



Welcome to Spiritual Formation in Community

*“Learning to live my life the way
Jesus would live my life if he were me.”*

Check-In



*What's your
emotional weather
right now?*

Review

What did you
hear from
Darin & Jackie?

Did you do
anything different
in your week?

Have you heard
anything from God?

An underwater photograph of a diver swimming through clear blue water. The diver is wearing a mask and fins, and is positioned in the upper right quadrant of the frame. The background is filled with large, dark, branching coral structures that create a complex, organic pattern against the light blue water. The overall mood is serene and mysterious.

Review: Discerning the Voice of God



Spiritual Formation

The Beginning of a Relationship

A relationship with God is begun when we say yes to his call. We realize his perfection and our imperfection, and we accept Jesus' death and resurrection as payment for our sin debt, and by grace through faith join the Kingdom.

(Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 9:9-13; Romans 10:9-10; Ephesians 2:8-9)

Discipleship – being a Student of Jesus

The call of Jesus is to follow him, the result of which is to listen to everything he says and put it into practice. Things he told us to do as well as things he did while on earth.

(Matthew 7:13-27 – No Barcode Christianity)

Christian – “little Christ”

As he writes his Word on our heart, we from the inside begin to look more and more like him. We are not simply doing things he would do, but we are becoming on the inside the kind of person who would do what he would do if he were we.

(Matthew 5:21-48)



Table Group Discussion Lightning Round

When did you first begin your relationship with God?

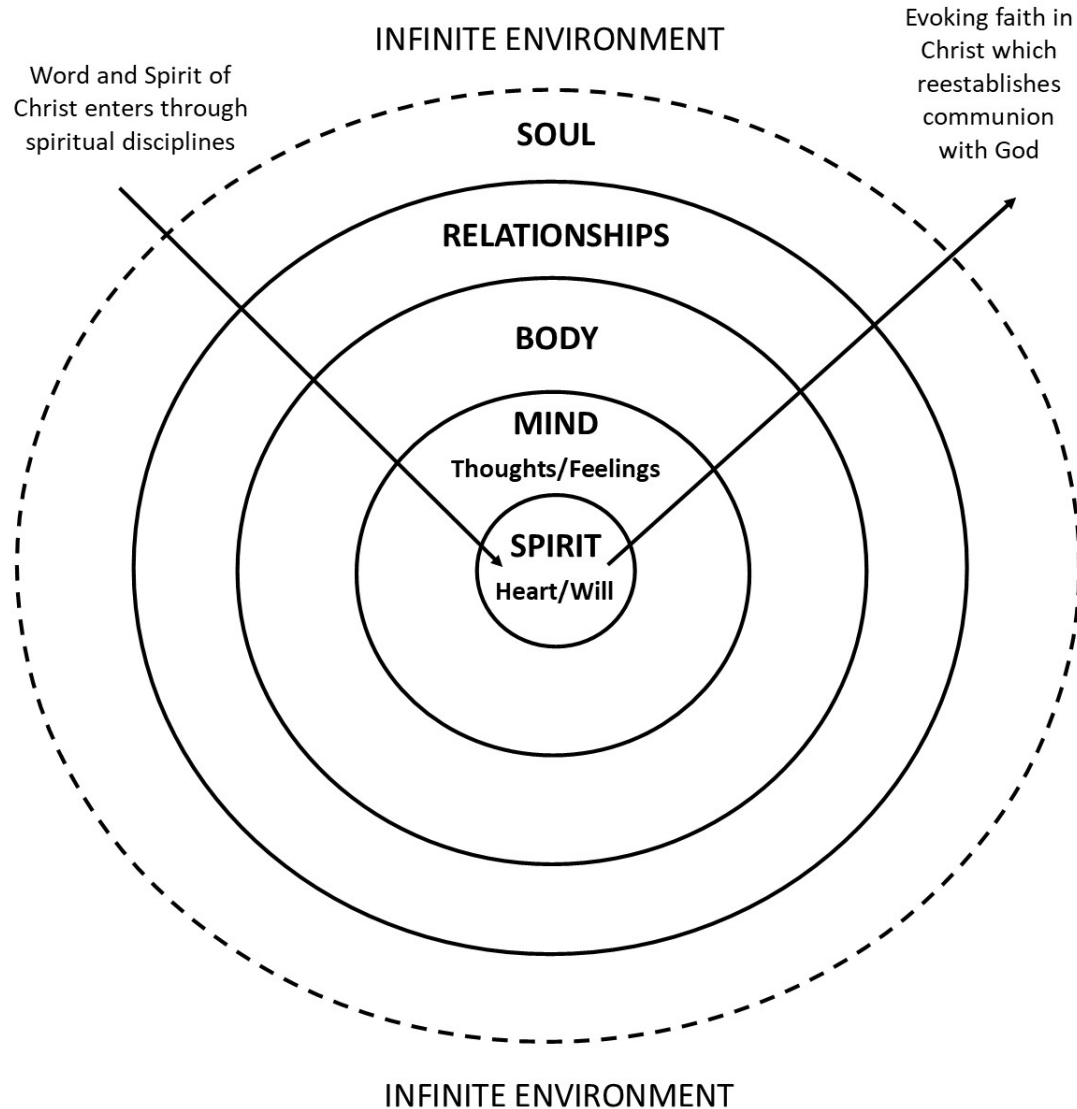
For how long has it been your intention to be a disciple or student of Jesus, or is that something you are still deciding?



