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Prayer: How To Align Our Prayers with God's Heart

Praying Like Jesus

John 17:1-26

Prayer, Meditation, & Joy

Psalms 19:14

Prayers of Supplication

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Prayers of Intercession

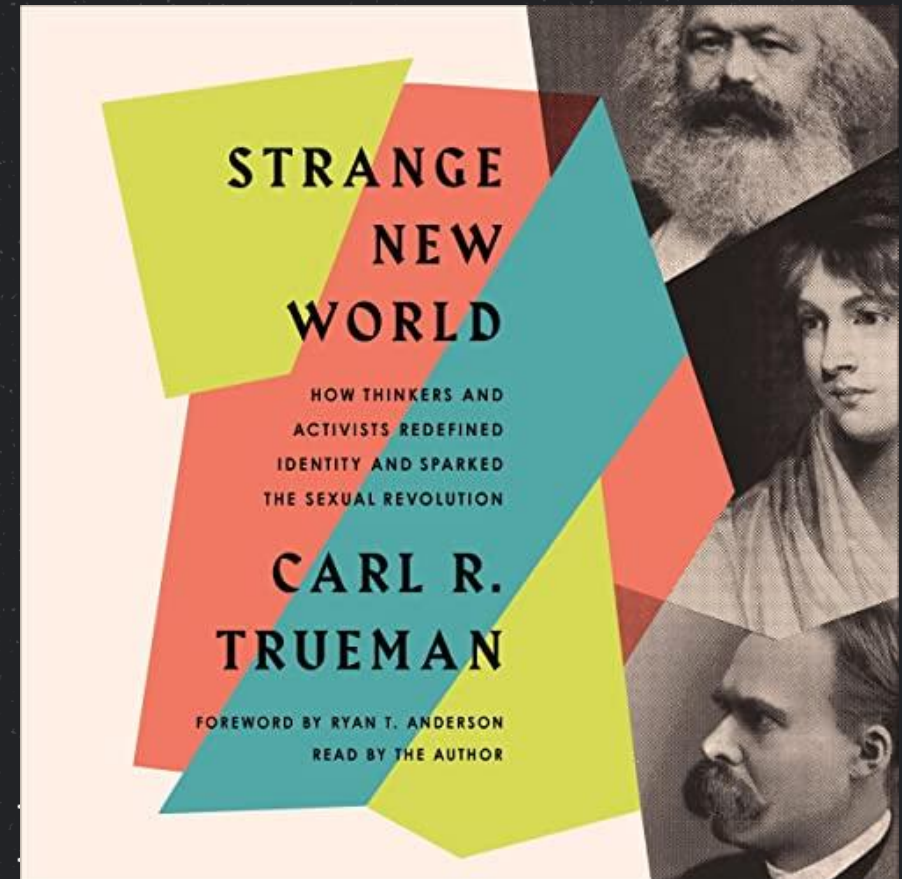
Ephesians 3:14-19

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:5-13

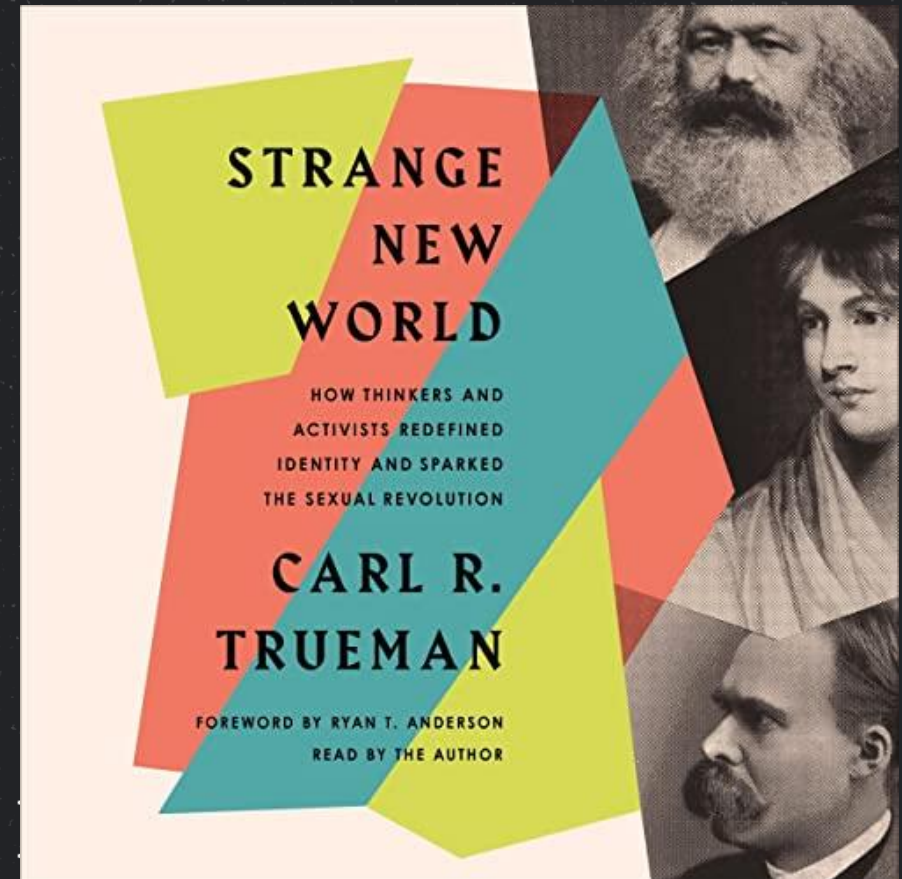
“Expressive individualism holds that each person has a unique core of feeling and intuition that should unfold or be expressed if **individuality** is to be realized.”

