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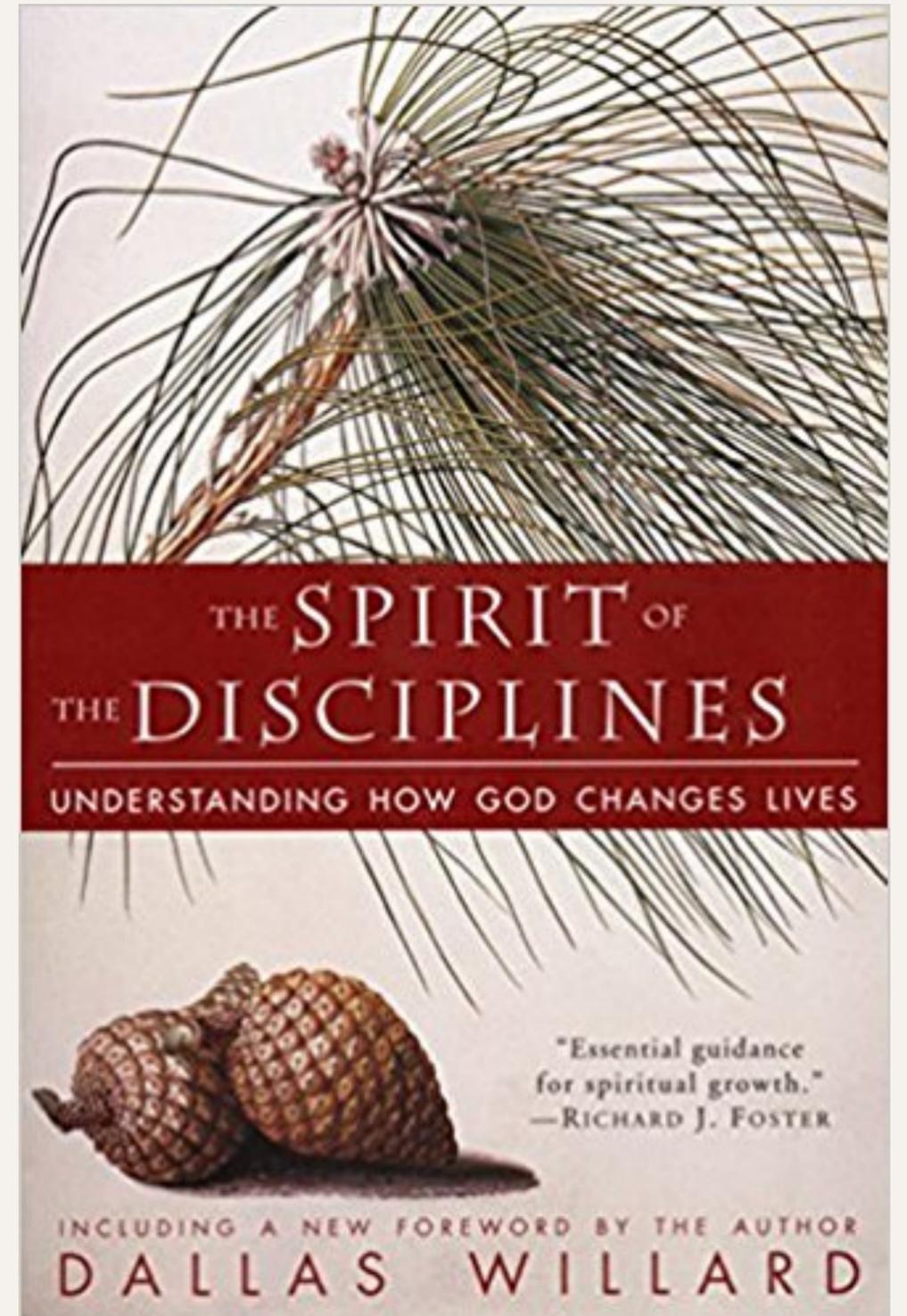
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Do what he did

The Spirit of the Disciplines

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Become Like Jesus

As disciples, our predestined purpose is to be conformed into the image of Jesus. That process takes participation and intentionality.