The Entire Human Self

The Whole Picture

Spiritual
Formation
*in the
Kingdom
of God*



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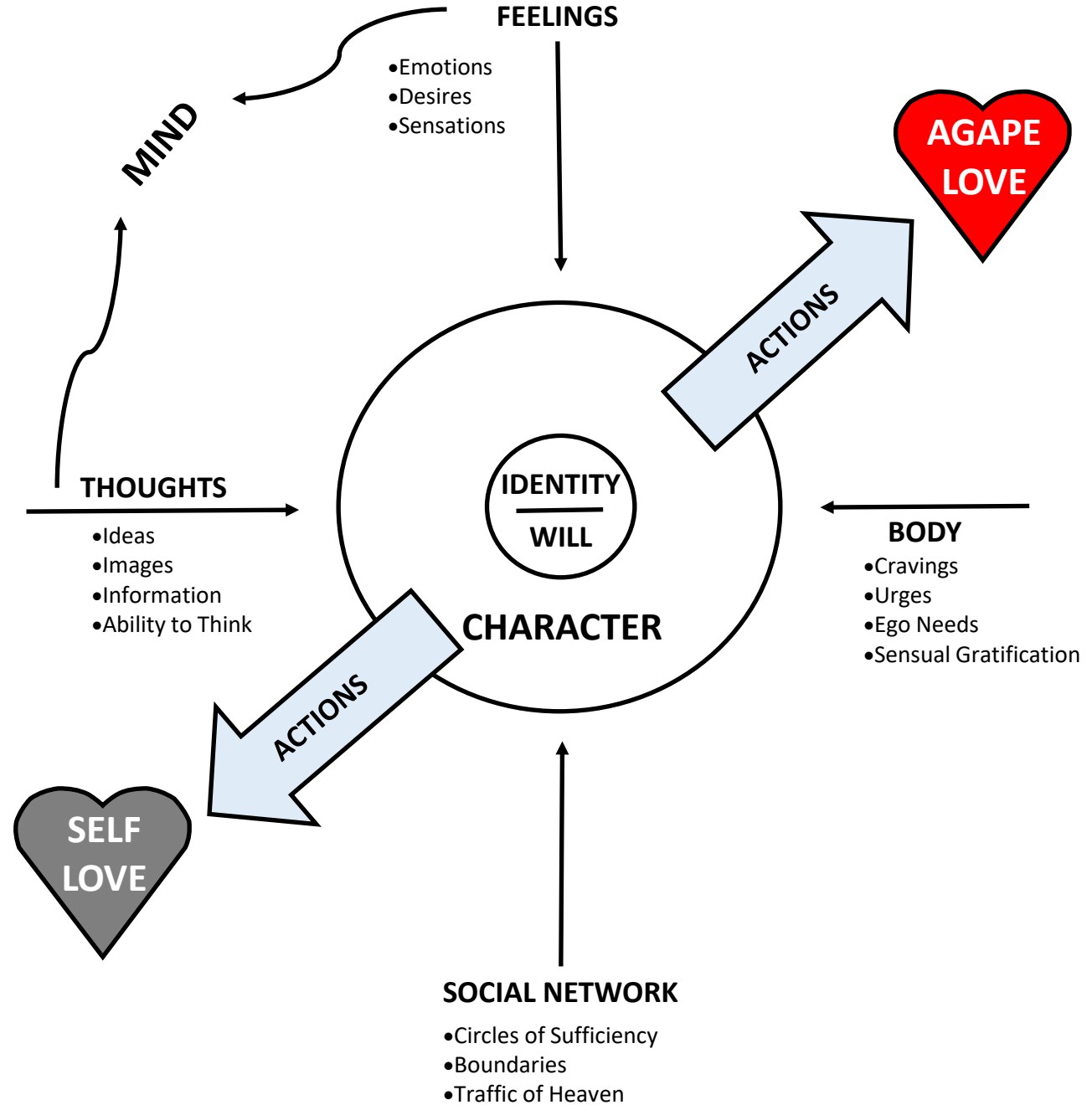


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*Summarize what these diagrams
teach:*

*Two statements of application, and
Two questions you would ask*



Kingdom Life on the Rock



Hear & Do

To believe something is true is to act as if it were so.