Robert Bellah
Habits of the Heart 1996



“At the heart of liberty is the right to define one’s own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe, and of the mystery of human life. Beliefs about these matters could not **define the attributes of personhood** were they formed under compulsion of the State.”

Justice Anthony Kennedy
*Planned Parenthood of Southeastern
Pennsylvania v. Casey* 1992



LIFE

isn't about

finding yourself

it's about

CREATING

YOURSELF

George Bernard Shaw

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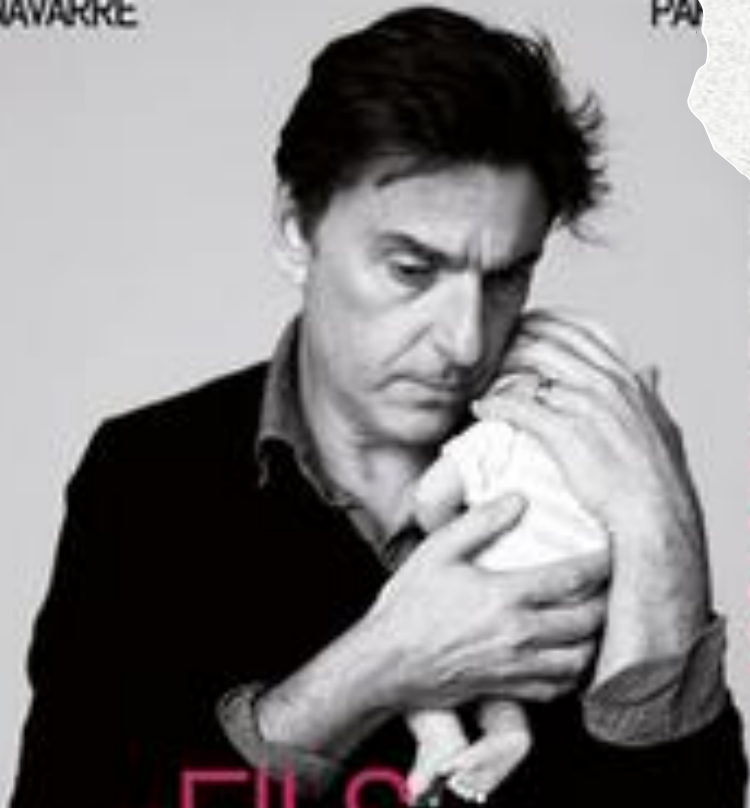