[28] And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. [29] For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. [30] And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Romans 8:28–30

[6] And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:6

endyō → to put on, sink into, clothe one's self

[14] But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Romans 13:14

[27] For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Galatians 3:27

*[24] put on the new self, created after the likeness of God
in true righteousness and holiness.*

Ephesians 4:24

[9] Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices [10] and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

Colossians 3:9–10

[3] His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, [4] by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

2 Peter 1:3–11

[5] For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, [6] and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, [7] and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. [8] For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:3–11

[9] For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. [10] Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. [11] For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:3–11

[18] And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:18

Growing into the likeness of Christ is not only the goal, but the expectation of the Christian Life.

[15] For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.

John 13:15

[1] Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

1 Corinthians 11:1

[6] whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

1 John 2:6

“[To have Faith in Christ] means, of course, trying to do all that He says. There would be no sense in saying you trusted a person if you would not take his advice. Thus if you have really handed yourself over to Him, it must follow that you are trying to obey Him.

– CS Lewis

But trying in a new way, a less worried way. Not doing these things in order to be saved, but because He has begun to save you already. Not hoping to get to Heaven as a reward for your actions, but inevitably wanting to act in a certain way because a first faint gleam of Heaven is already inside you.”

– CS Lewis

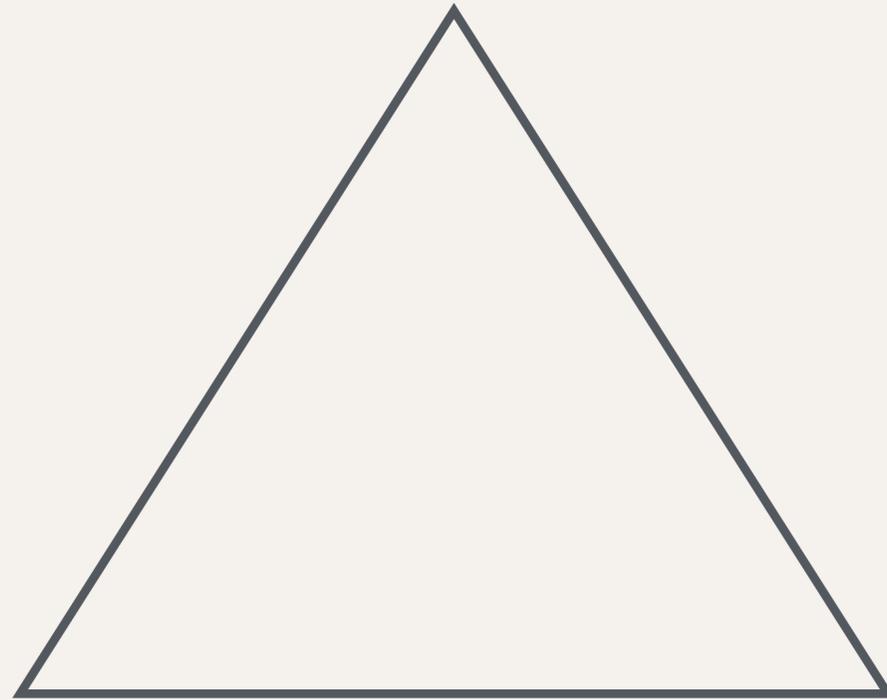
Transformation takes participation and intentionality.

How do we change to become like Jesus?

Who are you becoming?

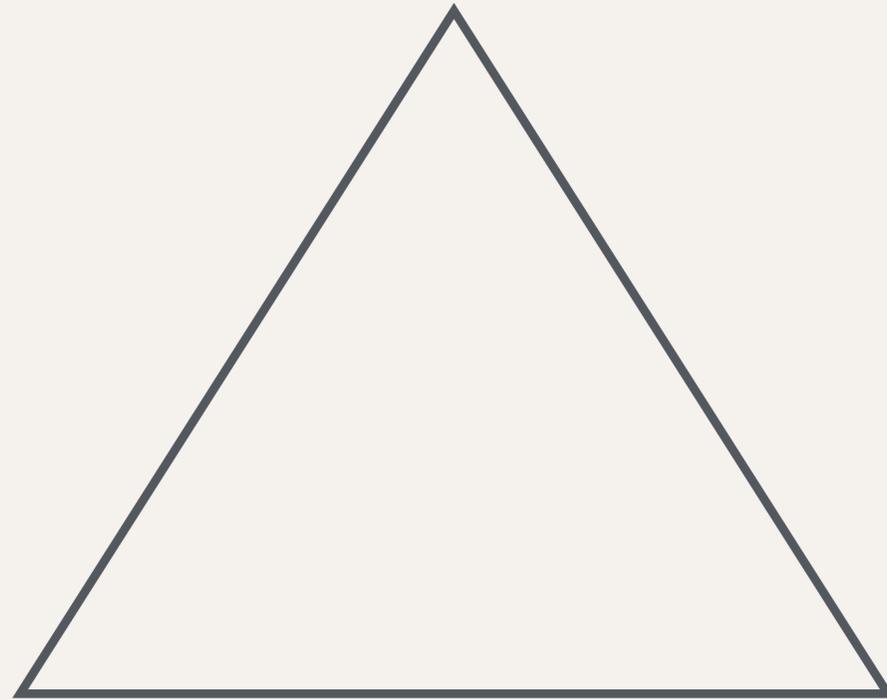
The invitation of the Scriptures is to choose to be shaped by the Holy Spirit into the character and image of Jesus.

