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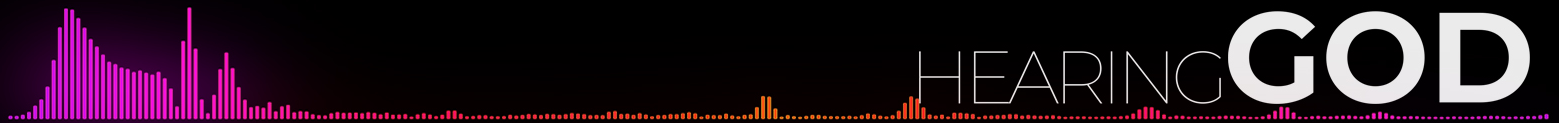
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# Hearing God

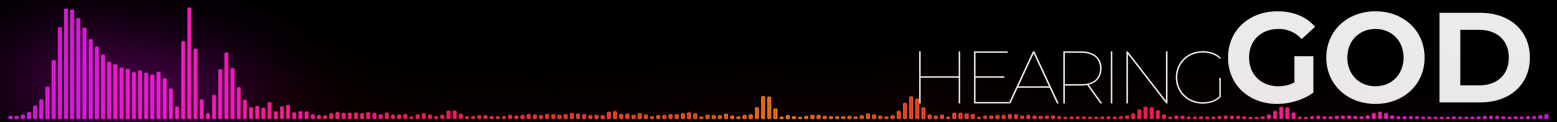
## Part 3: Expecting to Hear God's Voice



*Expectations...*



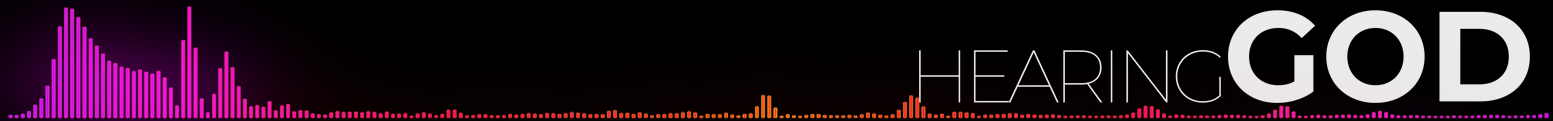
*Do I expect to hear from God?*



# 1 Samuel 3:1-10

<sup>1</sup> 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.



# 1 Samuel 3:1-10

<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.”



# 1 Samuel 3:1-10

**<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.



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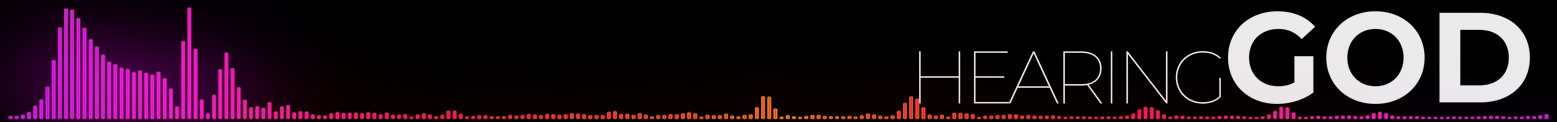
<sup>9</sup> Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.’ ” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup> And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant hears.”



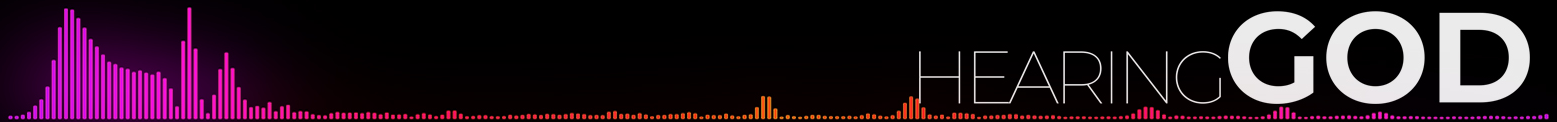


# Forms of God's Presence:



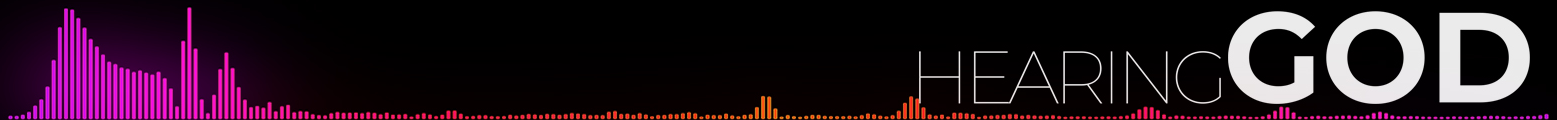
# Forms of God's Presence:

## 1. Simple Faith



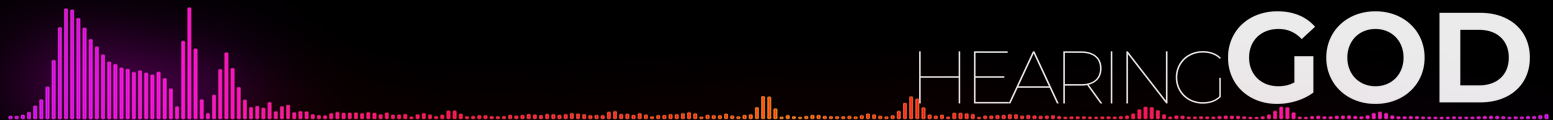
# Forms of God's Presence:

1. Simple Faith
2. Sensing God's Presence



## Forms of God's Presence:

1. Simple Faith
2. Sensing God's Presence
3. Displays of God's Supernatural Activity



## 1 Samuel 3:7

“Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.”