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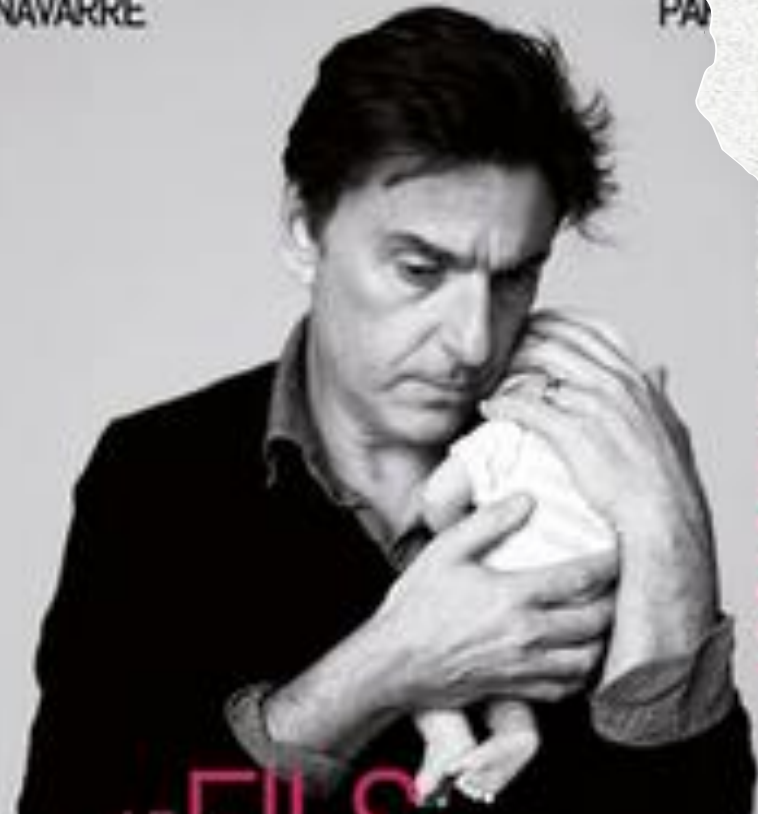
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Peter

How is it any of your business?

I have the right to reinvent my
life!

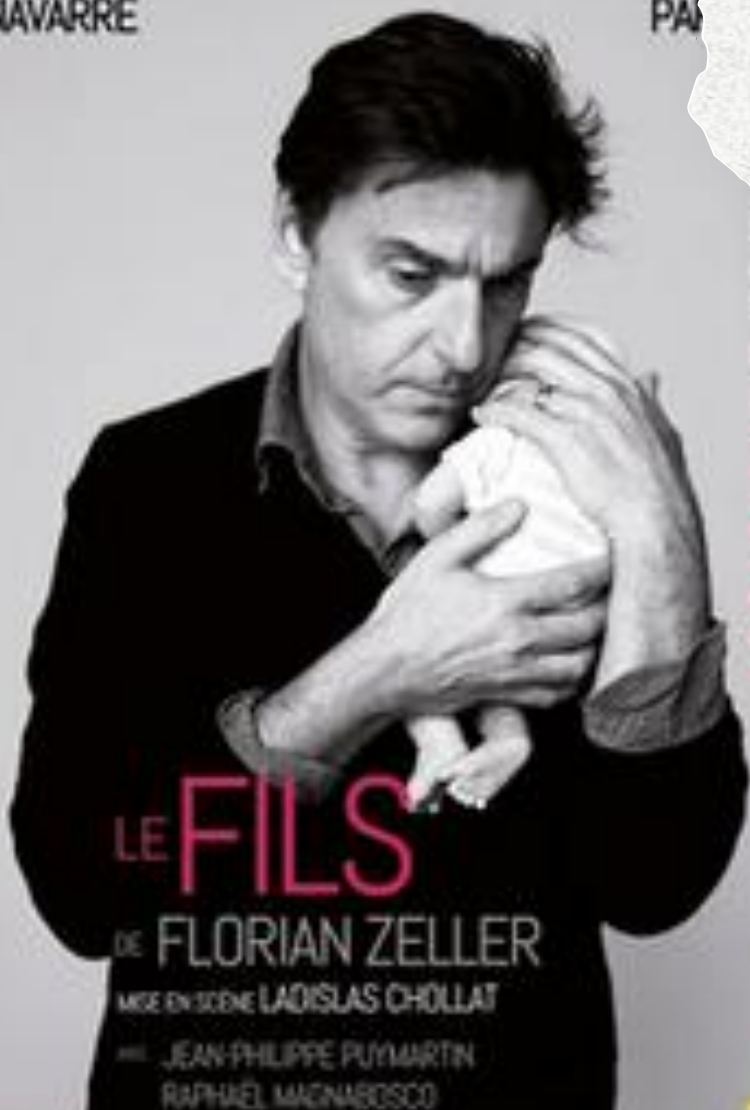
It's my life! You hear me? It's
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BETH

