



**Welcome to Spiritual Formation in Community**

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

Your daily mantra...

# I woke 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*

# Check-In

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- *Emotional Weather*
- *Share one spiritual discipline you practiced in the past 7 days*



# Table Group Study

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*As you read the passages below,  
look for evidence of a  
**personal, dynamic, interactive and  
conversational** relationship  
between God and his people.*

**Exodus 33:7-11**

**Isaiah 41:8-10**

**Psalms 23**

# A Conversational Relationship with God

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- To grow in **partnership** with God where **my desires align with His**
- To be **transformed** into a **unique individual empowered** to do what both God and I want
- To live **freely** and **intelligently** while **hand-in-hand with God**



# From Old Covenant to New Covenant

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2 Corinthians 3:7-18  
Jeremiah 31:31-33

## Old Covenant

- **10 Commandments on tablets of stone** to tell you how to live
- **Prophets** to teach you what God wanted
- **Kings** who would lead you
- The **people failed** to become Kingdom people
- A **sacrificial system was set up** to atone for sin
- Inner character transformation **did not happen**

## New Covenant

- **God became one of us** to show us the Kingdom
- Jesus was a **perfect example** & was **hated** for it
- He was **crucified, buried, and resurrected**; he **ascended** into heaven and the **Spirit descended**
- **Every believer is indwelled by the Spirit** who is writing his **love**, his **will** and his **message** on our **hearts**
- Spirit is **transforming** us into **Kingdom people**

# From CONFORMED to TRANSFORMED

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## Romans 12:2

*Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world,  
but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.*

### The Old Covenant was all about CONFORMING

- 10 Commandments, the Law of Moses
- External obedience - behavior modification
- An expectation of failure - with a plan for atoning through sacrifices

### The New Covenant is all about TRANSFORMING

- The Spirit of God inside you, working on you from the inside
- Complete transformation of your thoughts, feelings, body and relationships
- Changes your identity, will and then character

