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Deeper Dive

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 several divers in silhouette against a bright blue background. The divers are in various poses, some appearing to be in motion or interacting. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and deep shadows.

Stories

Our Deeper Dive Experience

The Spirit's Work

In me,
Around me,
Through me

Understanding What's Happened to You

This is what the Kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain – first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest is come. (Mark 4:26-29)

**The
Parable
of the
Growing
Seed**



The Seed is a Power to Organize Reality

*- a biological
response to
environmental
cues in the soil*

The Mighty Seed

A seed is a power to organize reality.

- It breaks open and uses dirt, water, and the enzymes in the seed itself to organize it all into a new reality
- A new reality is created
- And it does this all by itself

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The Mighty Word

The Word is a seed with the power to organize reality.

- The Word is the **person** of God, and the **spoken** and **written** Word of God
- Where the seed of the Word settles, **a new reality can be created**
- The **creative power** is in the **Word**
- We **nurture the soil** where the seed is planted

The Word
Organizing
Spiritual
Reality

The Parable of the Soils

Matthew
13:3-23

The **Seed** is being **scattered** & **settling** into the **soil**

The **Word** is the **creative** and **transforming power**

The **condition of the soil** is our **primary concern**

- **No soil** – *no understanding*
- **Shallow soil** – *no lasting growth*
- **Crowded soil** – *not a priority*
- **Healthy soil**
 - *Enough soil for roots to grow*
 - *Fertilized, watered and weed-free*
 - *Hearing & Understanding*

A Garden of Spiritual Formation

Forgiveness of Sins – Salvation!

through the substitutionary death and resurrection of Christ

Transformation into Christlike Character

becoming a Kingdom person on the inside

A Significant Degree of Power over Evil

in your life and in your community of faith

**Growing
Spiritual
Reality**

The background of the slide is a light blue gradient with faint, semi-transparent silhouettes of several divers underwater. One diver is upside down at the top, while others are in various swimming or diving poses. The overall aesthetic is clean and aquatic.

Homework

Create a summer growth plan for your garden.

**Big Idea
Of the
Week:**

**Growing your
Garden**

Engagement

Reading the Bible

Journaling

Prayer

Scripture Memory

Service

Fellowship

Evangelism

Check-In

Spiritual Disciplines

Abstinence

Sabbath

Solitude

Silence

Fasting

Simplicity

Chastity

Secrecy

Sacrifice

A Day in the Kingdom

Wake up in the Kingdom
Breathe Kingdom Air (*love*)
Burn Kingdom Fuel (*grace*)
Build Kingdom Character
Do Kingdom Work

Deeper
Dive

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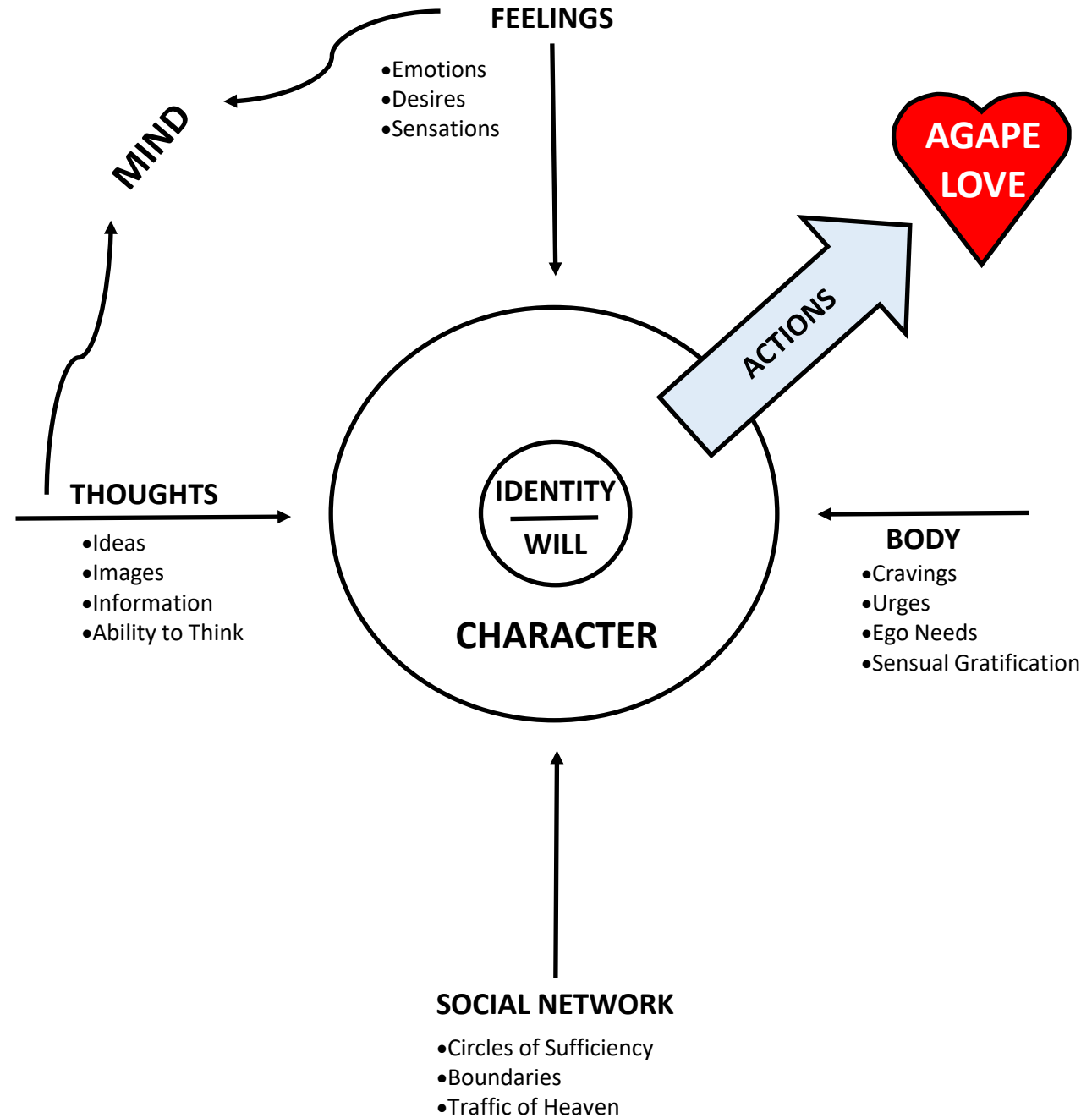
Spiritual Formation
in Community