Intentional Spiritual Formation



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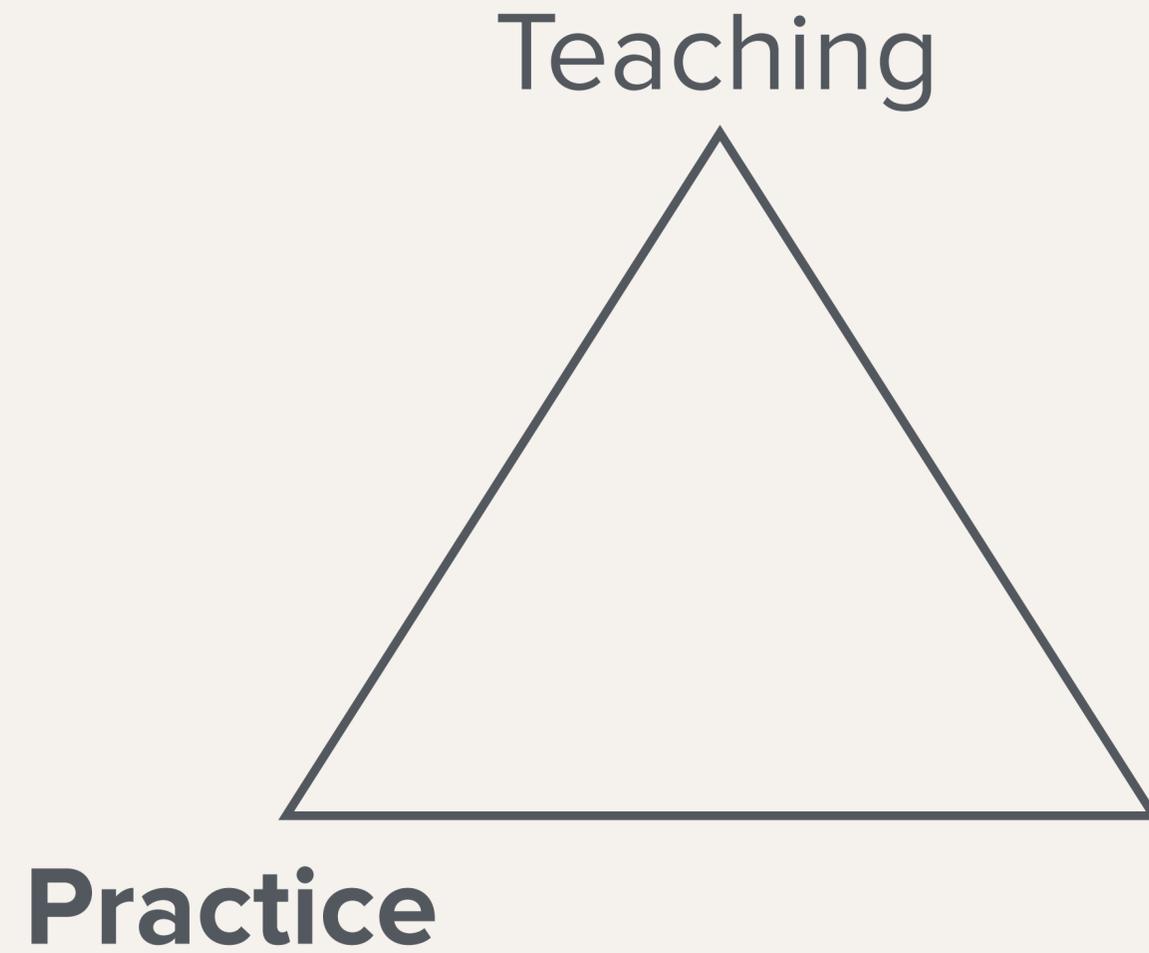
Teaching



[2] Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:2

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[46] “Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you? [47] Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like:

Luke 6:46–49

[48] he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. [49] But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.”