Come on, calm down... I know it's hard, but life goes on... And this evening, we have friends coming for dinner...

Even if it's hard, even if it hurts, life goes on, Peter. Life has to go on.

PETER

No. It doesn't go on. It can't go on.

Paul's Prayer for the Ephesians

Prayers of Intercession

*that you may be filled with all the
fullness of God*

Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

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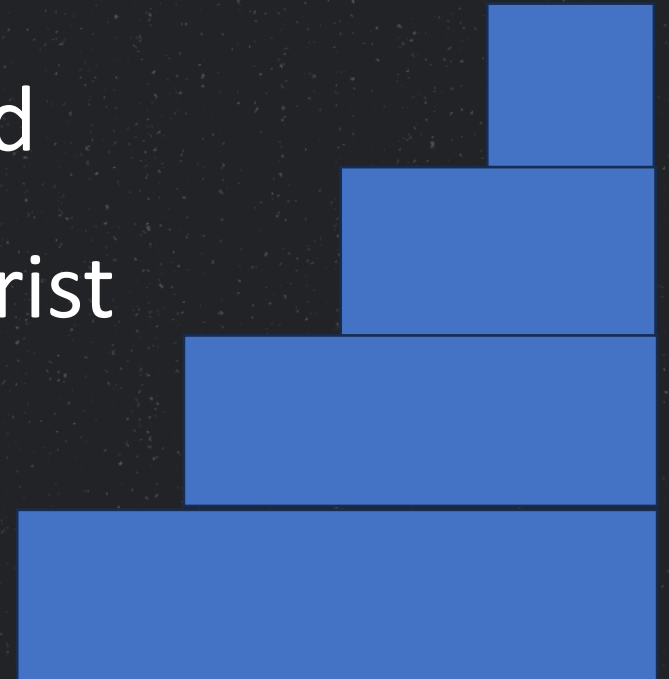
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. . . filled with all the fullness of God