**In the Kingdom there is no such thing
as believing something you don't practice.**



HEAR

Holy Spirit

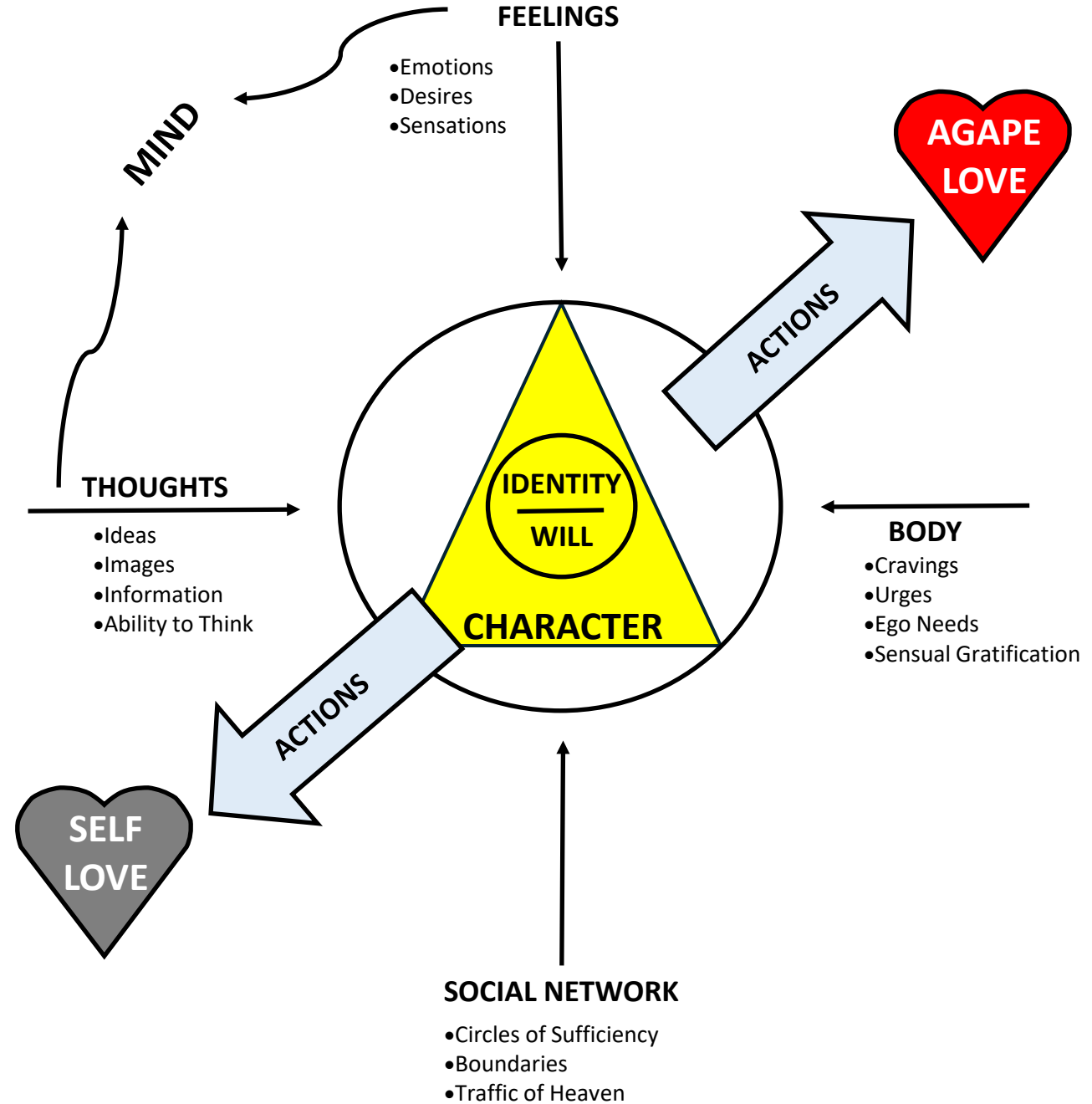
**Kingdom
Life
on the Rock**

Tasks, Tests &
Temptations

Spiritual
Disciplines

DO

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Matthew 7:24-27

A home where you can live without anxiety or worry

**A beautiful garden of plants and shrubs with an orchard of trees
all producing amazing flowers and fruit**

Identity

Friendships

Grief/Loss

Conflict

Thought Life

Generosity

Worth & Value

Marriage

Health

Injustice

Recreation

Wounds

Neighbors

Work

Joy

Success

Pleasure

Money

Table Group Discussion Lightning Round



In which categories do you experience abundant life, and in which do you feel frustration and failure?

