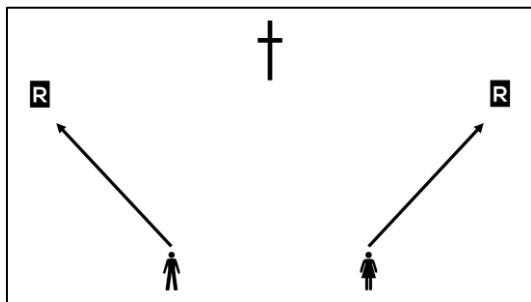




WEEK 2: RECONCILABLE DIFFERENCES

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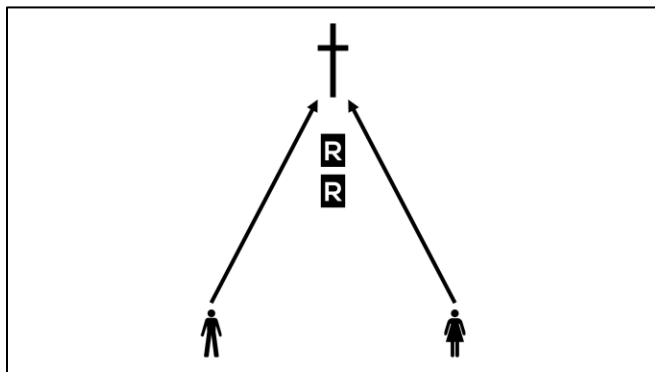
"IRRECONCILABLE DIFFERENCES"

WHAT ARE THE USUAL RIVALS?

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| MONEY | CAREER |
| REPUTATION | KIDS |
| IN-LAWS | FRIENDS |
| RECREATION | "SELF-ACTUALIZATION" |
| SEX | OTHER? |

Amos 3:3 - Do two walk together, unless they have agreed to meet?

PURSuing CHRIST AS THE CENTER OF ANY RELATIONSHIP UNITES TWO PEOPLE INTO THE SAME MISSION, WITH THE SAME METHODS, BOUND BY THE SAME MORALS

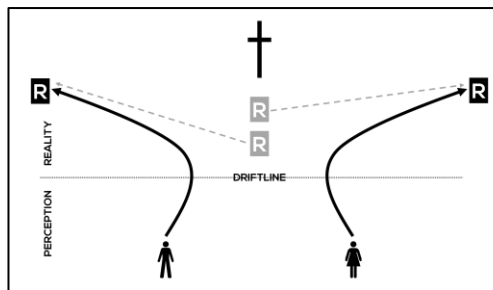


"POWER COUPLE"

Genesis 1:26-28 - Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. 28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Matthew 28:18-20 - And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

BUT THERE'S A PROBLEM... I KNOW PLENTY OF CHURCH-GOERS WHOSE RELATIONSHIPS ARE IN SHAMBLES!



"PERCEPTION VS REALITY"

Matthew 13:20-22 -As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, 21 yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. 22 As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.

IS THIS REALISTIC FOR REAL PEOPLE LIVING IN THE REAL WORLD?

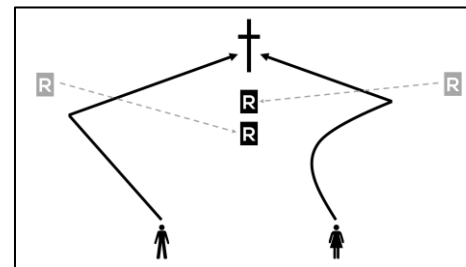
Acts 18:2-4... 24-28 - And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. And he went to see them, 3 and because he was of the same trade he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade. 4 And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks.... Now a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, competent in the Scriptures. 25 He had been instructed in the way of the Lord. And being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John. 26 He began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. 27 And when he wished to cross to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him. When he arrived, he greatly helped those who through grace had believed, 28 for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, showing by the Scriptures that the Christ was Jesus.

WHAT TANGIBLE STEPS CAN WE TAKE?

- PRAY TOGETHER DAILY (SEE C.H.A.T. FROM 1/16/2022)
- JOIN A DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY
- DISCUSS ONE HANDOUT PASSAGE PER DAY
- PRIORITIZE WEEKLY WORSHIP WITH YOUR CHURCH

Ecclesiastes 4:7-12 - Again, I saw vanity under the sun: 8 one person who has no other, either son or brother, yet there is no end to all his toil, and his eyes are never satisfied with riches, so that he never asks, "For whom am I toiling and depriving myself of pleasure?" This also is vanity and an unhappy business. 9 Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. 10 For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! 11 Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? 12 And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

IF YOU'RE A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN SETTling FOR LESSER PURSUITS, NOW'S THE TIME TO BECOME THE GIFT GOD WANTS TO GIVE TO YOUR FAMILY, CHURCH, FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, COWORKERS, AND WORLD



"RECONCILED THROUGH RECONCILIATION"