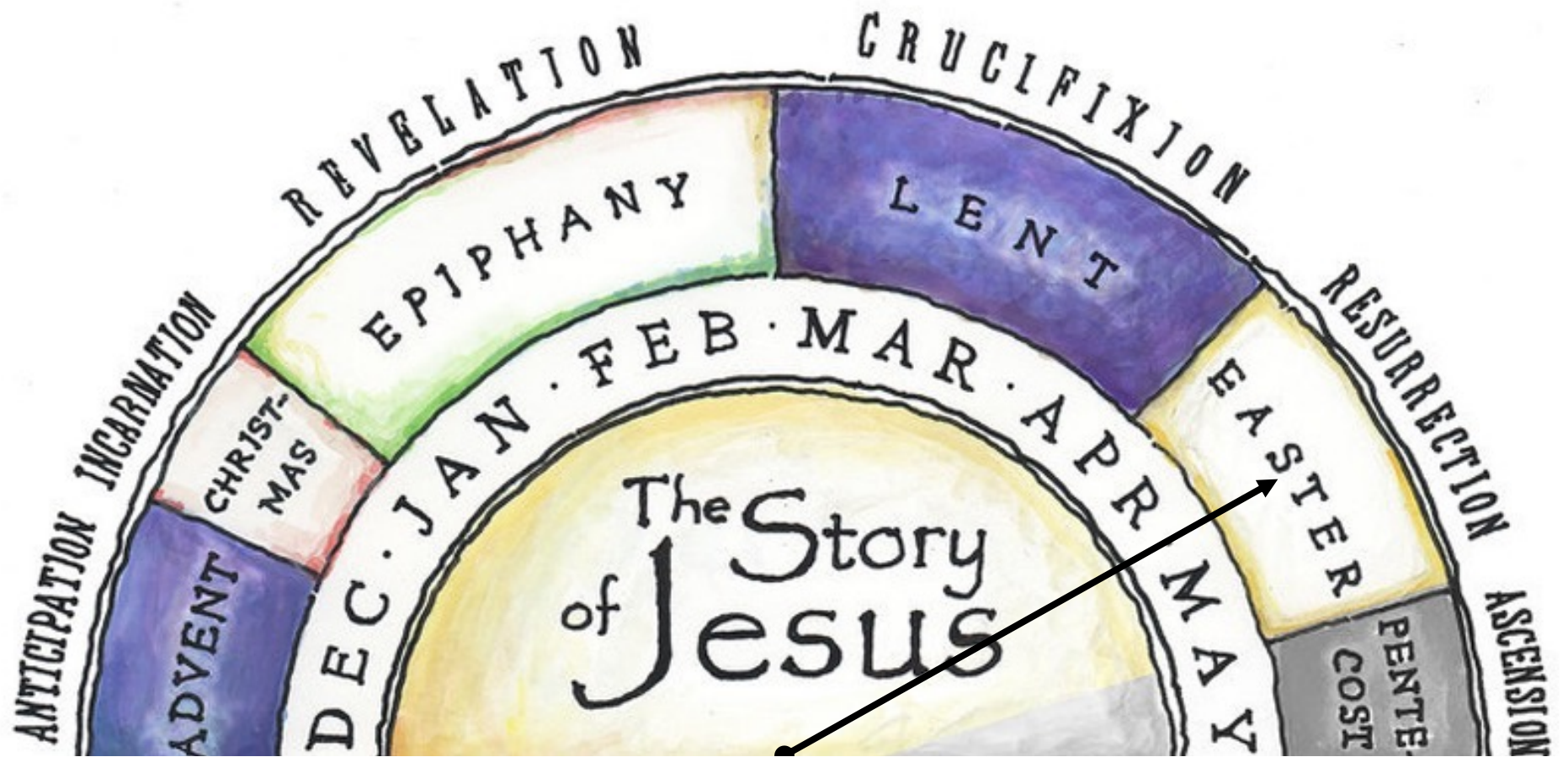


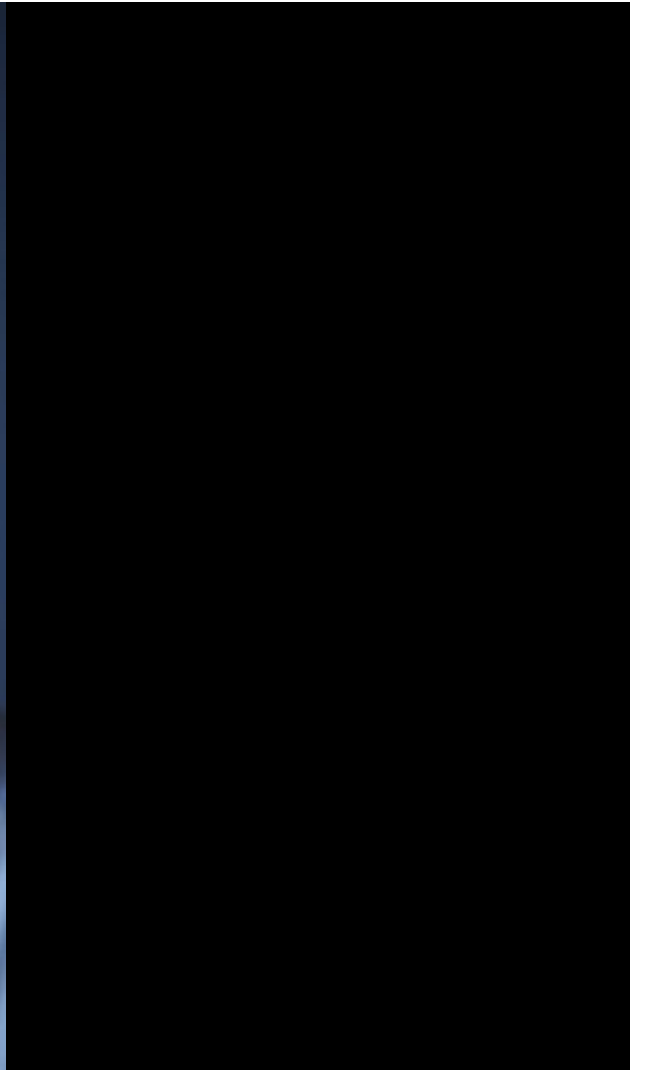
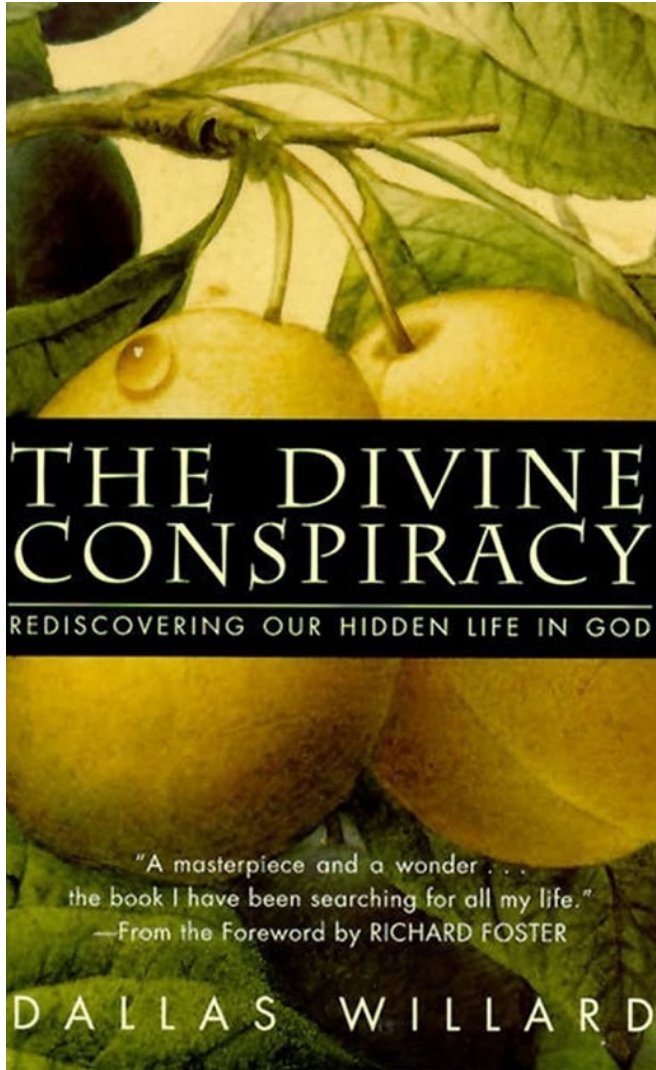
Living God, long ago, faithful women
proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection,
and the world was changed forever.
Teach us to keep faith with them,
that our witness may be as bold,
our love as deep, and our faith as true.
In the name of Jesus we pray,
Amen.