. . . comprehend & know the love of Christ

. . . being rooted and grounded in love

Christ may dwell in your hearts





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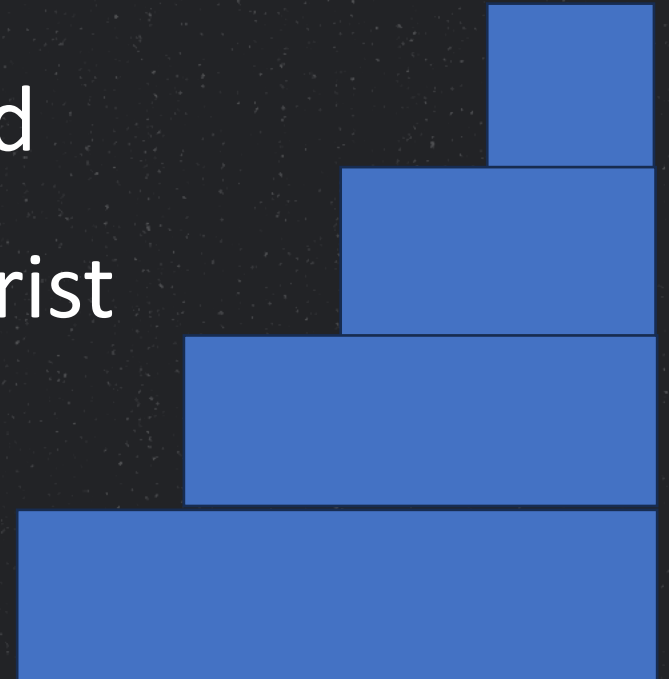