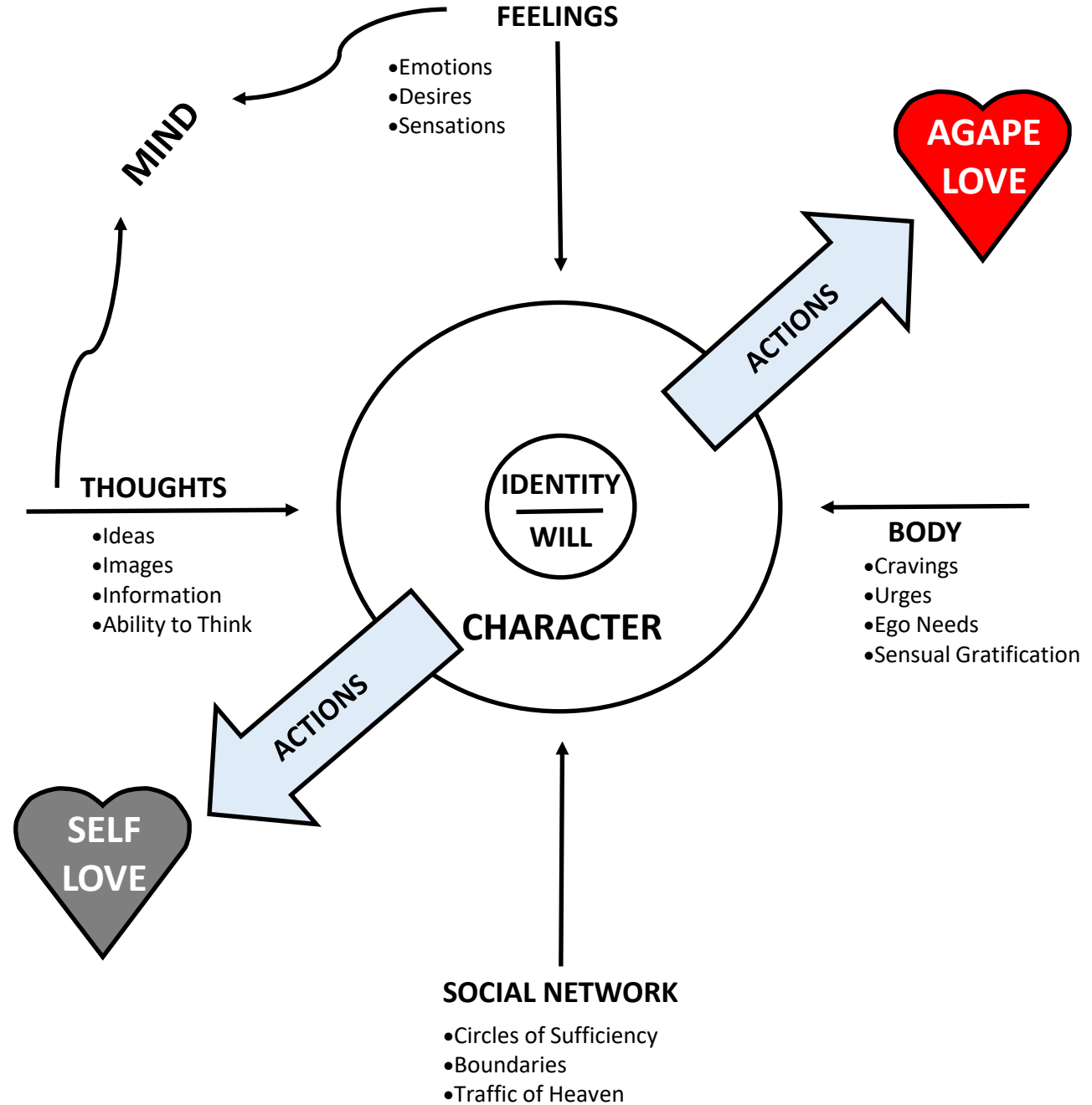
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Ask God what he wants you to know about each category of Kingdom Life on the Rock and journal your thoughts.