Opening Prayer

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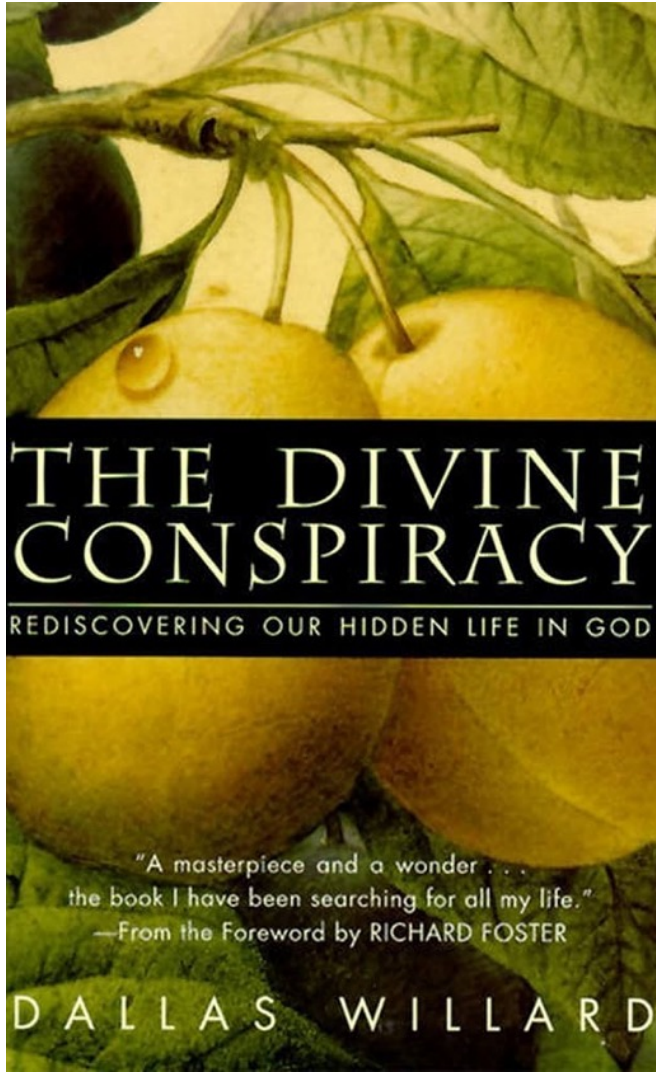




*“What commandment is the foremost of all?” Jesus answered, “The foremost is, ‘HEAR, ISRAEL! THE LORD IS OUR GOD, THE LORD IS ONE; AND **YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD** WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.’ The second is this: ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”*

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BIBLE

MARK
10:37-38





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JESUS CREATED YOU TO BE

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APPRENTICES TO JESUS...