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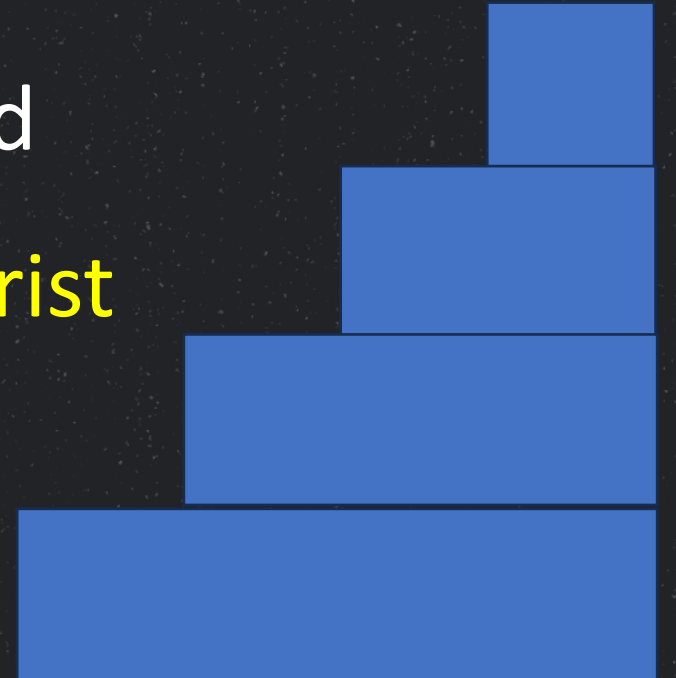
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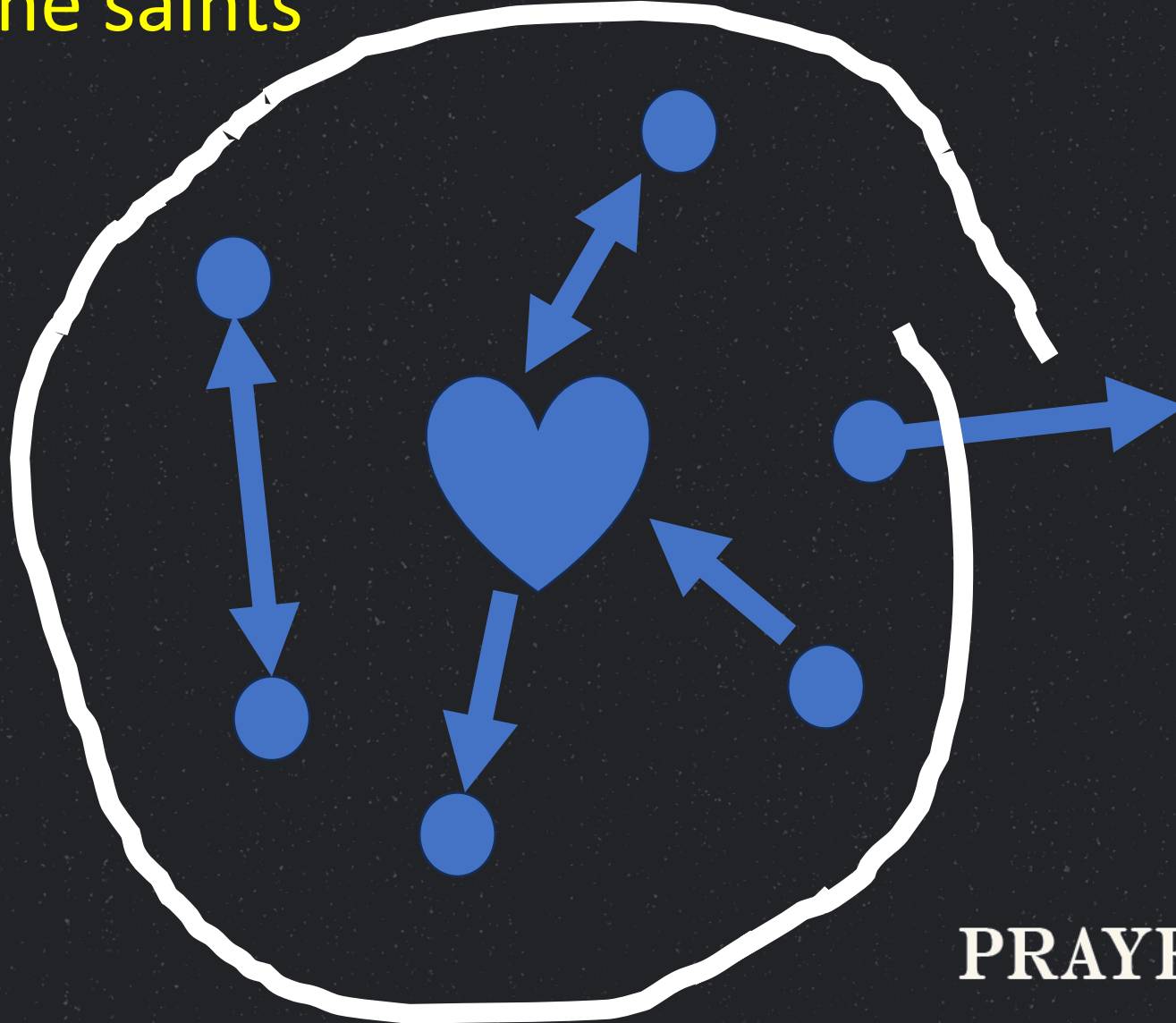
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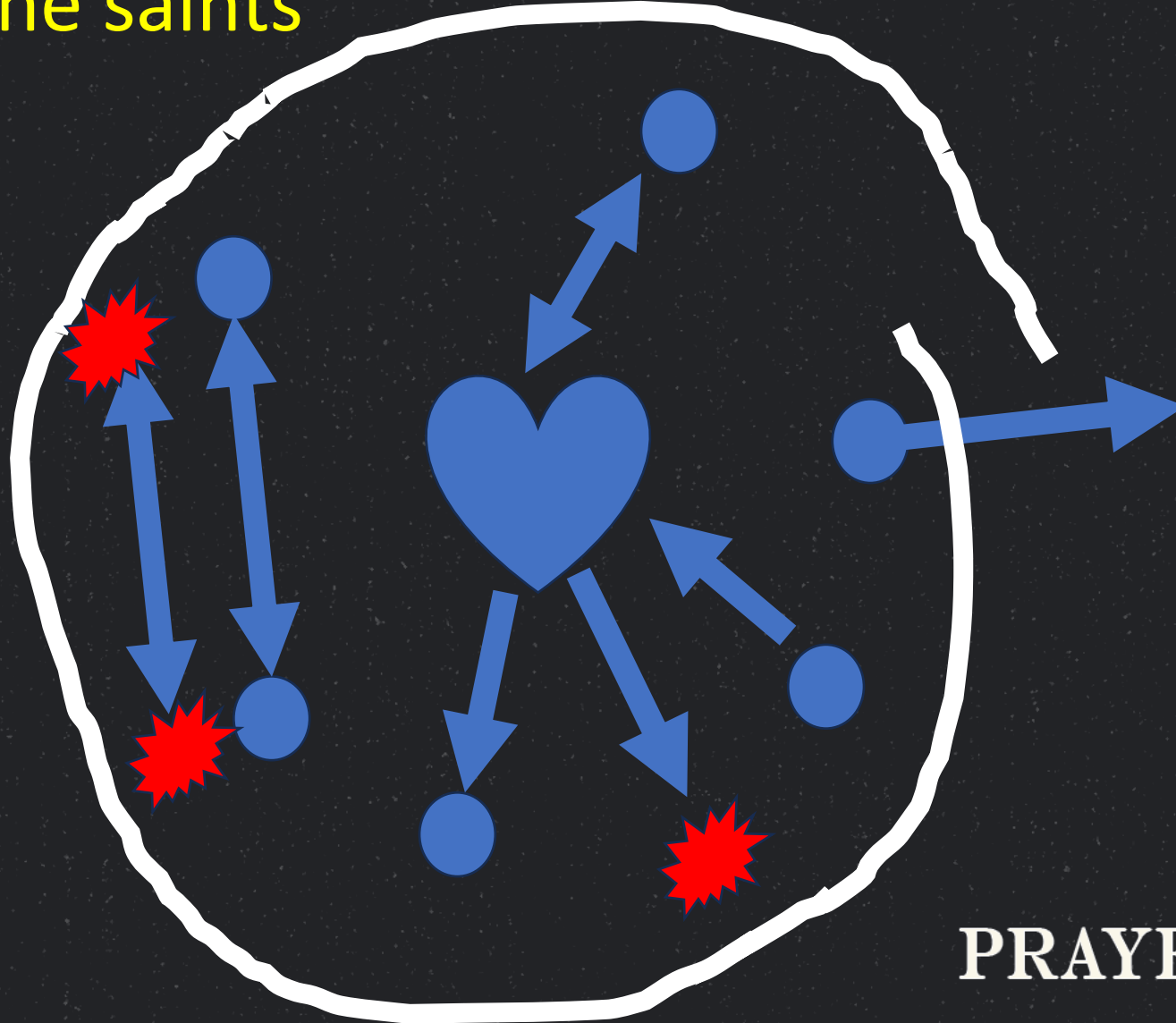


