

# Foundations

## The Process



1) Observation - What do you see?

2) Interpretation - What does it mean?

3) Application - What must I do? How does it work?

# Foundations

**Week 1 - Theology & Its Sources**

**Week 2 - The Bible & Story**

**Week 3 - Man, Sin & Salvation**

**Week 4 - The Church**

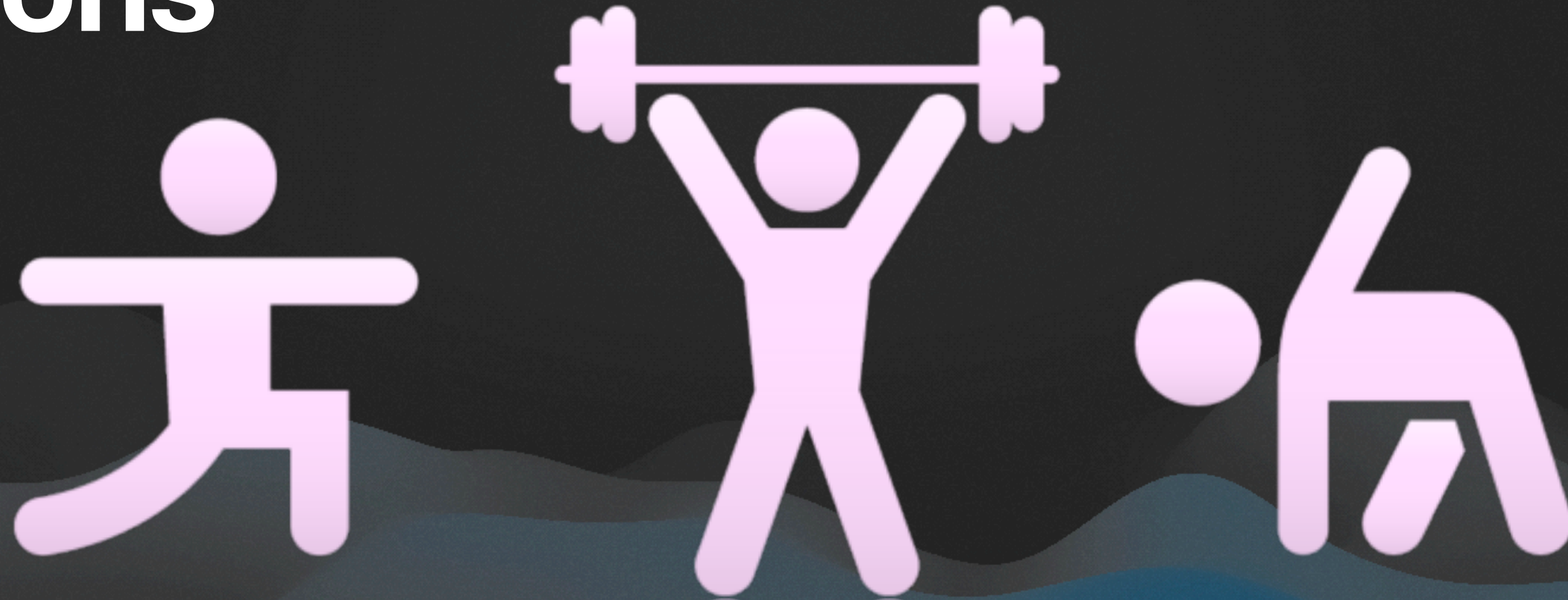
**Week 5 - Devotional Practices: Meditation, Prayer, Fasting**

**Week 6 - How to Study the Bible**

**Week 7 - Shaping/Formative Practices: Simplicity & Submission**

**Week 8 - Church Practices: Confession, Worship, Celebration**

# Foundations



**Building upon theology (the things of God) are spiritual disciplines including inward, outward, and communal.**

**Spiritual disciplines are the means by which we can grow spiritual, much like physical discipline.**

# Foundations

## *Why should we practice spiritual discipline?*

“Rather train yourself for godliness;

<sup>8</sup> for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.

<sup>9</sup> The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance.

<sup>10</sup> For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.”

*-1 Timothy 4:7b-10*

“Superficiality is the curse of our age. The doctrine of instant satisfaction is a primary spiritual problem. The desperate need today is not for a greater number of intelligent people, or gifted people, but for deep people.”

*- Richard Foster, Celebration of Discipline*

# Foundations

## Why Practice Spiritual Disciplines?

God not only works in the grand and monumental events of our lives, but also in the small, seemingly insignificant, parts of our lives as well.





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## Learn By Doing

**Like many Spiritual Disciplines, it is impossible to simply learn through intellectual understanding alone.**

**Instead, many, if not most Spiritual Disciplines, are learned and mastered by doing; understanding that you will grow over time both in depth (quality) and breadth (duration).**

# Foundations

## Discussion:

- 1) Why does God speak a lot about money in Scripture?
- 2) Discuss the idea of consumerism if it is compatible with the Christian faith. Why is it or why is it not?
- 3) In what order (First, Second, and Third) should you seek to love the following? Why do you choose that order?
  - Others
  - Self
  - God

# Foundations

## Simplicity

American culture is overwhelmed with consumerism and loves things.



