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Spiritual Formation
in Community

Welcome!

The Kingdom

“My goal is to wake up in the Kingdom of God every morning, and to live each day fully alive in that Kingdom, regardless of my geographical location in the world.”

An underwater photograph showing a diver in silhouette against a blue background. The diver is positioned centrally, with their arms and legs spread out. The water is clear, and there are some coral-like structures visible in the foreground and background.

Check-In

*My Emotional Weather
and Work of the Spirit Report*

My Emotional Weather

Stormy

Cloudy

Calm

Sunny

The Spirit's Work

In me,

Around me,

Through me

An underwater scene with a diver in the background, silhouetted against a bright blue light source. The diver is wearing a mask and fins, and is positioned in the upper right quadrant of the frame. The water is clear and blue, with some light rays visible.

My Beloved Charter

What God's Word says about
how God feels about
and sees me

My Identity

“Jesus needed, not once, but again and again at each stage of his mission and each crisis in his living and dying, a freshly confirmed knowledge of his own identity.”

“I exist because God loves me already. I am a child of divine love.”

Remembering Exercises - REVIEW

Kingdom Memory

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Remembering The Sacred

- Memories where God felt close; a sacred sense of awe, wonder, power, beauty
- Create a list of up to ten and write how you felt about each one
- Celebrate what God was giving you

Remembering The Suffering

- Memories where you felt great pain or loss - suffering
- Create a list of up to ten and connect each with the suffering of Christ in his Passion week and crucifixion
- Write about any grace and love you felt from God in those sufferings

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Remembering The Serving

- Memories where you found yourself to be a bearer of God's love or presence; how you have seen God using you in the Kingdom to make someone's life better
- Create a list of up to ten and celebrate God calling you, gifting you, and empowering you
 - How did you know you needed to do this thing?
 - What gifting has God given you that you used?
 - In what way if any did you feel his power to start or follow through?
 - What was the person's response?

Remembering The Spirit's Work

- His Work
 - Journal at the end of each day what you saw God do In you, around you, or through you
- My Work
 - Also journal Gratitude, Moods, Confession, Preparation for tomorrow

An underwater scene with a diver in the background and coral in the foreground. The water is a deep blue color. The diver is wearing a mask and fins, and is positioned in the upper right quadrant of the image. The coral is dark and branching, extending from the bottom left towards the center.

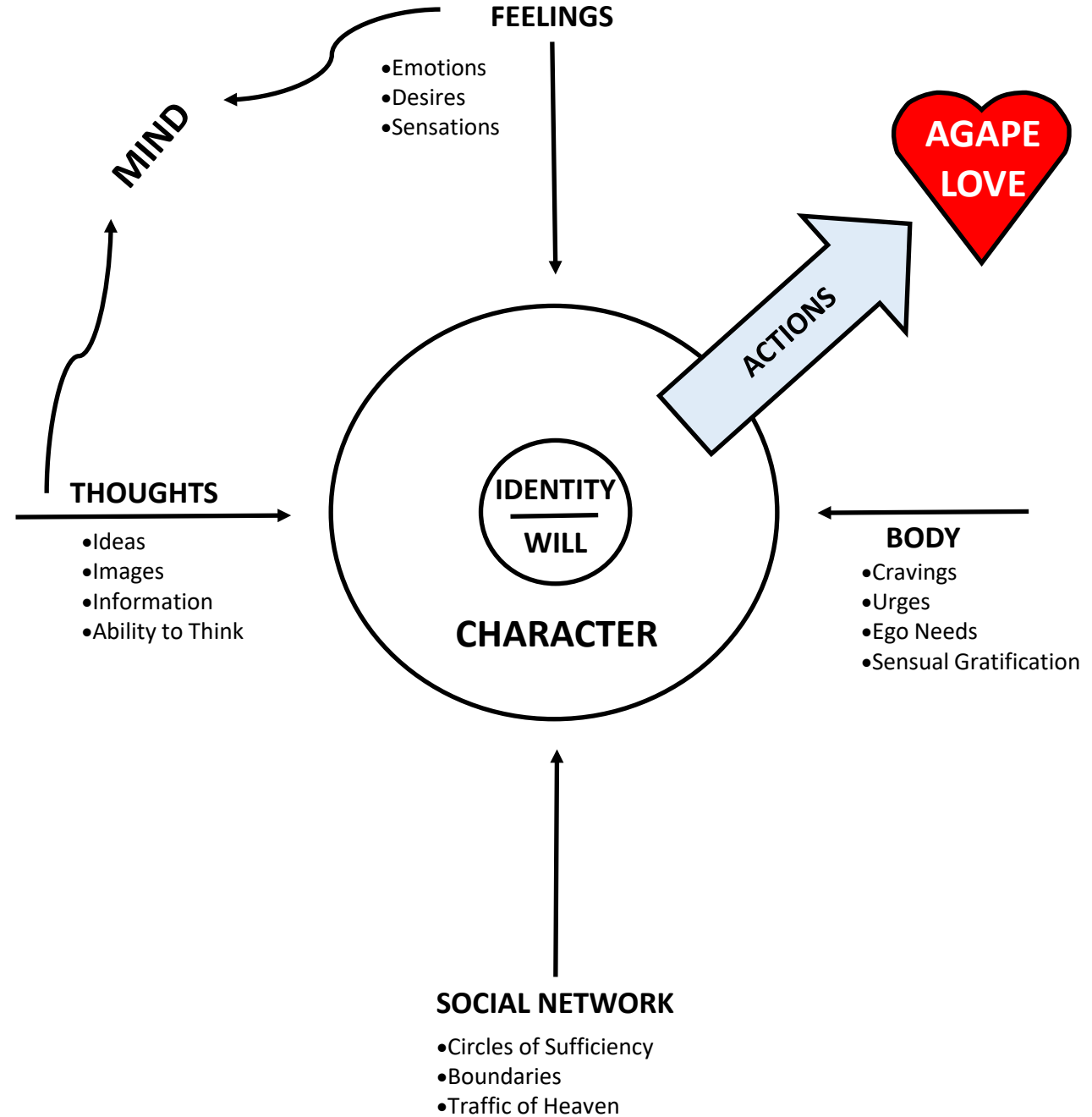
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**IN WHAT WAYS IS
SPIRITUAL FORMATION
CHANGING YOU AND
YOUR LIFE?**