Know *WHO* they are

I am a child of the God
who made me

Know *WHOSE* they are

I am a co-heir w/Jesus and am
empowered by the Holy Spirit

Know *WHERE* they are

Citizens of God's kingdom



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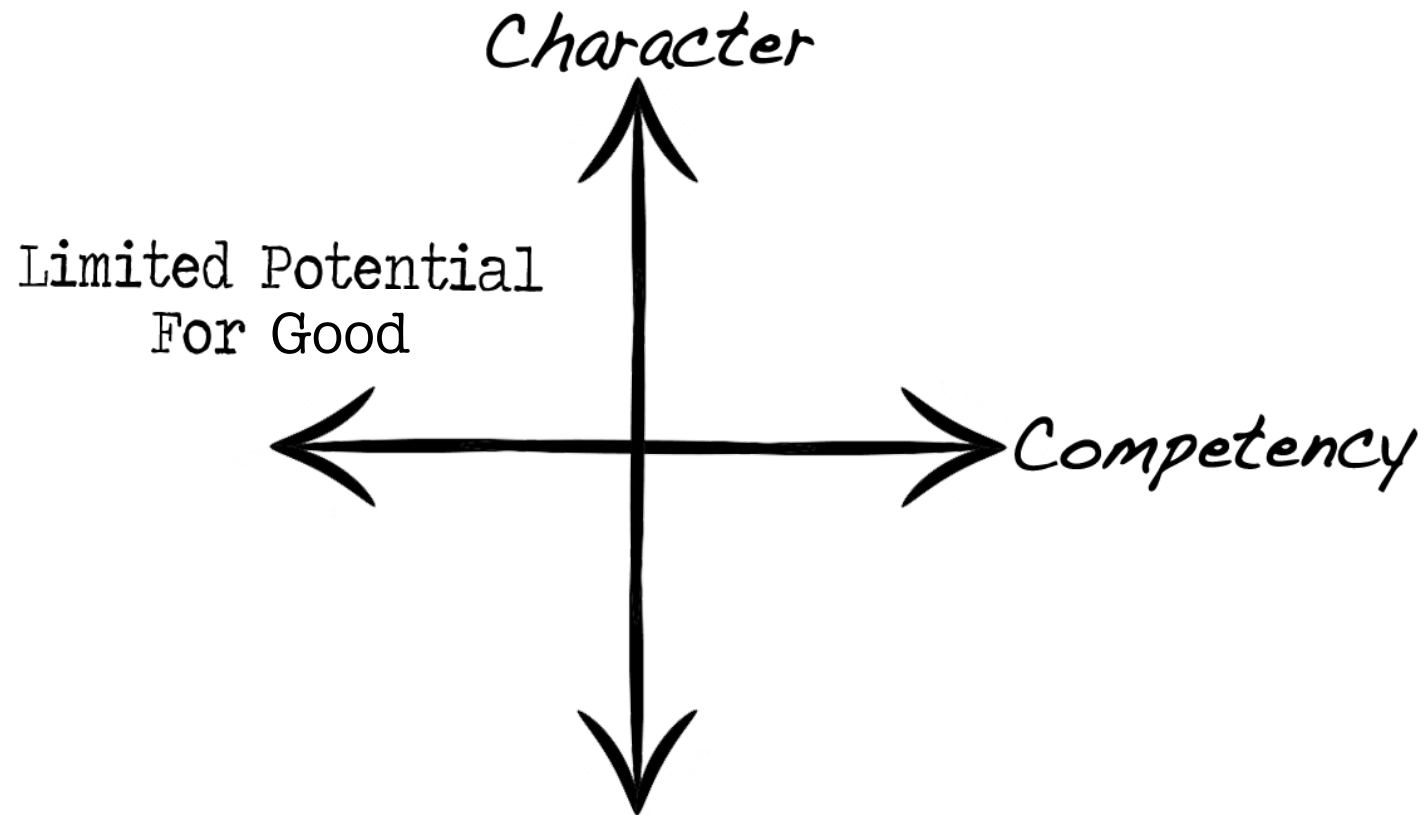
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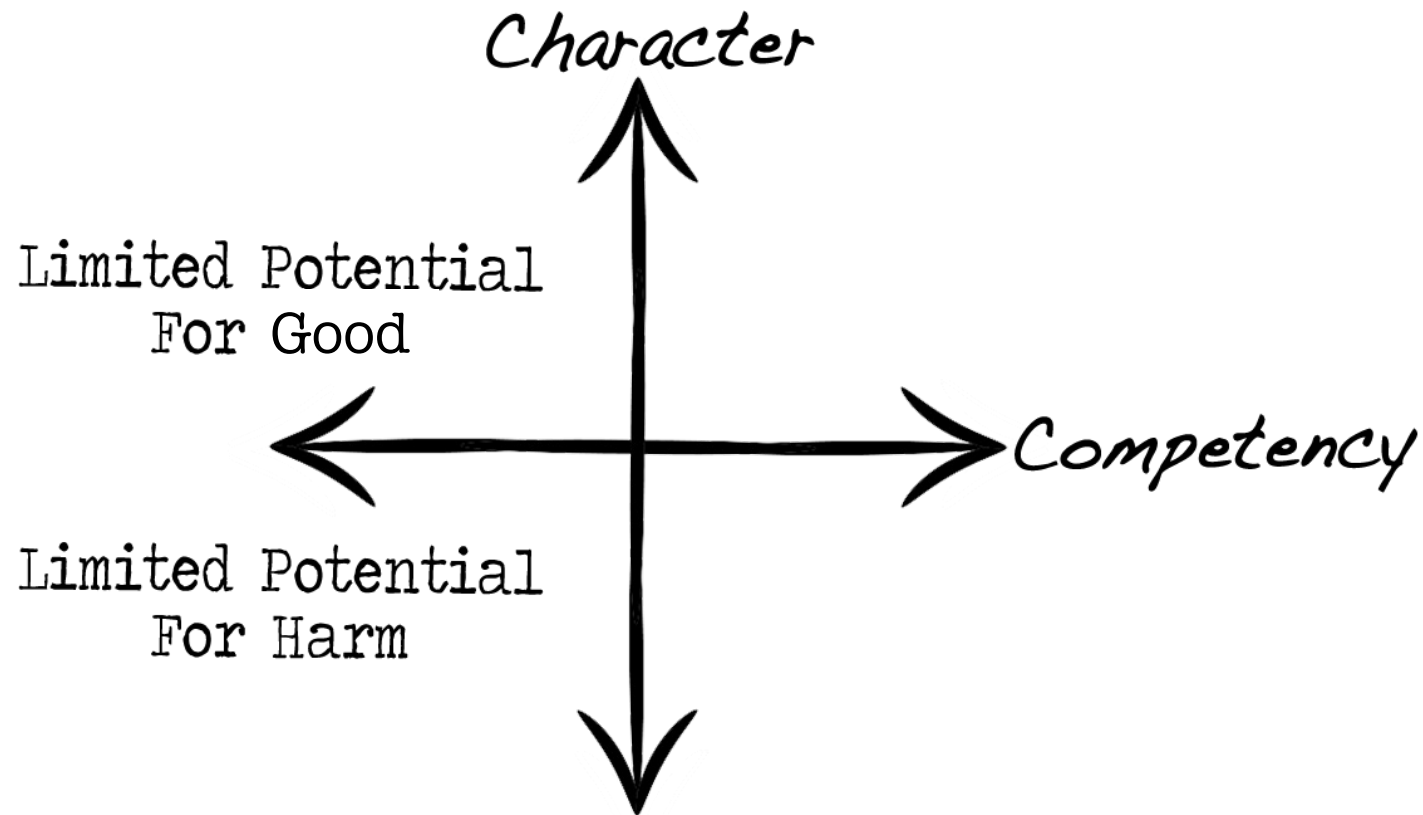
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