“I make it my business to persevere in his Holy presence wherein I keep myself by simple attention and a general fond regard to God, which I may call an ACTUAL PRESENCE of God; or to speak better, **a habitual, silent, and secret conversation of the soul with God**, which often causes me joys and raptures inwardly, and sometimes also outwardly, so great that I am forced to use means to moderate and prevent their appearance to others.”

-Brother Lawrence, *The Practice of the Presence of God*



“To stop now would be to omit what is most important in the ongoing relationship between human beings and God. It would rob the biblical idea of the *priesthood* and *royalty* of the believer of its substance. It would leave our interaction with God too close to the level of vague feelings, the Ouija board and even superstitious conjecture. How can we be friends of God if this is all there is to it? **Why, if God is personal, would he not also talk to us?** God is also with us in a **conversation relationship**: he speaks with us each individually as it is appropriate – which is only to be expected between persons who know one another, care about each other and are engaged in common enterprises.”

-Dallas Willard, *Hearing God*



## Forms of God's Presence:

1. Simple Faith
2. Sensing God's Presence
3. Displays of God's Supernatural Activity
4. Conversational Relationship





**God Wants to Talk with You!**



# James 1:5-8

<sup>5</sup> If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, **who gives generously to all without reproach**, and it will be given him. <sup>6</sup> But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup> For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; <sup>8</sup> he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.



1. *Silence & Solitude*
2. *Fixed Hour Prayer*
3. *Listening Prayer*
4. *Lectio Divina*
5. *Prayer Walks*
6. *The Learning Circle*



# Mark 1:14-15

<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, **“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”**