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.”

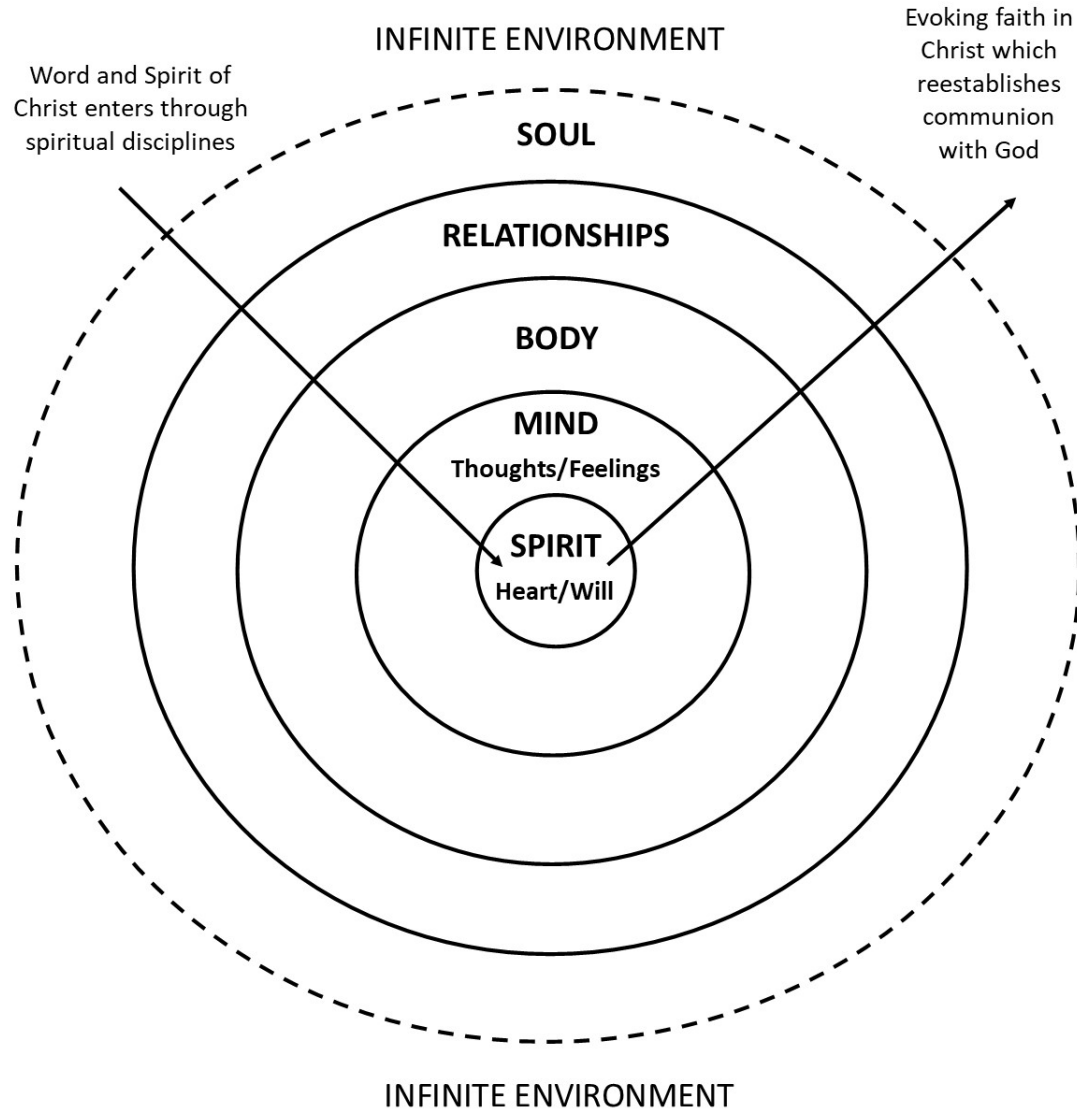
Spiritual Formation *in the Kingdom of God*



The Entire Human Self

The Whole Picture

Spiritual
Formation
*in the
Kingdom
of God*



Spiritual Formation *in the Kingdom of God*

