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UNITY, UNIFORMITY & CONFORMITY

1. Unity is Normal

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2. Guarding Normal

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C S Lewis on Pride

“From the moment a creature becomes aware of God as God and itself as self, the terrible opportunity of choosing God or self as centre is opened to it ... at this very moment [in time] you and I are either committing it, or about to commit it, or repenting it.”

John Piper

Boasting is the response of pride to success. Self-pity is the response of pride to suffering. Boasting says, "I deserve admiration because I have achieved so much." Self-pity says, "I deserve admiration because I have sacrificed so much." Boasting is the voice of pride in the heart of the strong. Self-pity is the voice of pride in the heart of the weak ... The reason self-pity does not look like pride is that it appears to be needy ... The need self-pity feels does not come from a sense of unworthiness, but from a sense of unrecognised worthiness. It is the response of unapplauded pride.

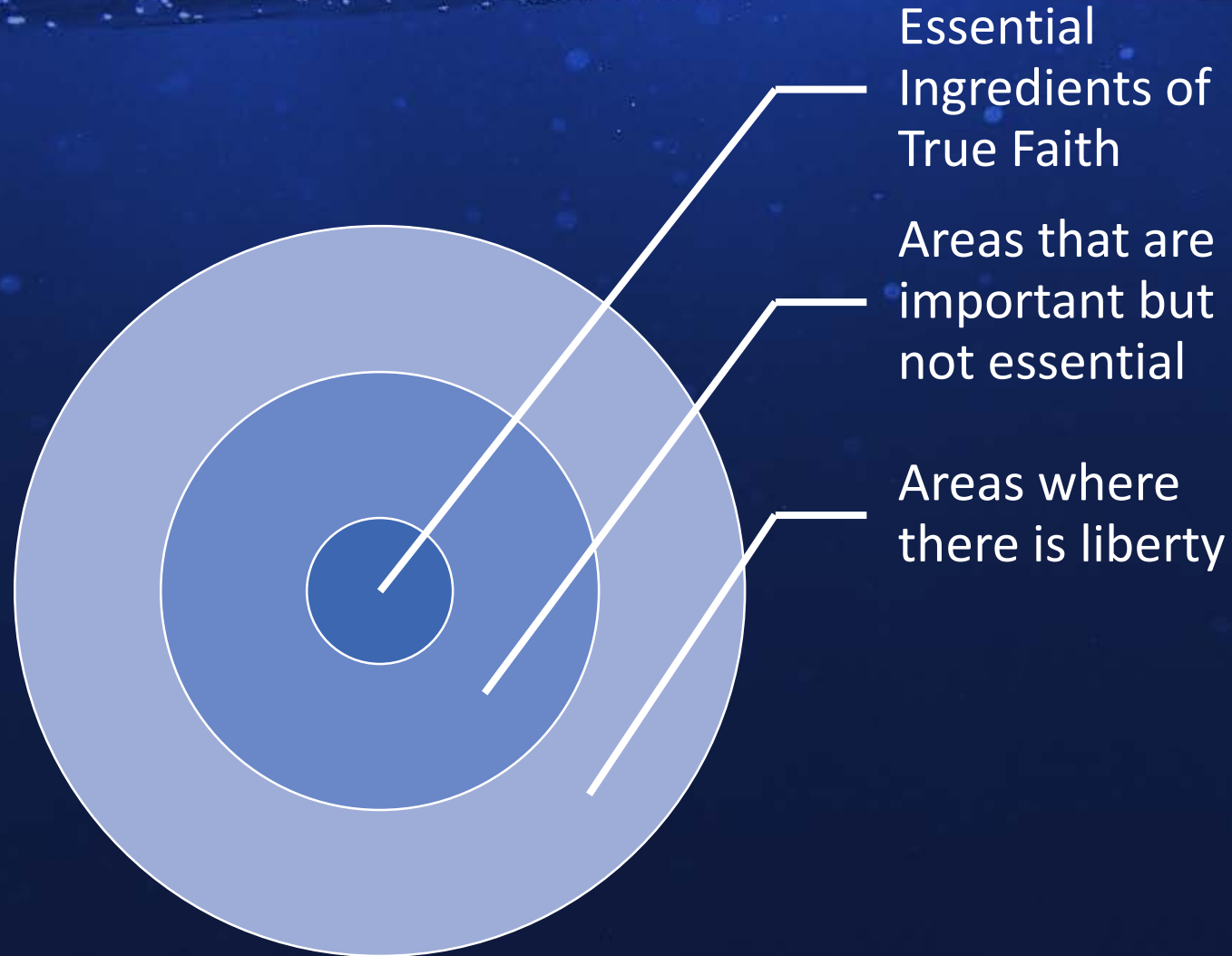
Lewis on Humility

“Do not imagine that if you meet a really humble man he will be what most people call 'humble' nowadays: he will not be a sort of greasy, smarmy person, who is always telling you that, of course, he is nobody. Probably all you will think about him is that he seemed a cheerful, intelligent chap who took a real interest in what you said to him. If you do dislike him it will be because you feel a little envious of anyone who seems to enjoy life so easily. He will not be thinking about humility: he will not be thinking about himself at all.”

Wendy Mass

Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a battle you
know nothing about.

A Framework for Understanding Differences



3. Conformity?

do I just need to work harder?

Powlison

Christ makes me see myself, and makes me catch myself, and then makes me different.