Spiritual Formation

“The Spirit-driven process of forming my inner being so that it becomes like the inner being of Christ himself.”

Spiritual Formation *in the Kingdom of God*



Spiritual Disciplines

Bible Study, Journaling, Prayer

Ask yourself two questions:

- What is this passage saying about the Kingdom and living in it?
 - What is this passage saying about my character and a decision or choice that I am being asked to make?

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Waking up in the Kingdom...

The Life You Get to Live

Meaning | Purpose | Peace | Guilt-Free Living | Comfort in Pain | Abundance
| Circle of Four

The Person You Become

Christ-Like Character | Quality Relationships | Stability | Contentment
| Sage Reputation

Your Life in the Millennial Kingdom

Reigning with Christ | Creative Energy | Productive Activity | Only Agape Love

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Homework

Preparing for Christmas

Matthew 1:18 – 2:23

Luke 1:26 – 2:40

John 1:1-14

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See you next week!

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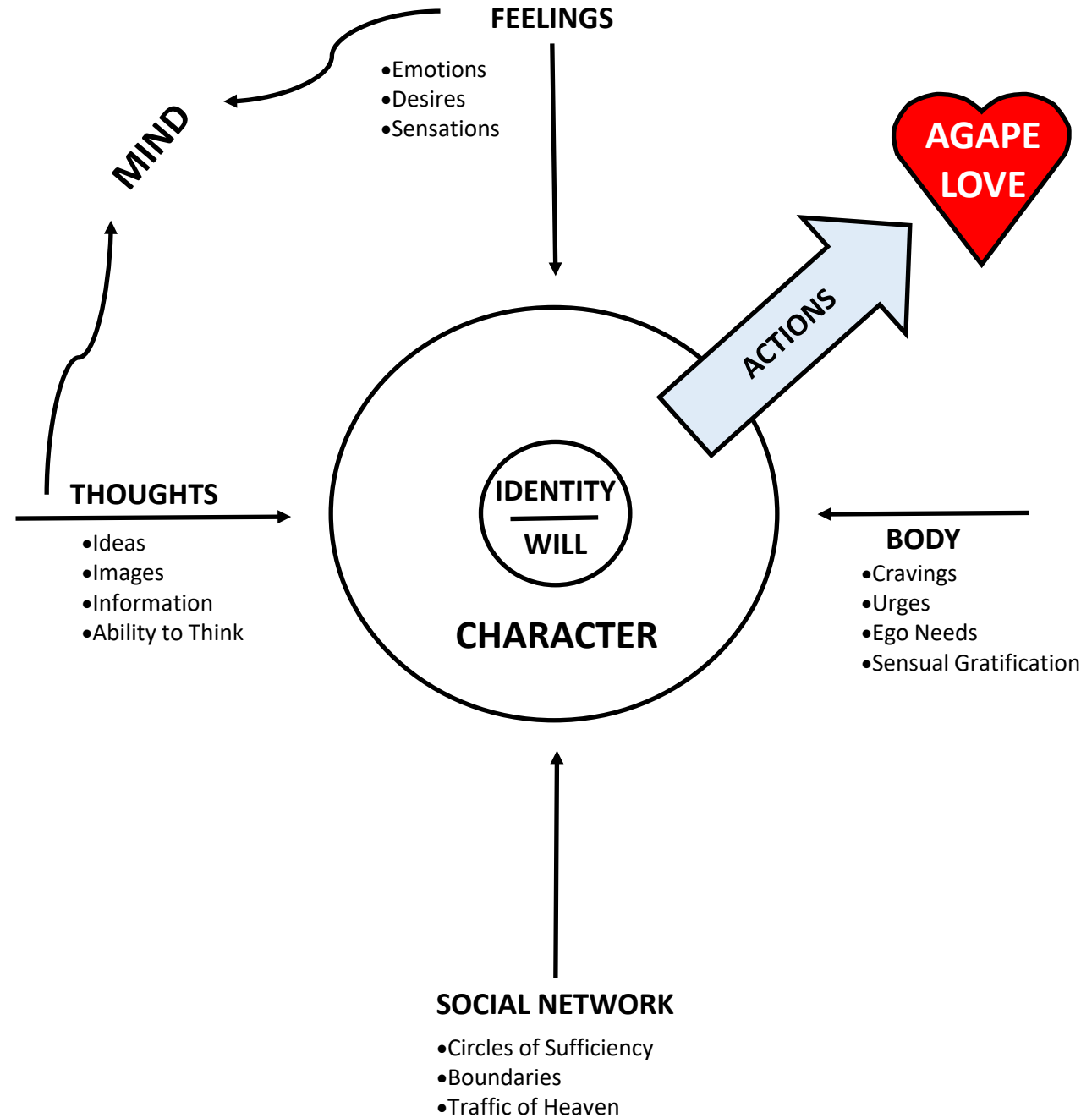
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Invite Others

Who do you know that needs to know God
in a deeper and more real way?

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*Say I Won't,
Mercy Me*

Today, it all begins - I'm seeing my life for the very first time - Through a different lens
Yesterday - I didn't understand - Driving 35 with a rocket inside - Didn't know what I had
While I've been waiting to live - My life's been waiting on me
I'm gonna run - No, I'm gonna fly