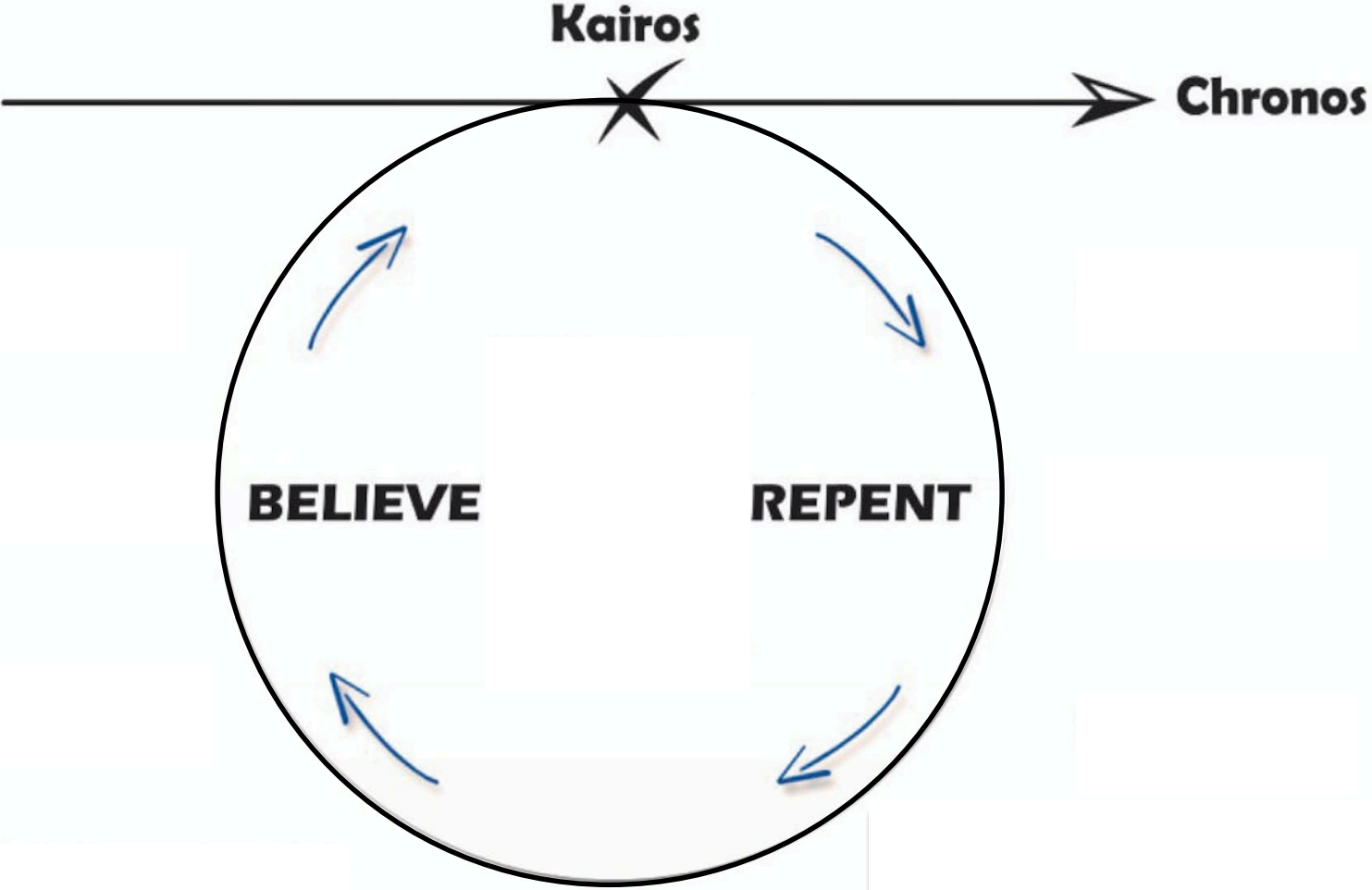


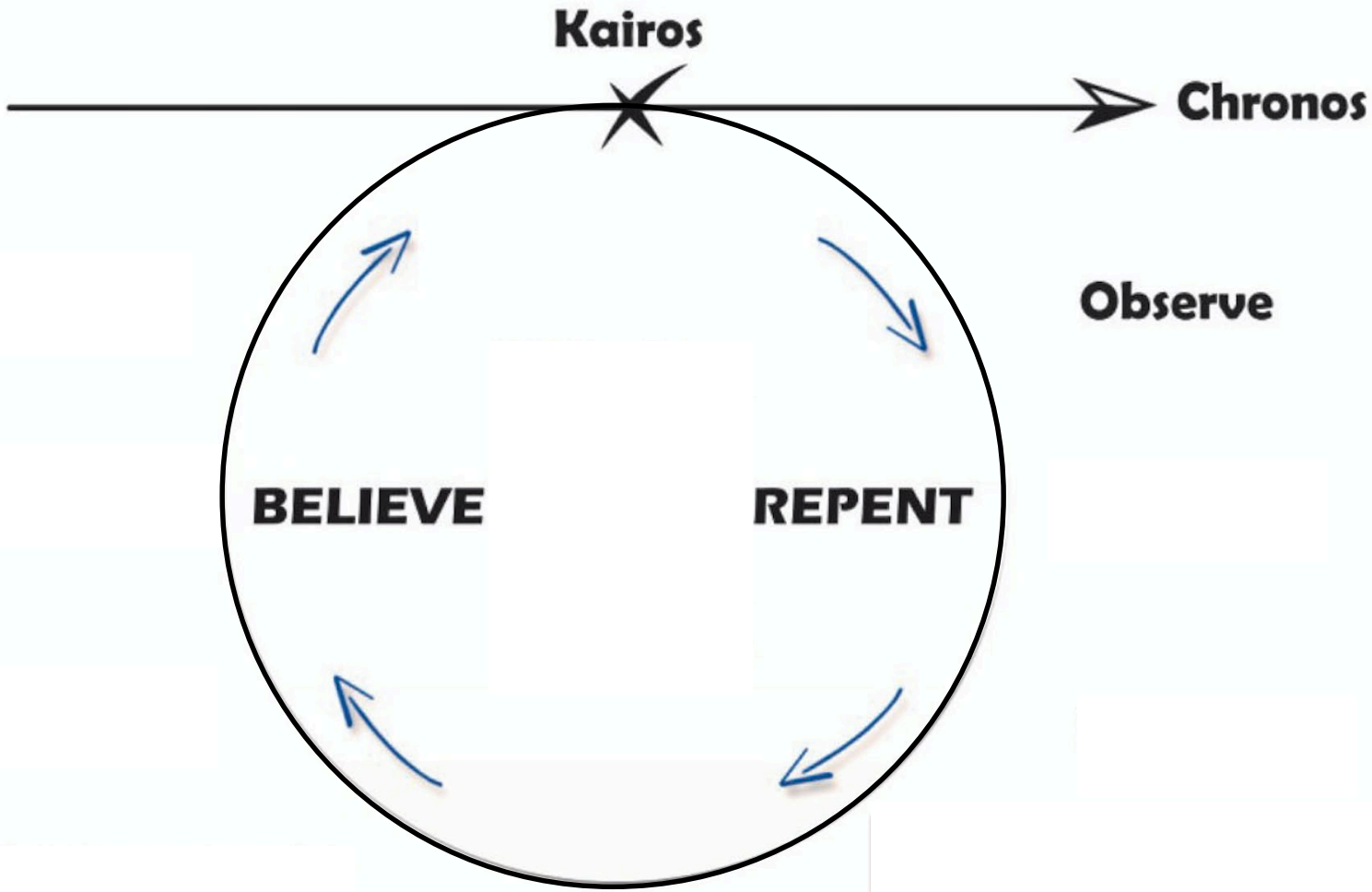
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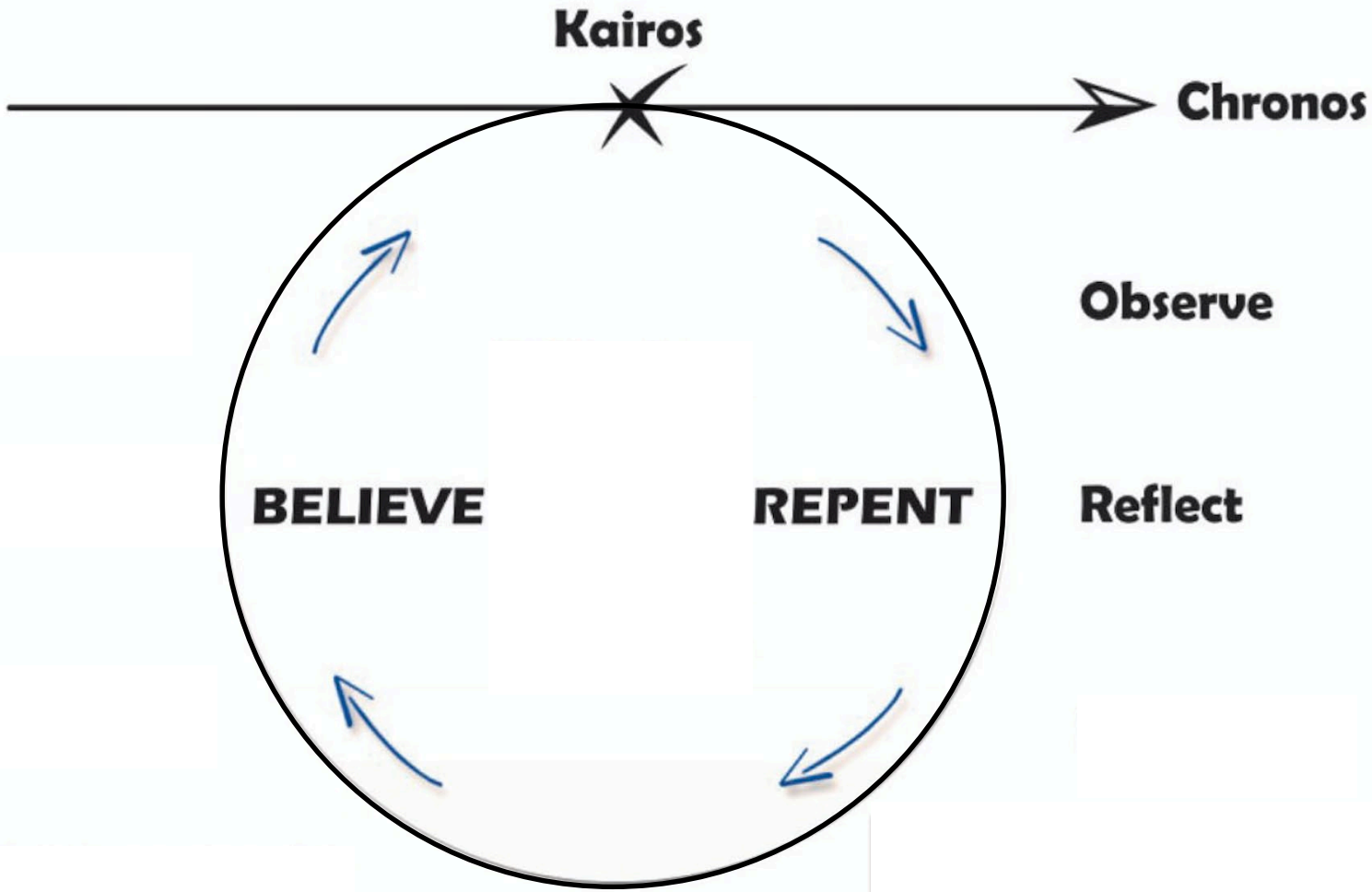