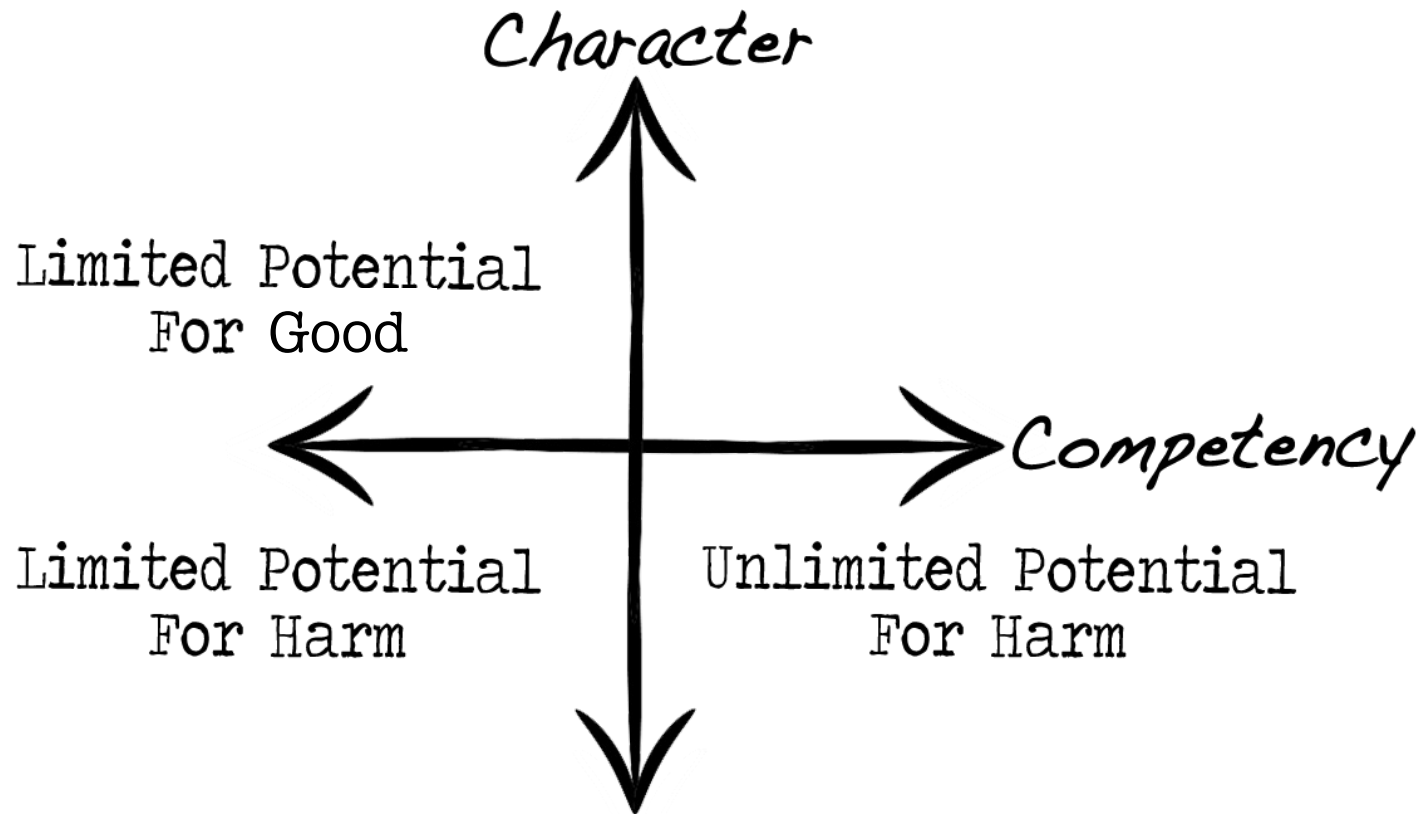
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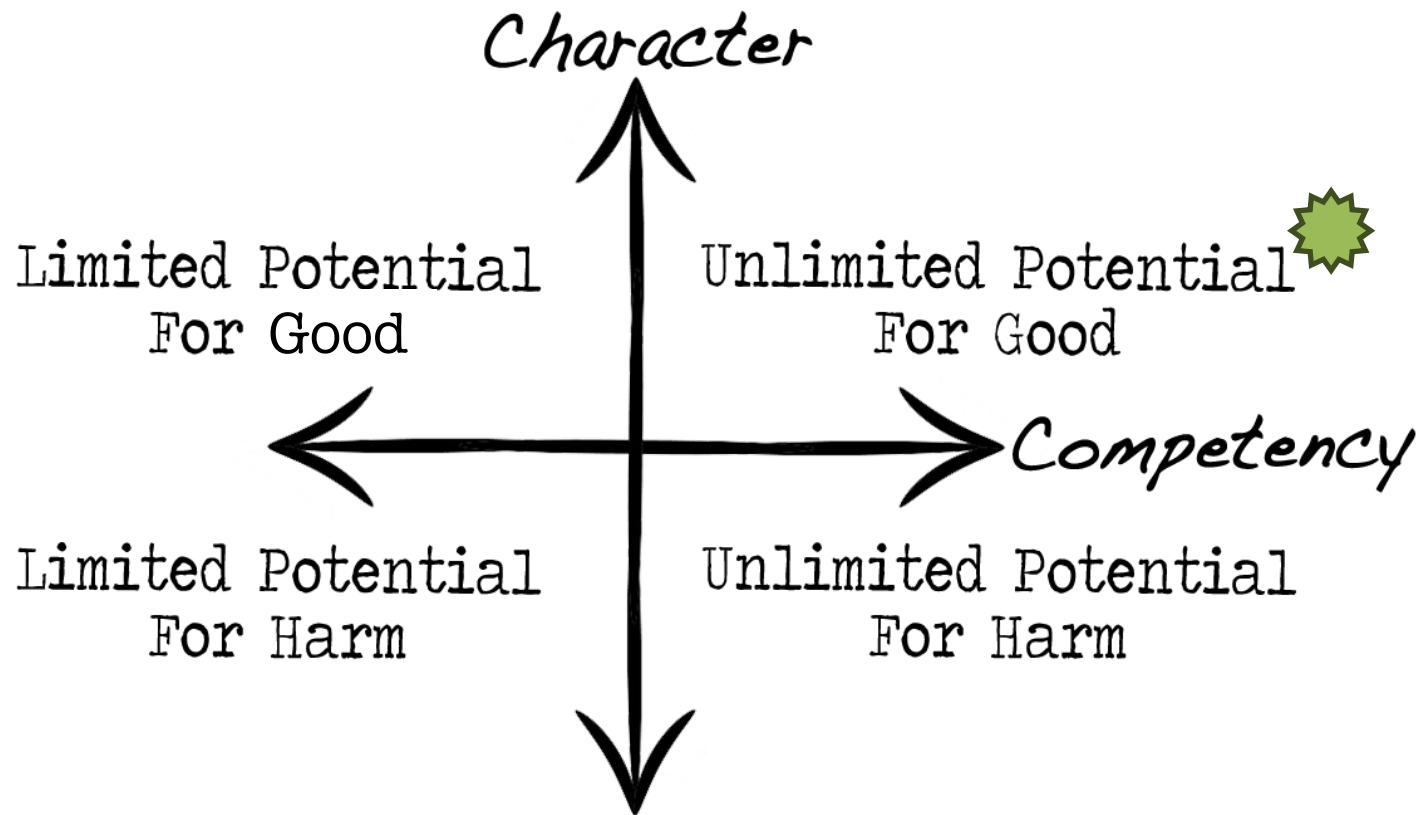
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TRUE NARRATIVE #1