I'm gonna know what it means to live and not just be alive
The world's gonna hear 'cause I'm gonna shout
And I will be dancing when circumstances drown the music out

Say I won't - Not enough - Is what I've been told - But it must be a lie
'Cause the Spirit inside says I'm so much more - So let them say what they want
Oh I dare them to try - I'm gonna run - No, I'm gonna fly
I'm gonna know what it means to live and not just be alive
The world's gonna hear 'cause I'm gonna shout
And I will be dancing when circumstances drown the music out
Say I won't (X4)

I can do all things - Through Christ who gives me strength - So keep on saying I won't
And I'll keep proving you wrong - I'm gonna run - No, I'm gonna fly
I'm gonna know what it means to live and not just be alive
This world's gonna hear, whoa, 'cause I'm gonna shout
And I will be dancing when circumstances drown the music out

Say I won't (X5)

Reading the Bible

*Big Idea of the
Week*

Book or Topic

Commentary

Insert Yourself

Imagination

Use Your Senses

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Learn by Reflecting

Share a story of any time in your life
you were loved with agape love.

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1 John 4:7-21

What is the difference between agape and other types of love?

John 13:34-35

Where have you seen agape love in you, around you, and through you this week?

Big Idea of the Week

Agape LOVE!



Disciple

Follower

Apprentice

Father

“Wise King, loving, merciful, giver of blessings”

Jesus the Christ

“Model, sacrifice, friend, way, truth, life”

Spirit

*“Guarantee, comforter, teacher/interpreter,
counselor, guide, power”*

**Circle
of Four**

**Spiritual
Disciplines**