Luke 6:46–49

You can't learn karate by watching, and we can't learn to follow Jesus without practicing to do what he did and taught. Jesus didn't just communicate information or ideas, but declared, “I am the way” and invited his disciples into a new life that was fueled and inspired by his example, teaching, and sacrifice.

– Mark Scandrette

Prayer

Silence & Solitude

Bible Reading/Meditation

Sabbath

Fasting

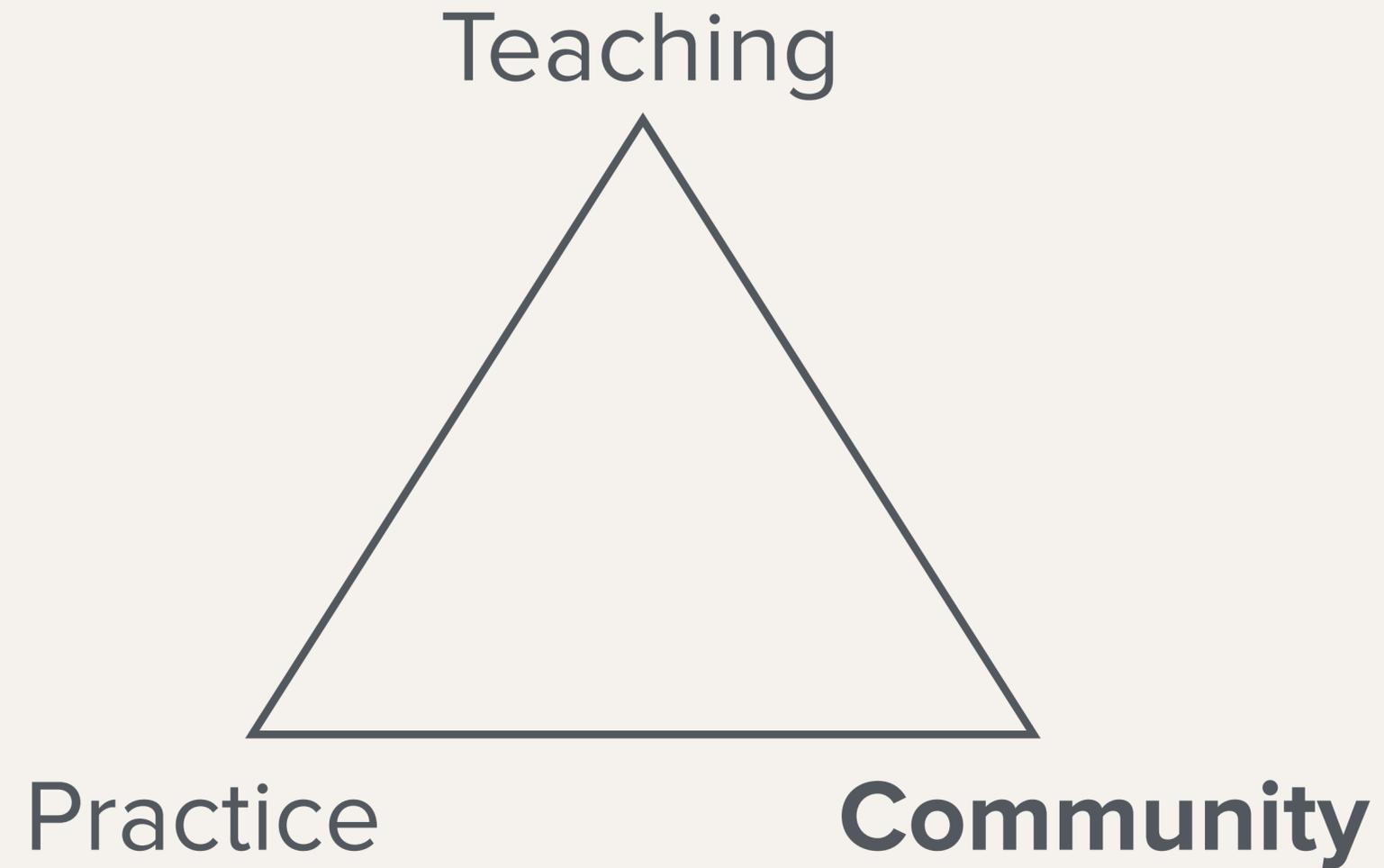
Confession & Repentance

Simplicity

Forgive & be forgiven

Community

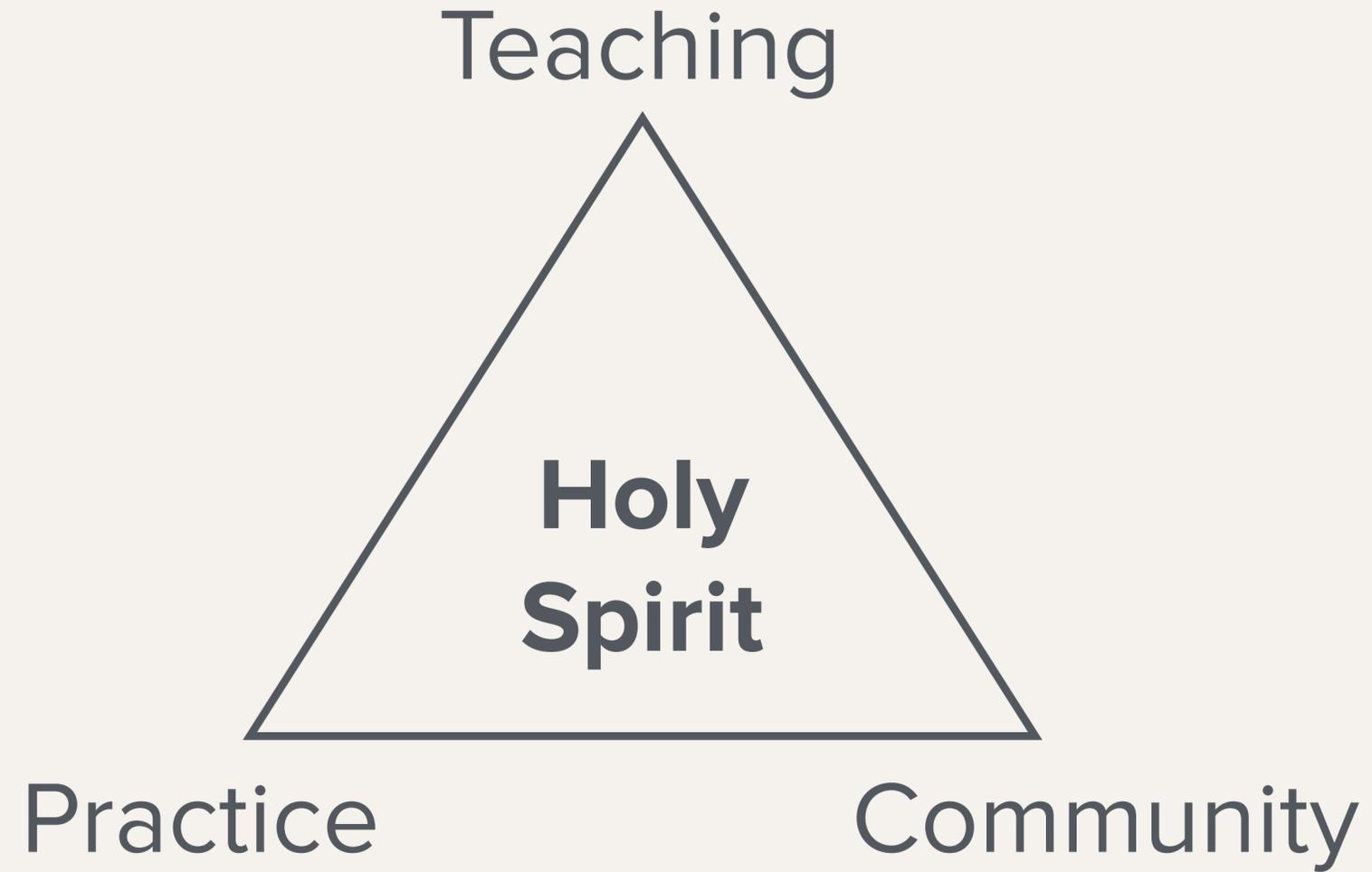
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[24] And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, [25] not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:24–25