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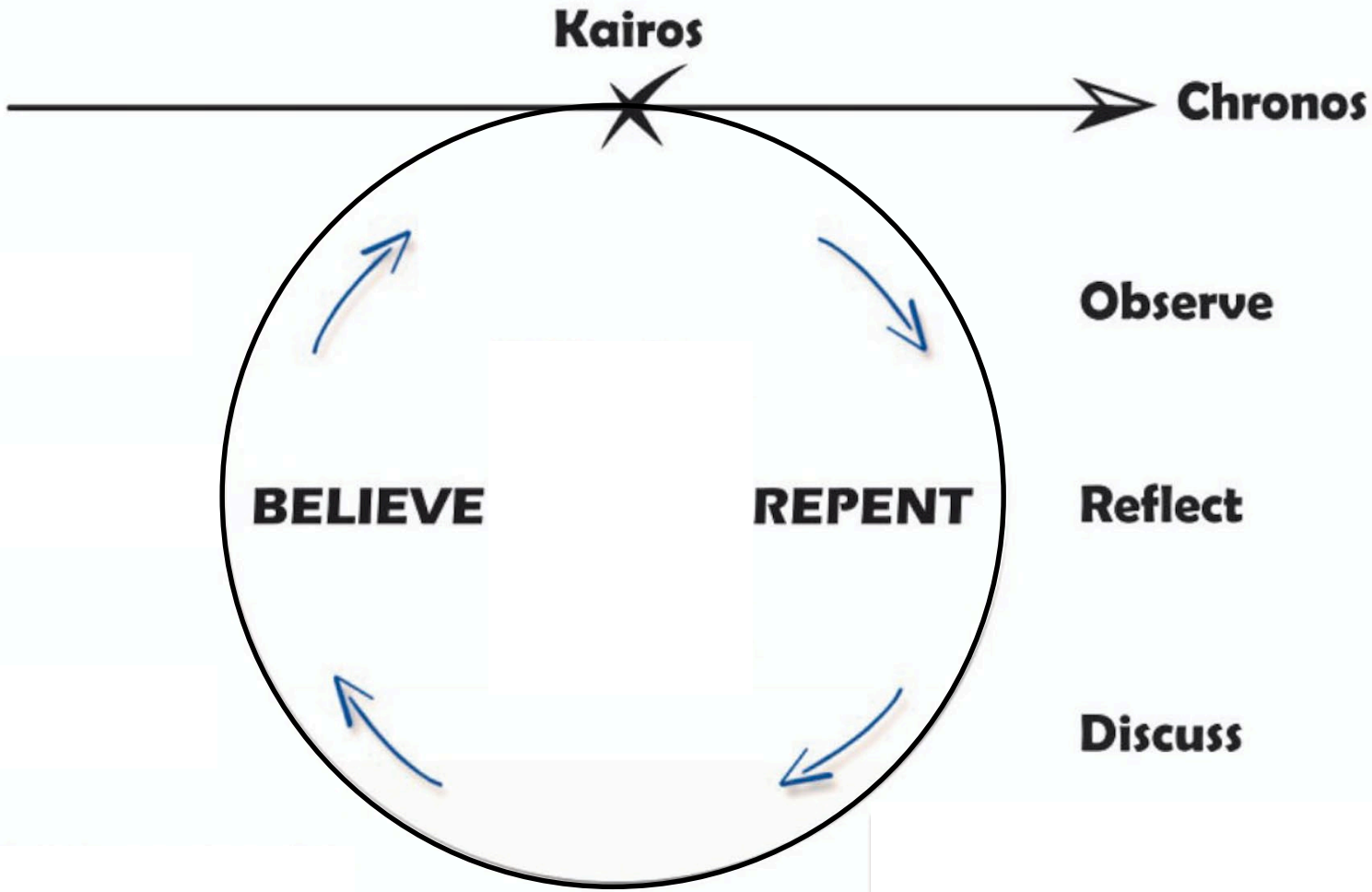
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**Reflect**