“The consumption society has made us feel that happiness lies in having things, and has failed to teach us the happiness of not having things.”

- Elise Boulding

# Foundations

## Simplicity

The Bible speaks abundantly to wealth and material possession:

“If riches increase, set not your heart on them.” - Psalm 62:10

“Whoever trusts in his riches will fall...” - Proverbs 11:28

“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.” - Luke 16:13

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” -Matthew 6:21



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“Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven. I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.”

- Matthew 19:24

**Wealth viewed as blessing, is a burden.**

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## Simplicity



**“Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back.”**

**- Luke 6:30**

**“Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”**

**- Luke 12:15**

# Foundations

## Simplicity



**The Bible is consistent and clear that the acquisition and preservation of material possessions is not the purpose of the Christian life nor should it be the focus of the Christian life.**

**Seek First the Kingdom of God - Matthew 6:33**

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## Simplicity

**This does not mean that making money is evil. Christians should seek to make as much money as they are able in legal and lawful ways with the foresight that these finances can be a tool to advance the Kingdom of God.**

**But we must actively seek to advance God's Kingdom, not our own kingdoms and wealth.**





# Foundations

## Simplicity

### Application:

- 1) Buy things for their usefulness, not their status.
- 2) Reject anything that produces an addiction in your life.
- 3) Give with what remains in mind, not what is given in mind.

“Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, <sup>2</sup> and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. <sup>3</sup> And he said, “Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. <sup>4</sup> For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”

- Luke 21:1-4



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**-Luke 21:1-4**

**Give with regard to what is left after giving, not what is given itself.**

# Foundations

## Submission



Followers of Christ are called to submit themselves to God... and God ask that we submit to one another.

“Do you understand what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. <sup>14</sup> If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. <sup>15</sup> For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.”

- John 13:12-15

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## Submission



Submission is connected to the **GREATEST COMMANDMENT!**

**“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup> This is the great and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”**

**- Matthew 22:37-39**

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**If we are to love well we must:**

- 1) Love God**
- 2) Love ourselves**
- 3) Love others in the same way we love ourselves**

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## Submission



How do we love ourselves to understand how to love others?

**“<sup>28</sup> In the same way, husbands should love their wives as they love their own bodies. The man who loves his wife loves himself.**

**<sup>29</sup> No one ever hates his own body, but feeds and takes care of it. And that is what Christ does for the church,”**