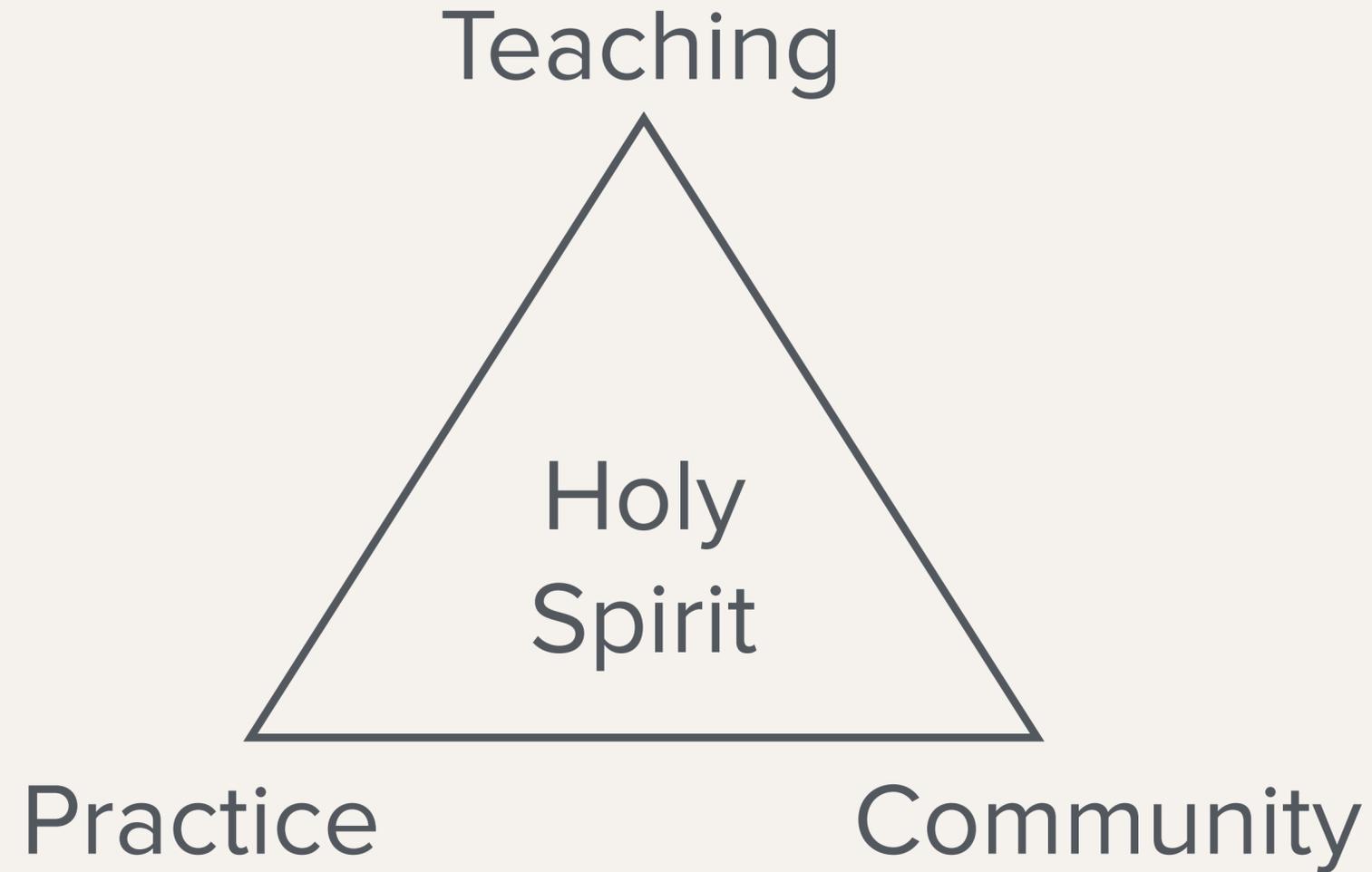
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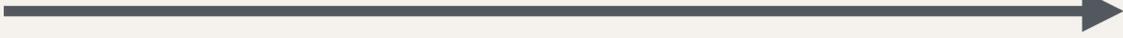


[5] I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:5

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Over Time  Through Trials

[2] Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, [3] for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. [4] And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

James 1:2–4

[29] For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

Romans 8:29

Transformation is possible, but not inevitable.

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