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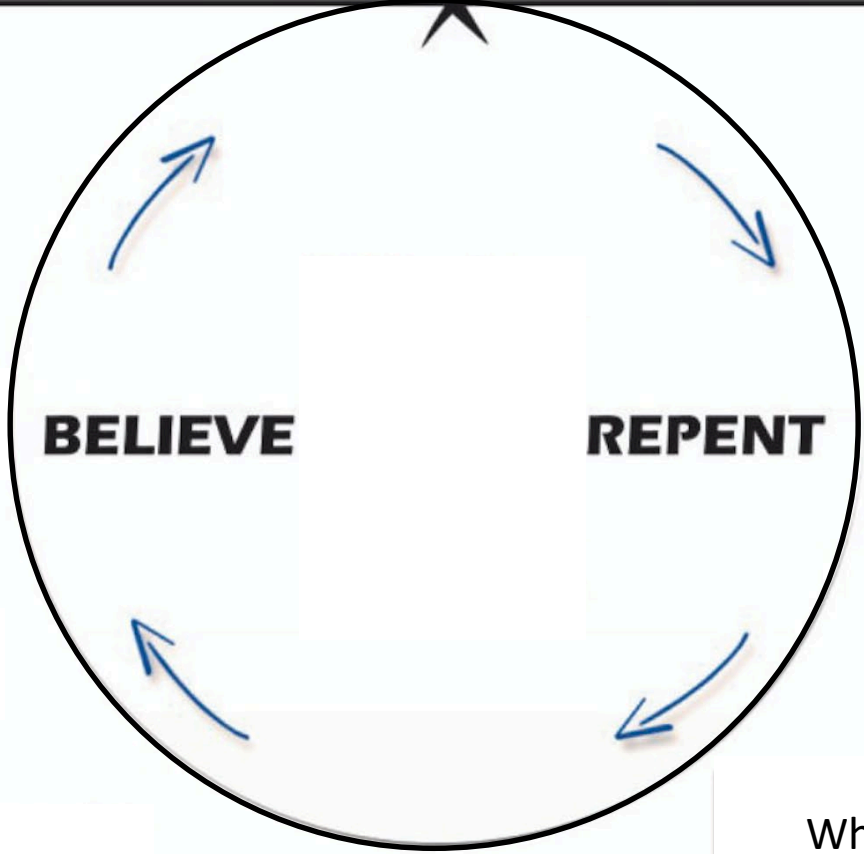
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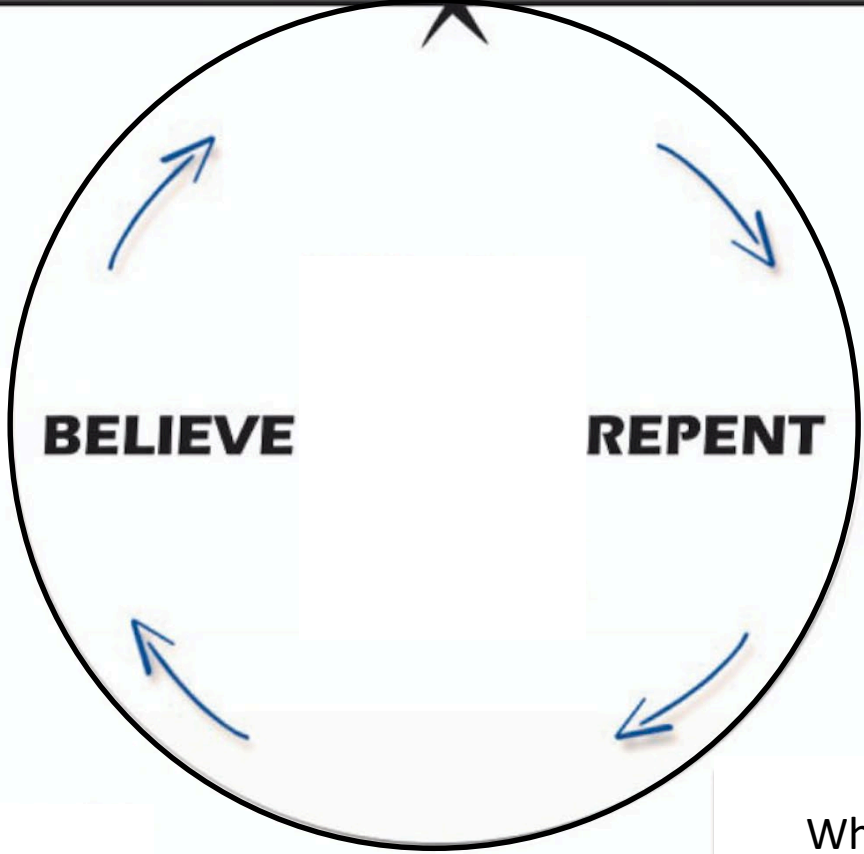


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**Reflect**

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What is God saying to me?