We *CHANGE* by indirect effort
Doing the things we *can* do,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
in order to help us do the things
we *can't* currently do



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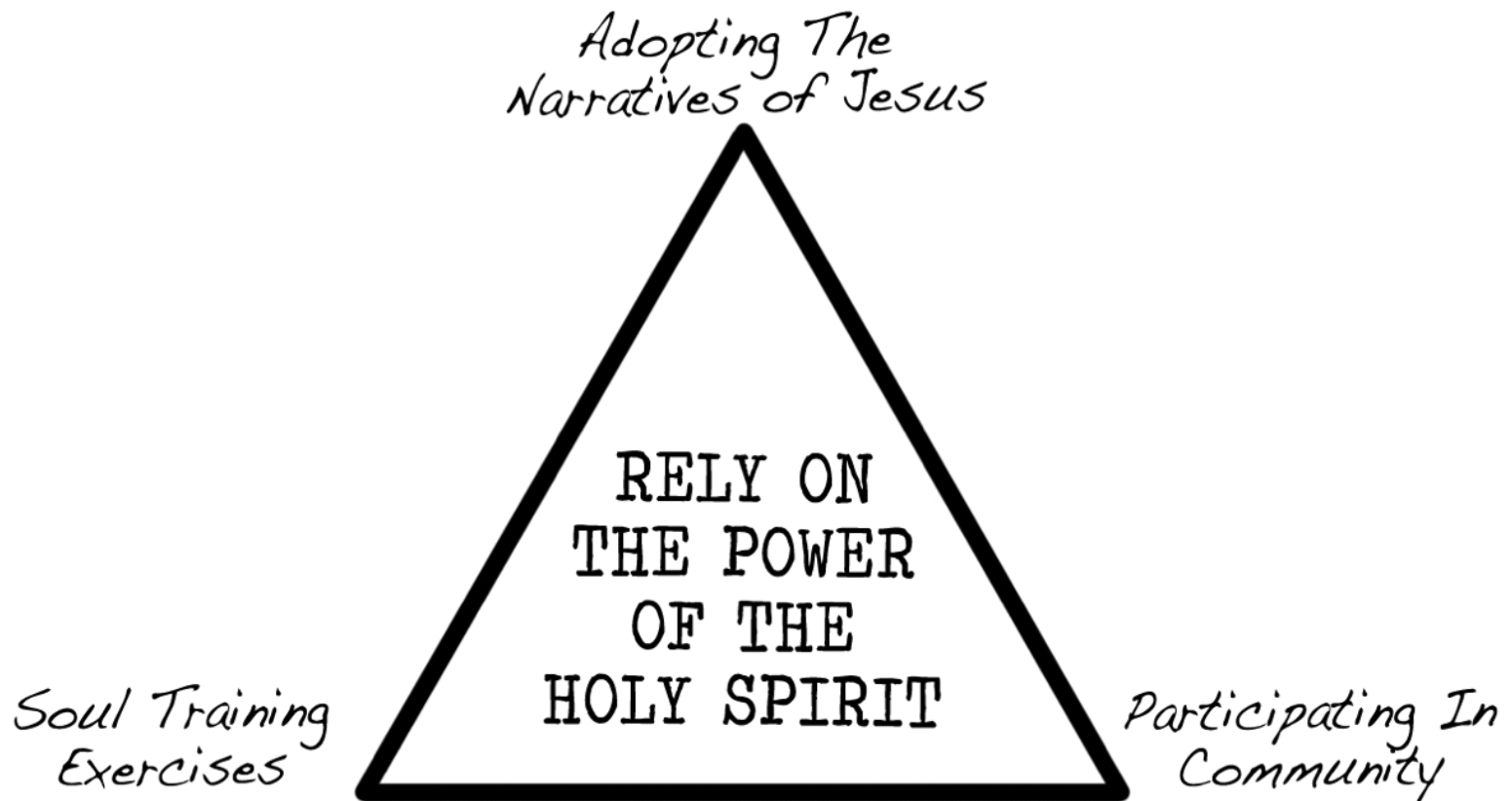
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HOW SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION HAPPENS