**- Ephesians 5:28-29**

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**BODY**



**SOUL**

Mind  
Will  
Emotions



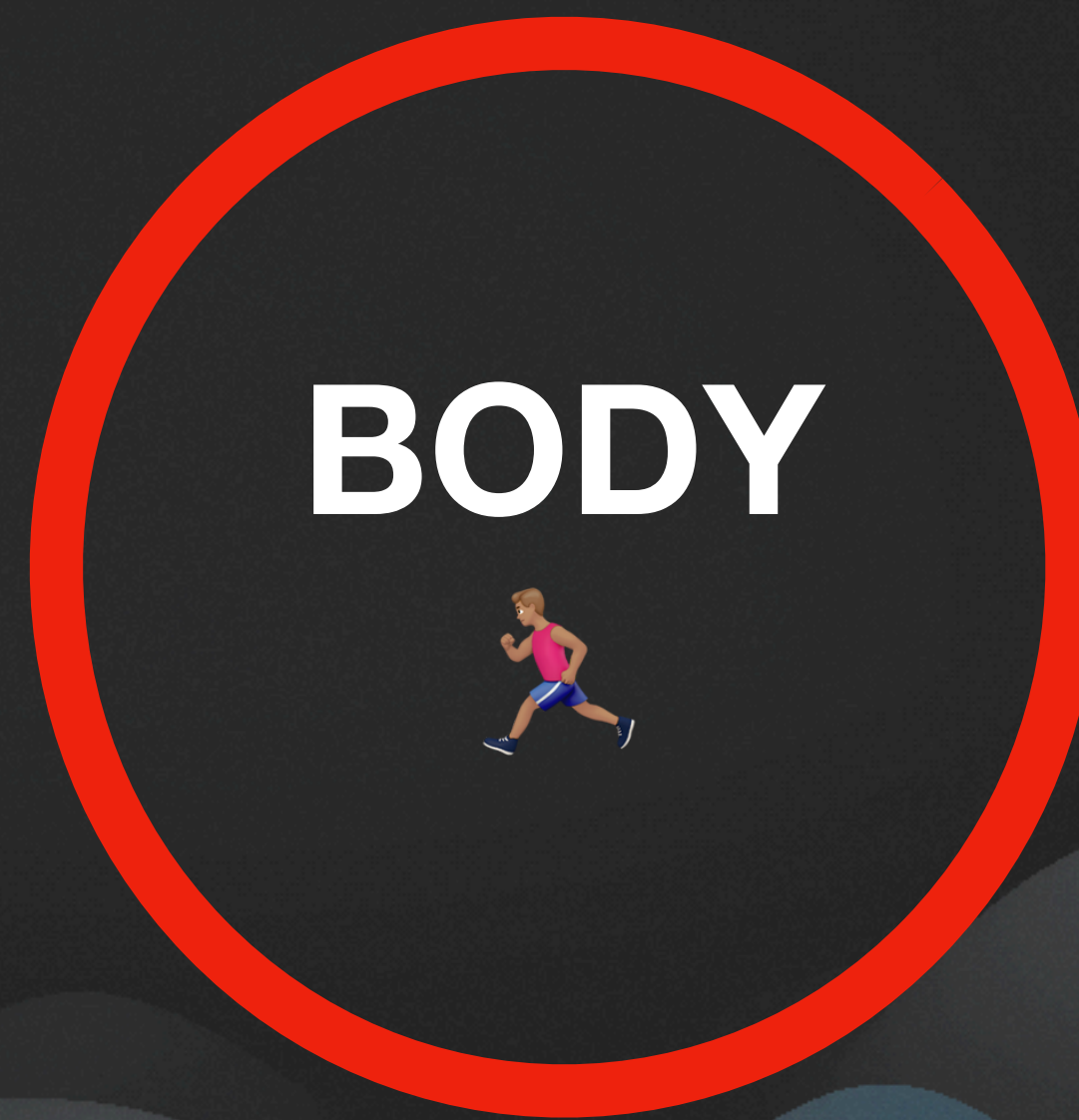
**SPIRIT**



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## Submission

### The Body



**Nourish:** Ensure access to healthy food. Share a meal, donate to food banks, or teaching someone how to cook healthy foods.

**Protect:** Ensure physical safety and well being. Providing clothing, helping with home repairs, or supporting programs like Habitat for Humanity.



# Foundations

## Submission

### The Soul (MIND)



**Nourish:** Engage in intellectual discussions and promote learning. Share books and encourage learning by exploring new ideas.

**Protect:** Be respectful of others thoughts and not belittling them for their thoughts or opinions. This doesn't mean agreeing or ignoring but providing a safe environment to discuss ideas.

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## Submission

### The Soul (WILL)



**Nourish:** Support and encourage others to make choices and take ownership of their lives; setting goals and direction for their lives.

**Protect:** Respect other people's choices and avoid pushing your own will and desires upon them. Allow them to own their own values.

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### The Soul (EMOTIONS)



**Nourish:** Bear one another's burdens and joys. Have genuine interest in their interest and be a generous and thoughtful friend.

**Protect:** Be careful of the words that you use and stand up for those who are treated poorly. Provide comfort and encouragement especially in emotionally challenging times of people's lives.

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## The Spirit



**Nourish: Have Scripture read and studied. God's Word is Spiritual nourishment.**

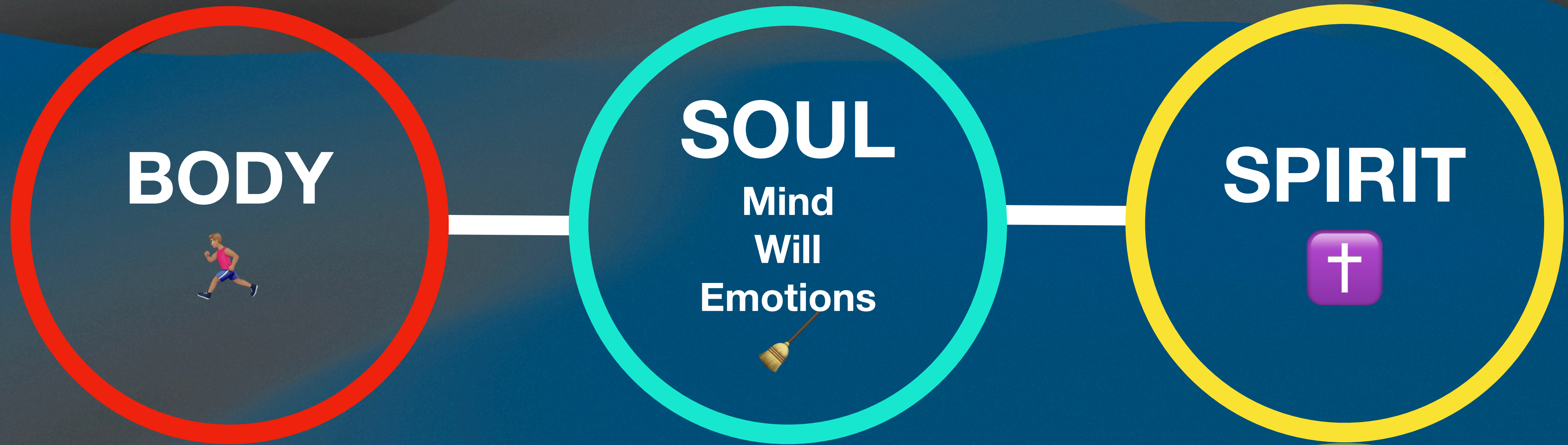
**Protect: Be in prayer for and with others. Provide encouragement and affirmation of their place within a Church body.**

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## Submission



This is also how we love ourselves and love others practically.



# Foundation

Discussion:

# Q&A

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