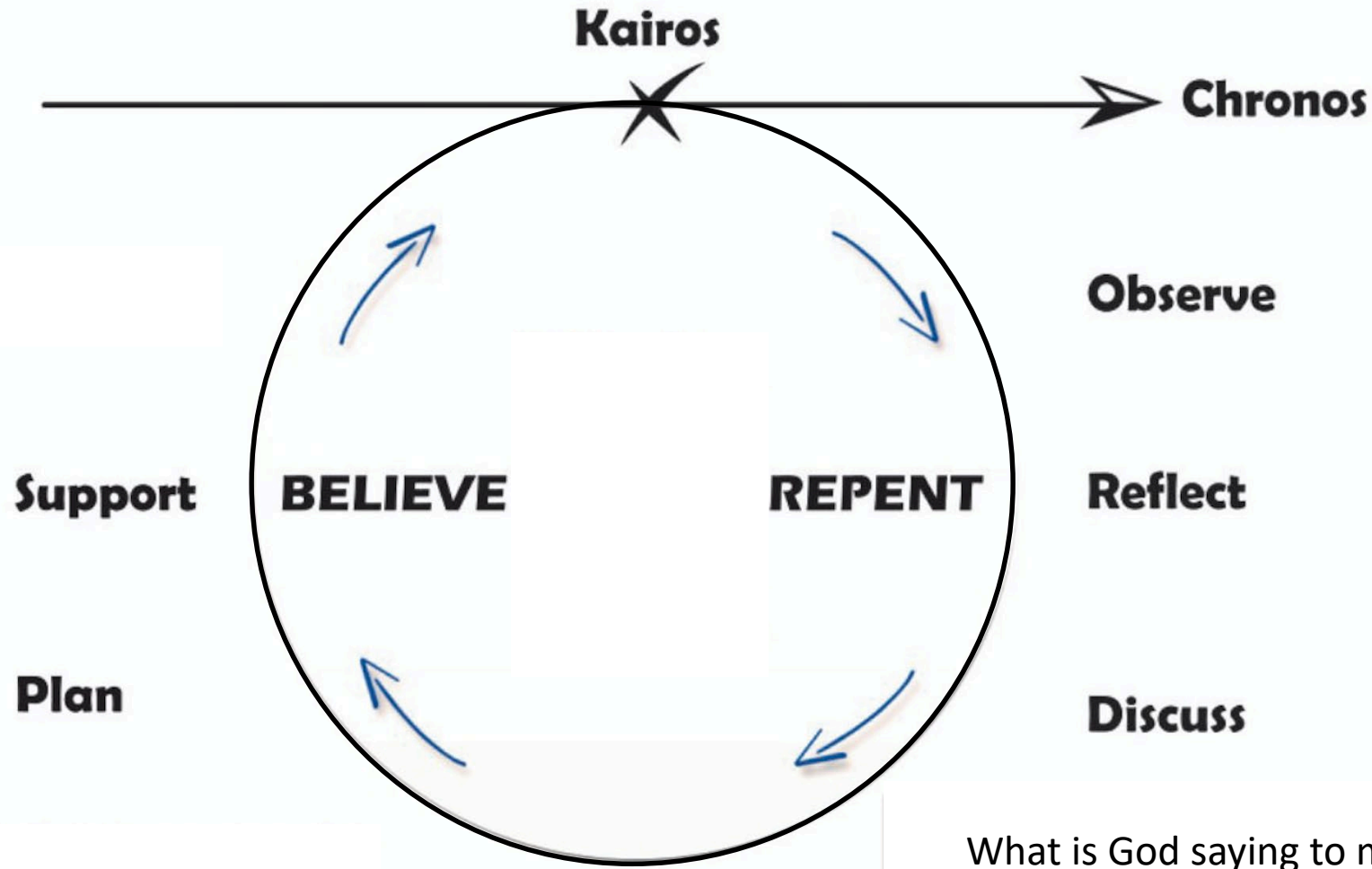
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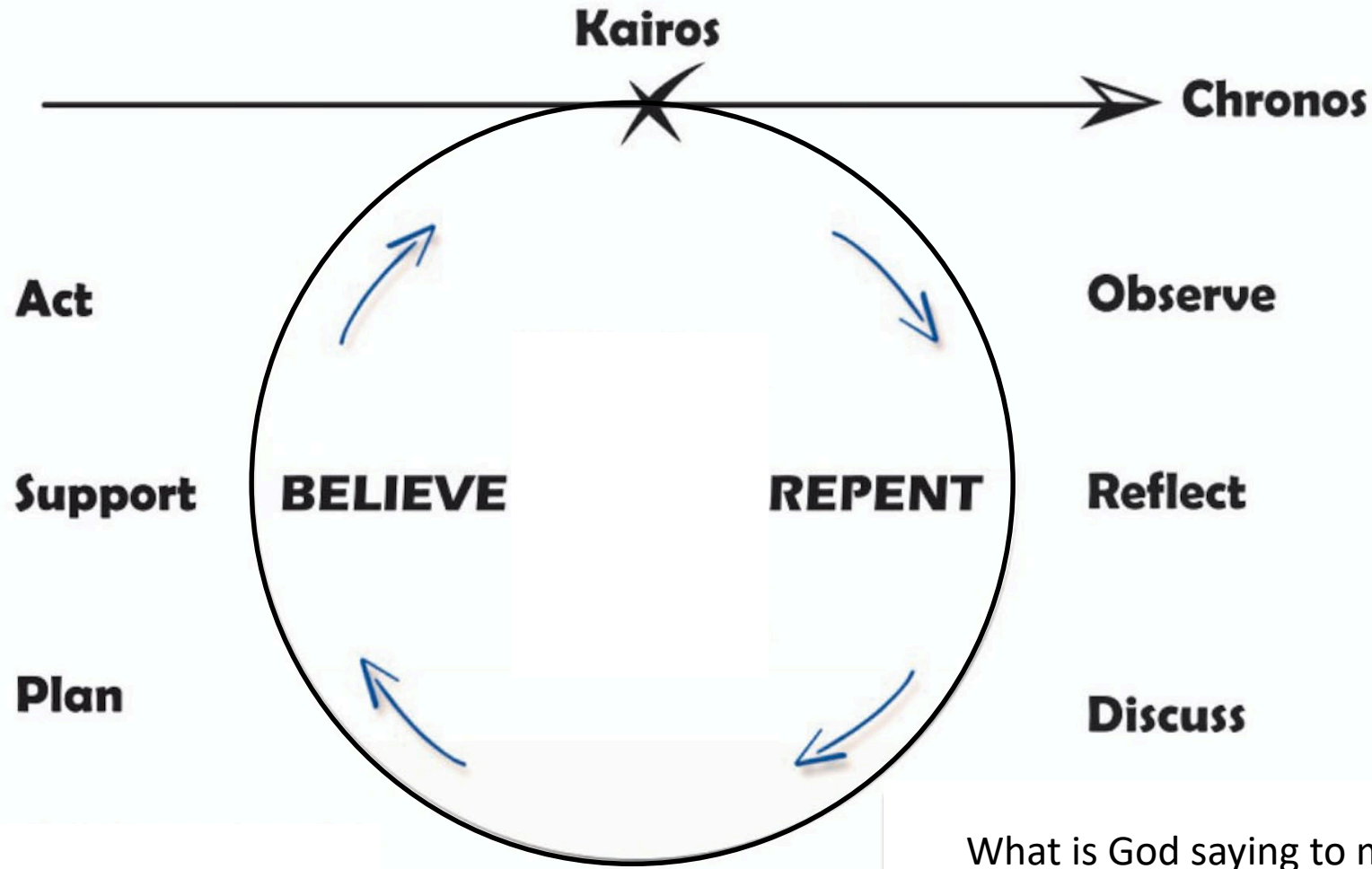
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What is God saying to me?



