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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.”

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Check-In

Work of the Spirit Report

The Spirit's Work

In me,
Around me,
Through me

Jesus and the Law

Matthew 5:17-20

Jesus did not come to abolish the law & prophets but to fulfill them.

Your righteousness must surpass that of the pharisees & teachers of the law, or you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

- Scribes & pharisees focused on the **outward** appearance
 - **Rethink** the way you think about being right with God
 - Focus on becoming the **kind of person** on the **inside** who would be at home in the kingdom of heaven
 - **Christlike character vs External obedience**

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Renewing the Mind

Romans 12:1-2

Therefore, I urge you brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship.

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good pleasing and perfect will.

Philippians 2:5

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.

- How is a person transformed?
- How is a mind renewed?

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Attitudes and the Mind

External action (obedience)

VS

Internal attitude (character)

Attitudes precede actions and are made up of:

- Beliefs
- Emotional reactions
- Behavioral tendencies

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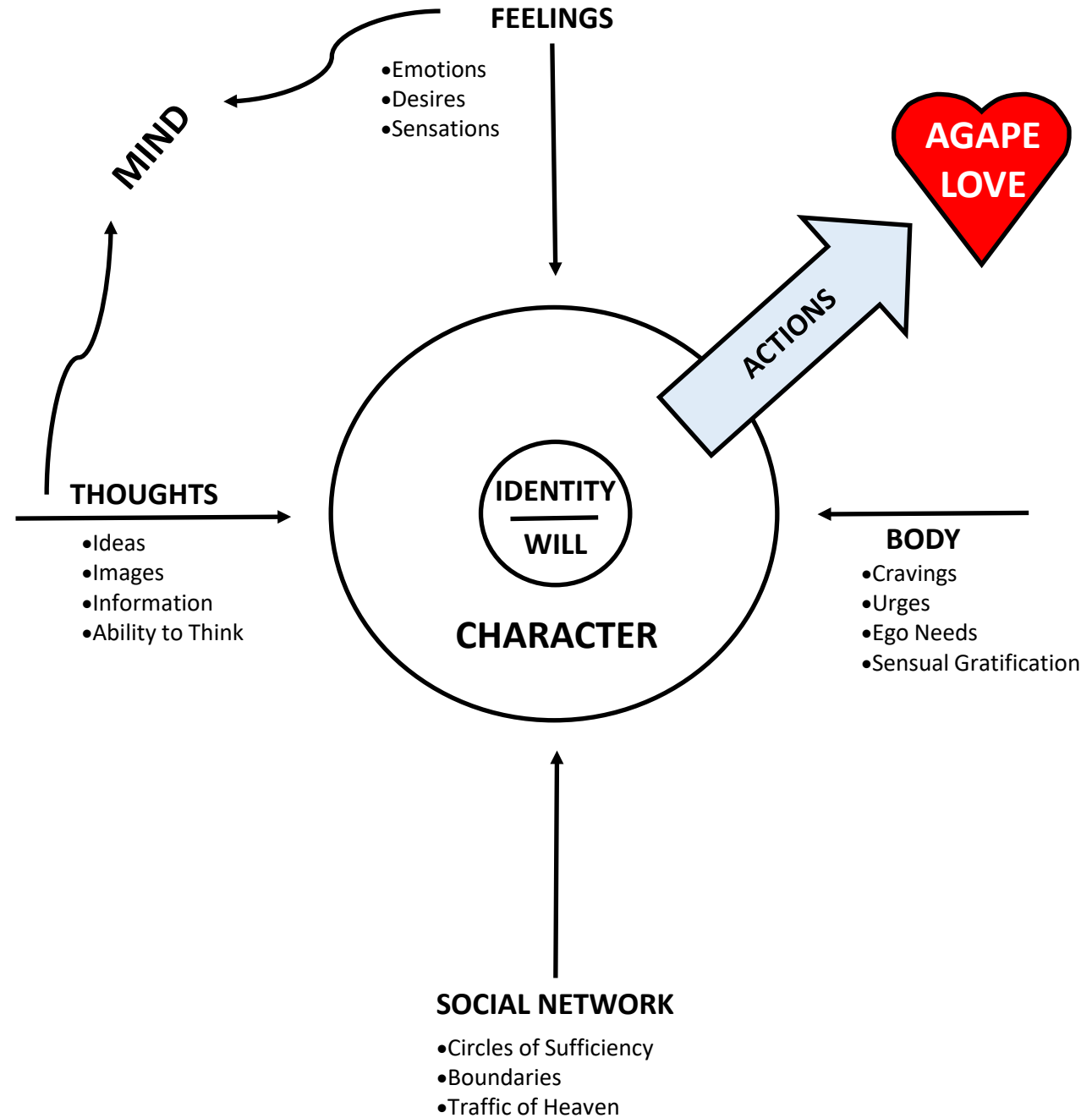
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Character Trait Study