# Kingdom Life on the Rock

Holy Spirit



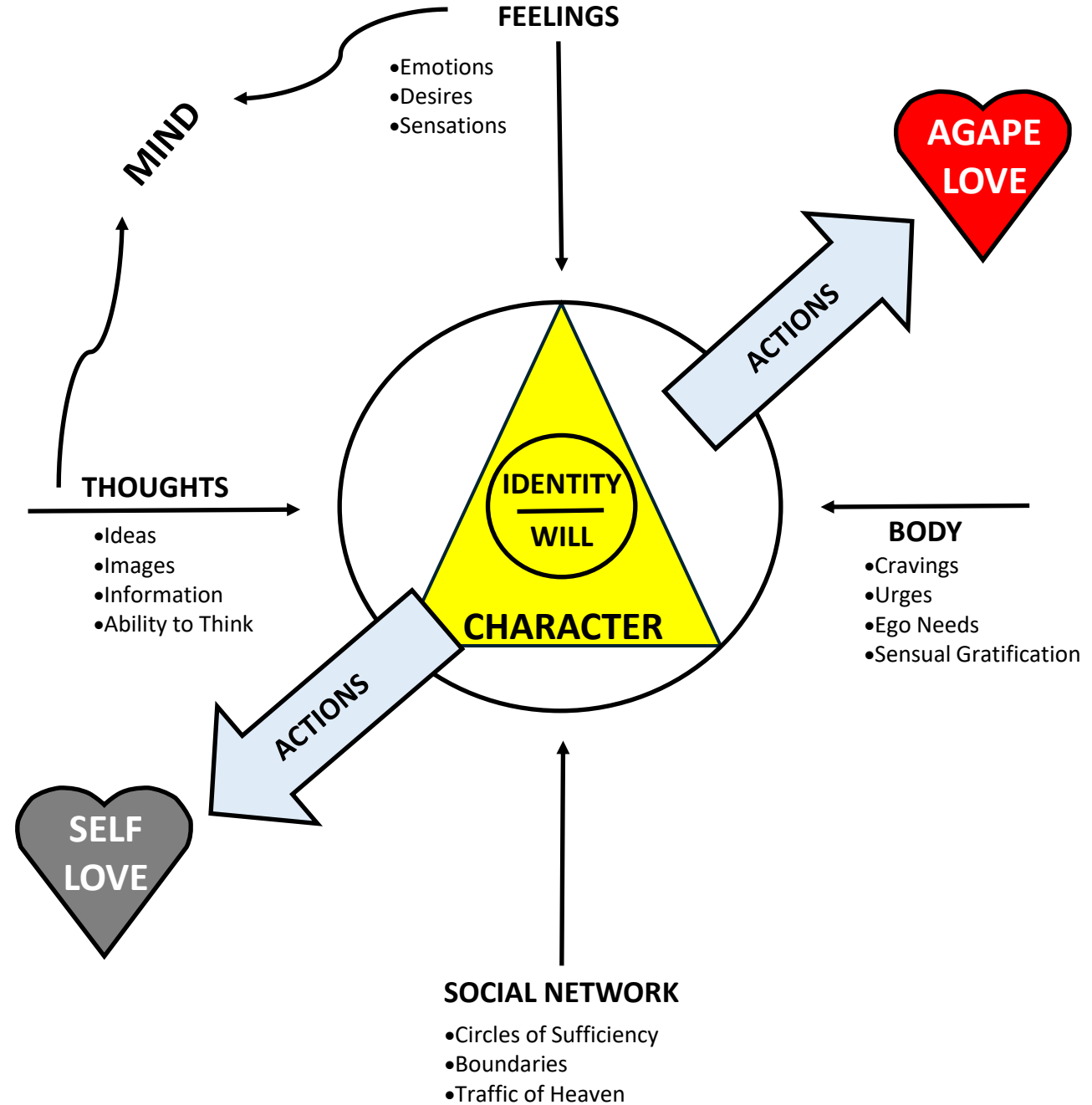
Tasks, Tests &  
Temptations

Spiritual  
Disciplines



## HEAR & DO

# Spiritual Formation *in the Kingdom of God*



# Circle of Four

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In the Kingdom of God, relationships are designed to be circles of sufficiency.

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Evil enters the circle through attack & withdrawal.

The smallest circle a person can have is a Circle of Four.

Identity, purpose, worth & value come from your Circle of Four.

You are never alone and always outnumbered.

# The Many Ways the Word of God Comes to Us



■ Creation ■ Dreams & Visions ■ Eternal Logos ■ Still Small Voice ■ Scripture ■ Fellow Believers ■ Circumstances ■ Kingdom Work

## Homework

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Choose a spiritual discipline that will help you better bring one of your dimensions of the self under the Spirit's control and practice it.

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# Homework



# Kingdom Life on the Rock

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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**