CHANGING OUR NARRATIVES

FAMILY NARRATIVES

The stories we learn from our immediate and extended family



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CULTURAL NARRATIVES

The stories we learn from the region/culture we grew up in



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JESUS' NARRATIVES

The stories we learn from him
about who God is, what God's
kingdom is like...



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FALSE NARRATIVE #2

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He'll either bless you, or curse you...



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FALSE NARRATIVE #2

God is *ANGRY*

He'll either bless you, or curse you...

TRUE NARRATIVE #2

God is a *GOOD* parent

God loves and cares for all
God has made, including you



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TRUE NARRATIVE #2

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SOUL TRAINING EXERCISE #1

*Practice an **AWARENESS** of creation*

- Take a walk
- Ride a bike
- Pay attention to sights/sounds
- Watch a nature documentary
- Reflect on expanse/beauty of space



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SOUL TRAINING EXERCISE #2

Ruthlessly eliminate HURRY

- Drive at/below the speed limit
- Come to a complete stop
- Choose the long line at the store
- Let someone with more stuff go 1st
- Build in margin to your schedule



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We stand in your love, O God of the living, for you made the tomb of death the womb from which you brought forth your Son, the first-born of a new creation, and you anointed the universe with the Spirit of his resurrection. Make us joyful witnesses to this good news, that all humanity may one day gather at the feast of new life in the kingdom, where you reign in the glory of the power of love, forever and ever. Amen.

Closing Prayer

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