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**Act**

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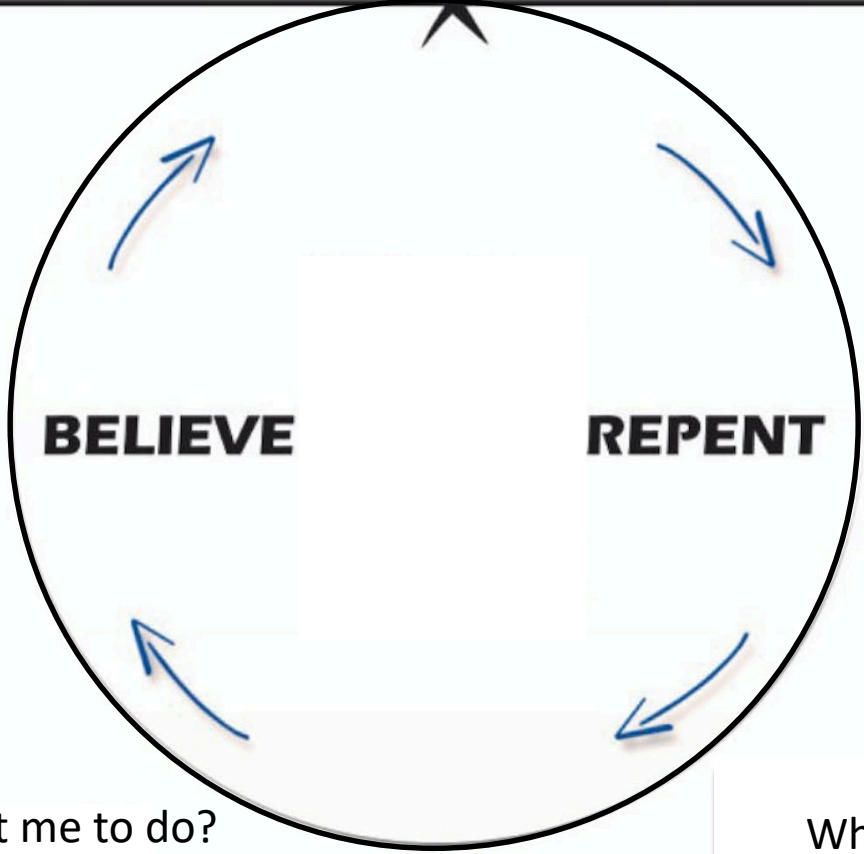
**Reflect**

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**Discuss**

What does God want me to do?

What is God saying to me?