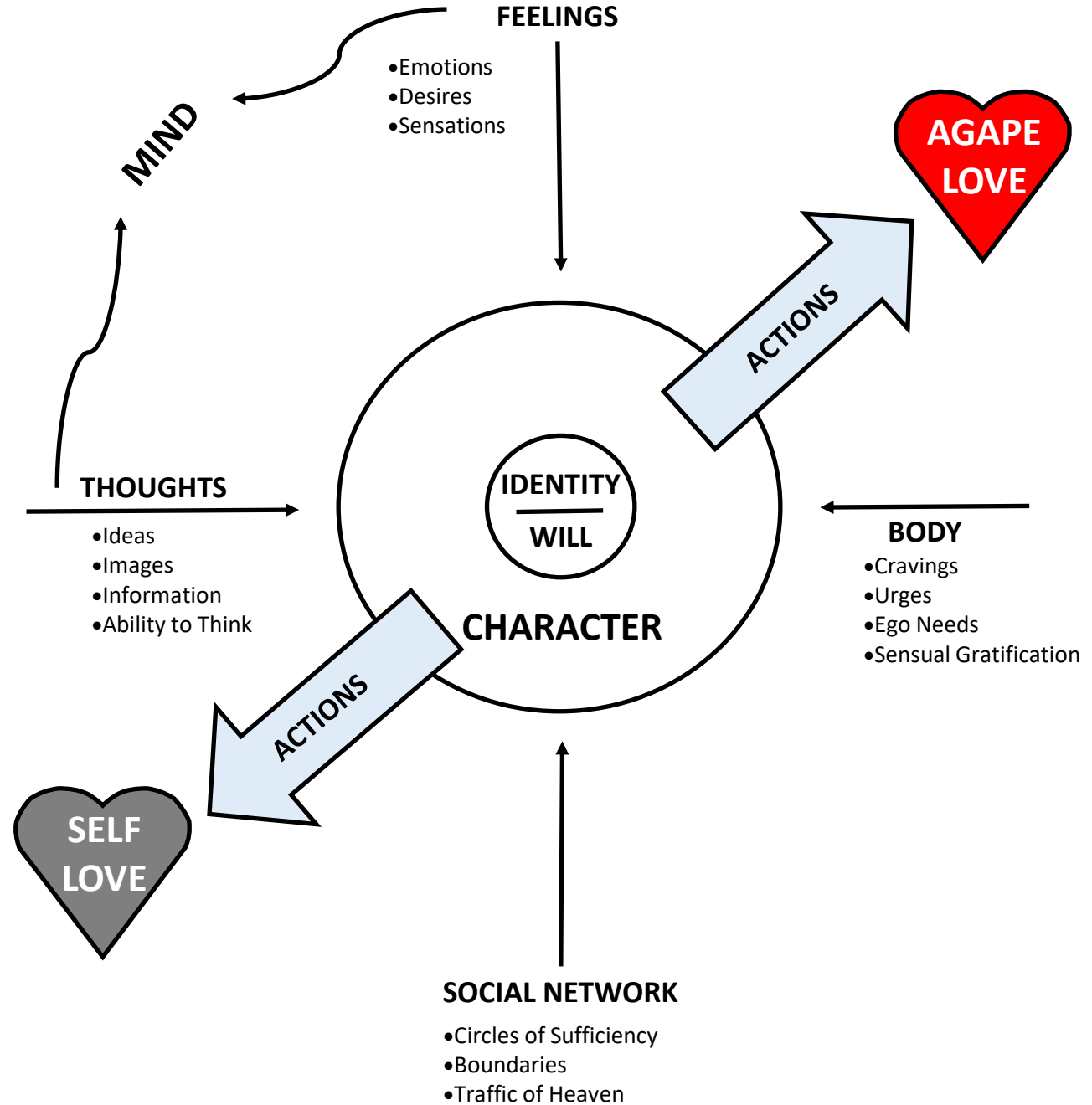
An underwater photograph showing several divers in a blue, slightly hazy environment. The divers are silhouetted against the light, and their fins are visible. The word "Homework" is overlaid in a large, white, serif font in the center of the image.

Homework

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Your daily mantra...

I wake up in the Kingdom this morning

an unceasing spiritual being with an eternal destiny in God's great universe



I breathe Kingdom air (LOVE)
I burn Kingdom fuel (GRACE)
I build Kingdom character
I do Kingdom work



Jesus came to show by example and to teach by principle how to have the best possible life in this physical world and preparation for the life to come at the same time