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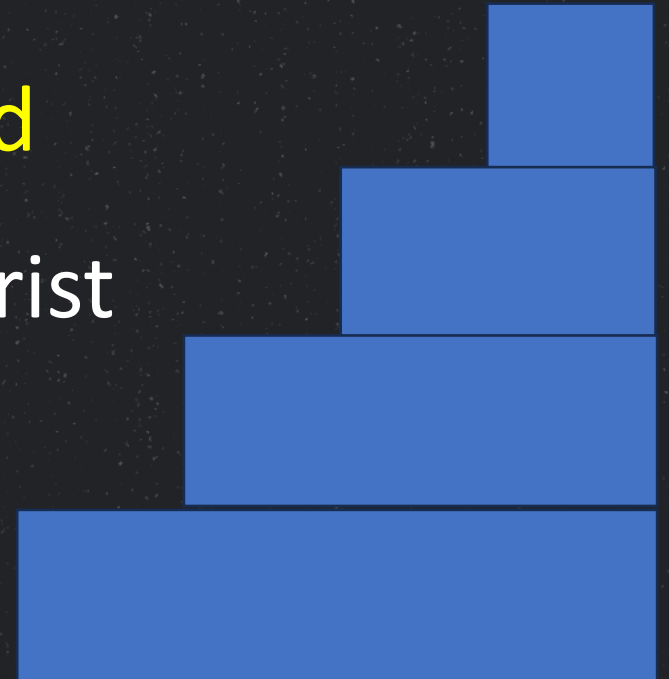
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that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

“I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that **the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.**”

(Jesus' prayer in John 17:26)

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²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than **all that we ask** or think, according to the power at work within us,²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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