Humility

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Homework

Character Trait Study

- Read Galatians 5:22-23
- Choose a character trait from the fruit of the Spirit
 - Complete a Character Trait Study

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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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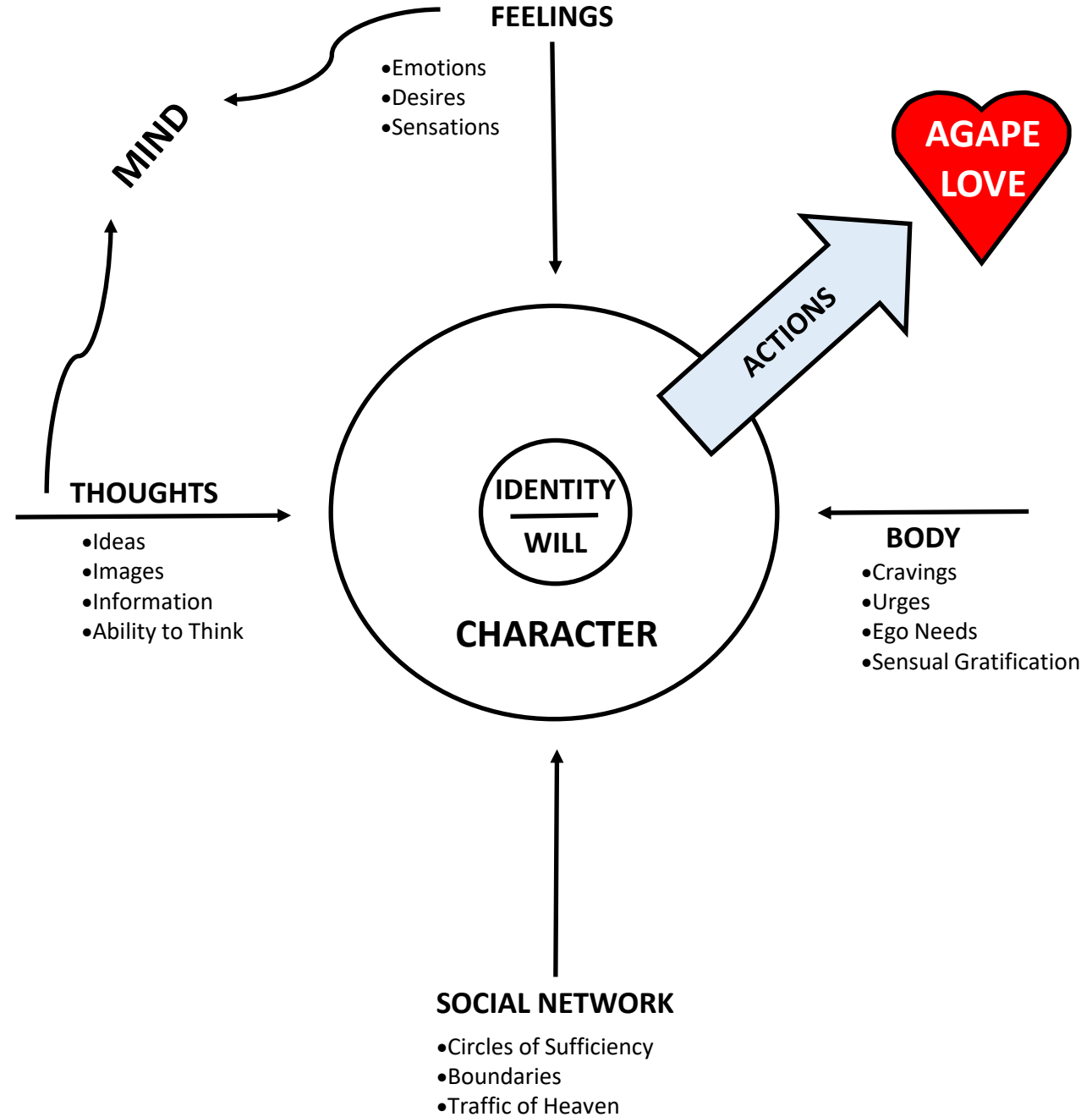
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See you next week!

Spiritual Formation

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

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The Entire Human Self

The Whole Picture

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