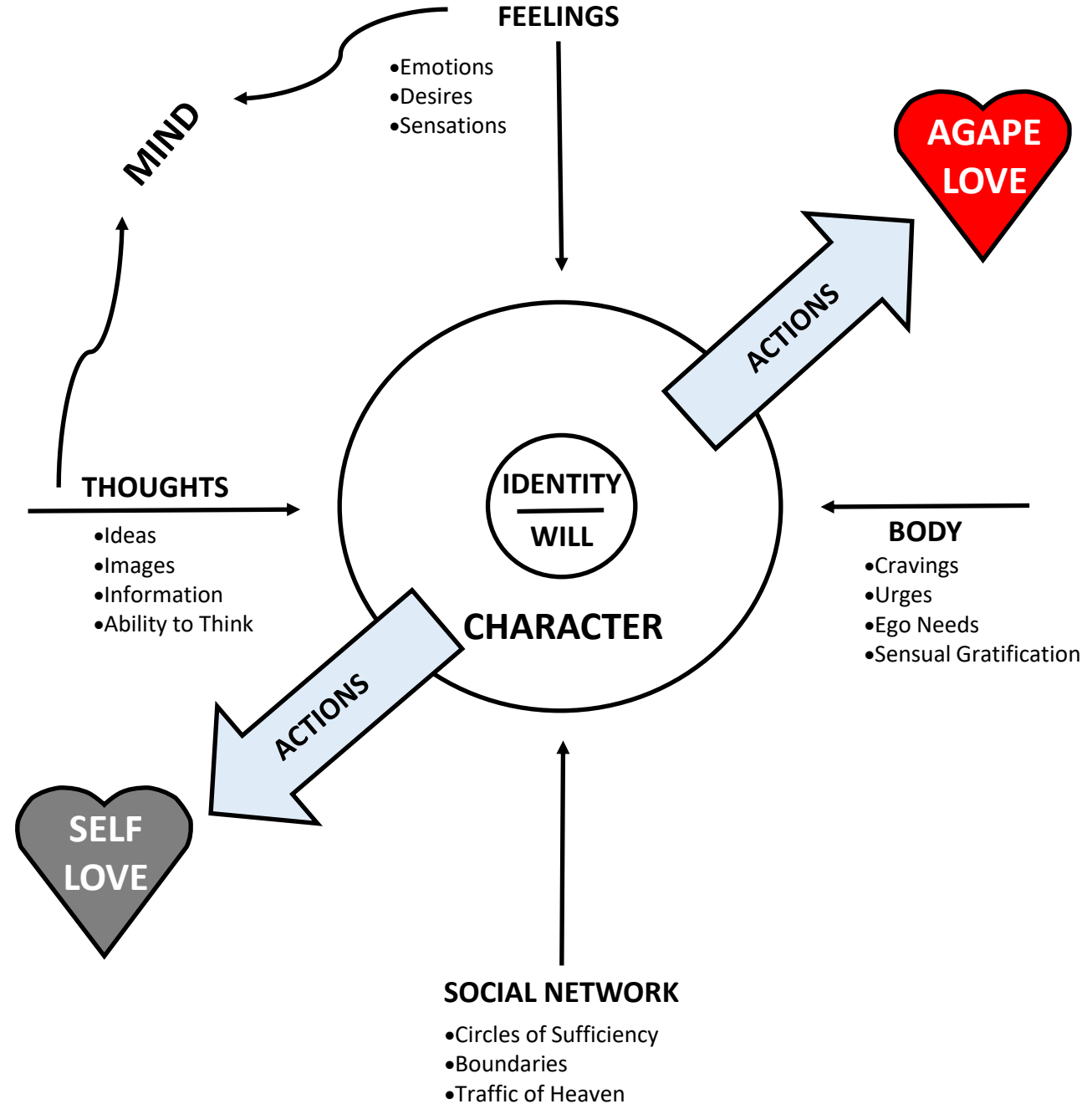
**Joy**

**Success**

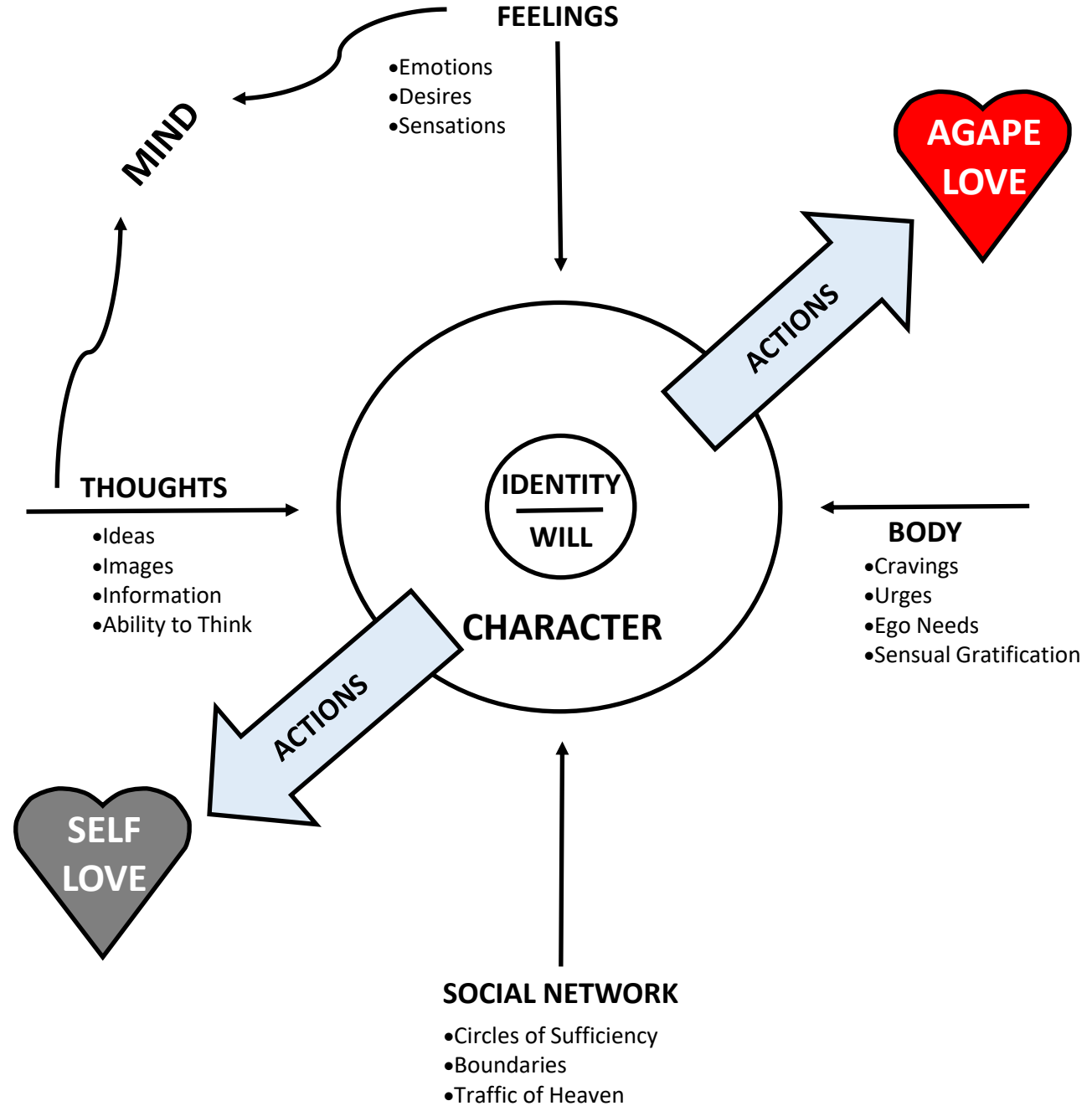
**Pleasure**

**Money**

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# The Entire Human Self

*The Whole Picture*

Spiritual  
Formation  
*in the  
Kingdom  
of God*