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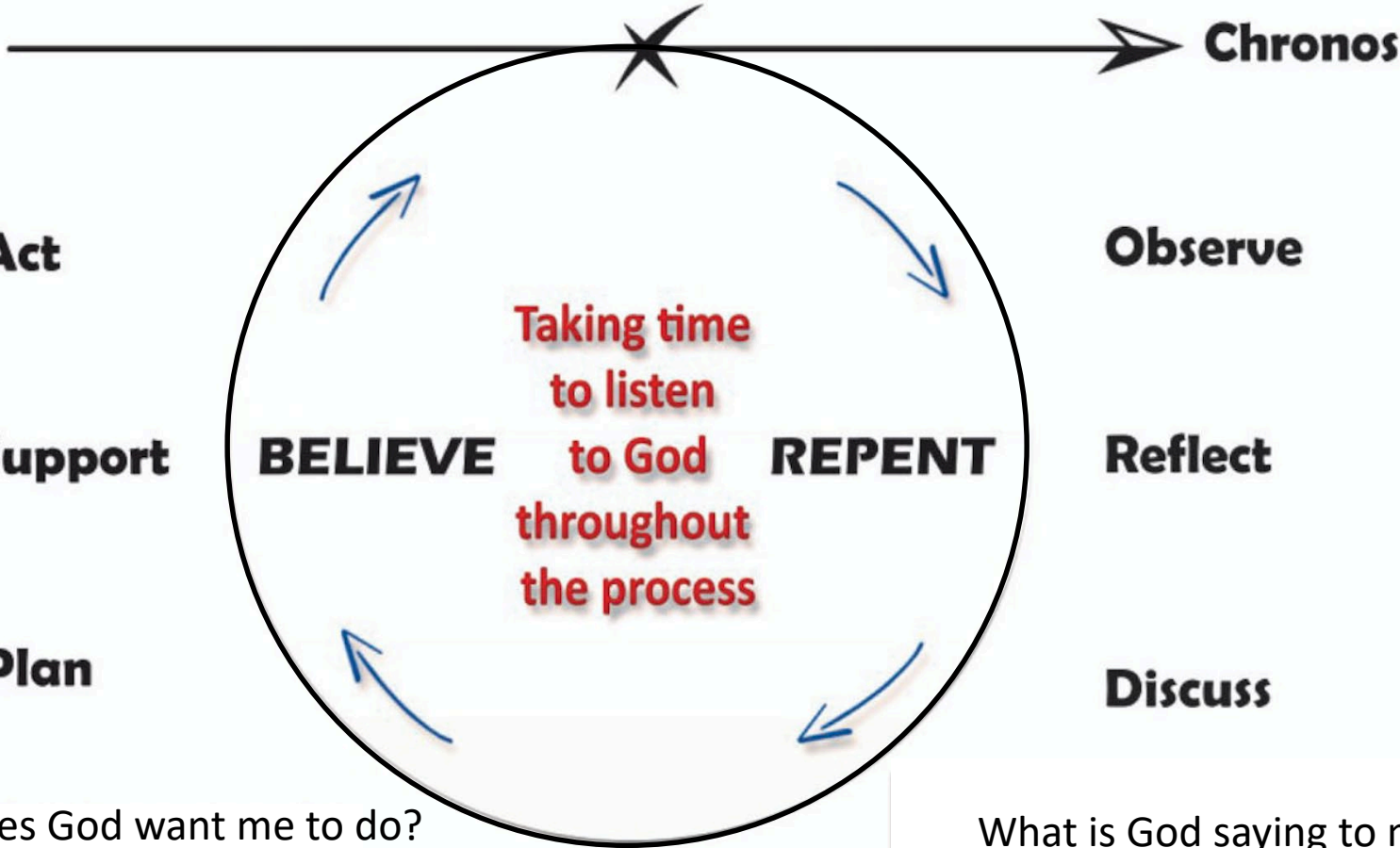
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**Taking time  
to listen  
to God  
throughout  
the process**

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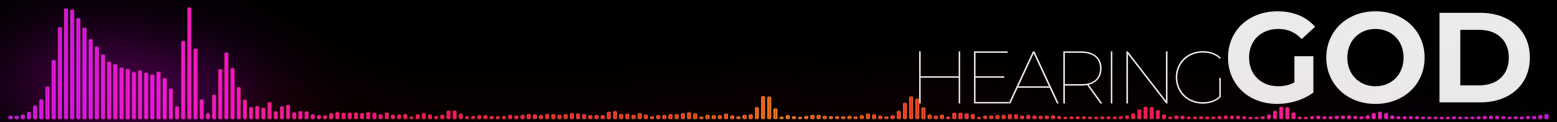
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“The key is to focus not so much on individual actions and decisions as on building our personal relationship with our Creator.”

-Dallas Willard, *Hearing God*



## “Silent in Love”

Francis Ridley Havergal

Love culminates in bliss when it doth reach  
A white, unflickering, fear-consuming glow;  
And, knowing it is known as it doth know,  
Needs no assuring word or soothing speech.  
It craves but silent nearness, so to rest,  
No sound, no movement, love not heard but felt,  
Longer and longer still, till time should melt,  
A snow-flake on the eternal ocean's breast.  
Have moments of this silence starred thy past,  
Made memory of a glory-haunted place,  
Taught all the joy that mortal ken can trace?  
By greater light 'tis but a shadow cast:  
So shall the Lord thy God rejoice o'er thee.  
And in His love will rest, and silent be.



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