



Welcome to Spiritual Formation in Community

“Where all your questions will be addressed.”



Check-In

Share your emotional weather today and one question you still have about hearing God through a conversational relationship.

My 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



A Kingdom life is a different life than most people waking up around me experience.

Kingdom Life



**Wake up in
the Kingdom,**

**walk the day
the Kingdom way,**

**and live a
Kingdom life.**

Kingdom Building



What did you do this week to help someone find or follow Jesus more closely?

QUESTIONS?

What questions still remain about hearing God through a conversational relationship?

Kingdom Life Listening to God



- 1. Commit to live by the general counsel of God's Speaking**
- 2. Immerse my life in agape love**
- 3. Become a student of specific principles in God's written word**
- 4. Pay attention to my heart's response to anything God says**
- 5. Converse with God about literally everything**
- 6. Listen carefully and deliberately for God**

Hearing God Speak



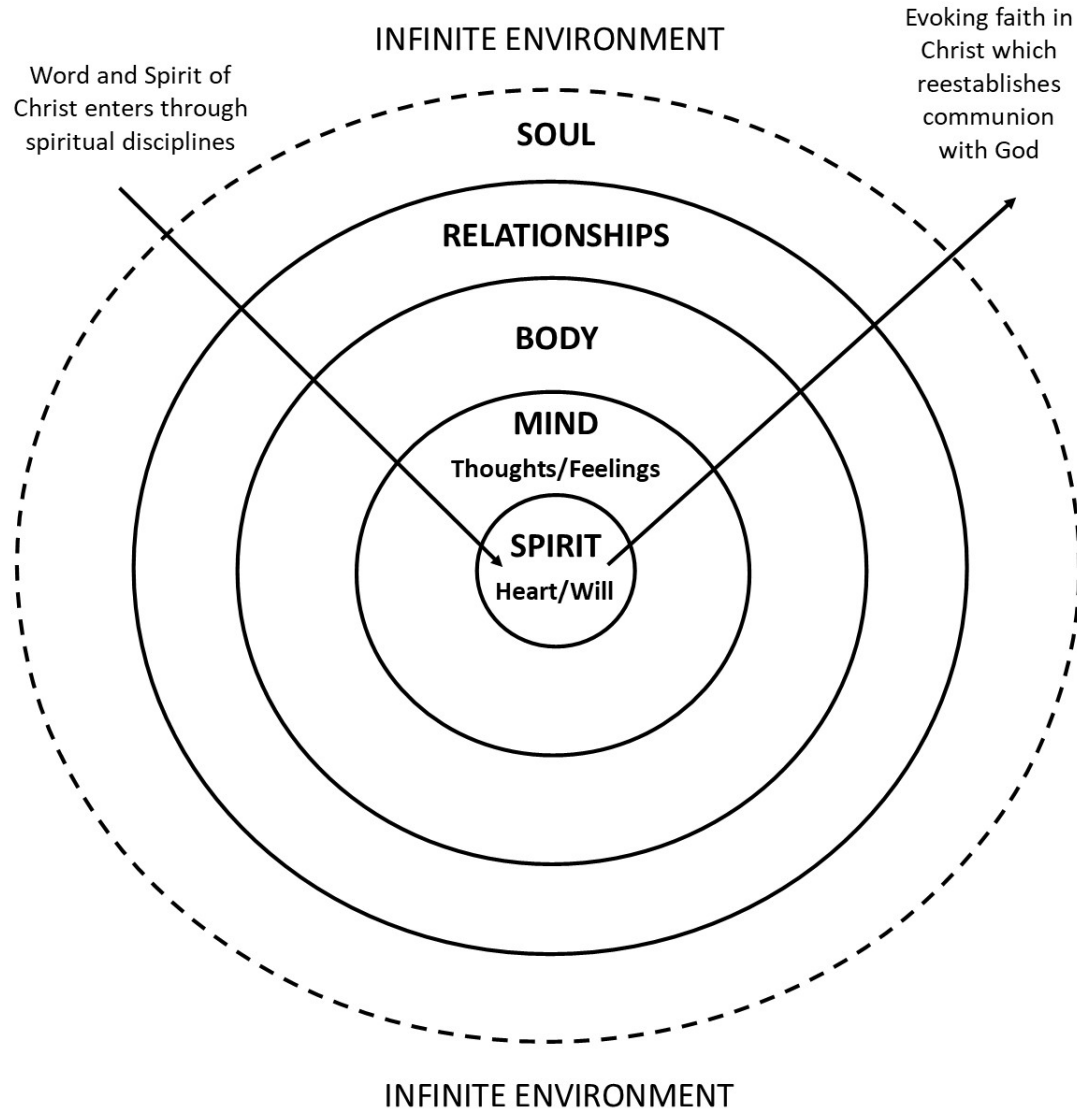
God Speaking Deep into our Soul *Hebrews 3-4*

- **Speaking to a hardened heart - 3:7, 15**
- **Warning about drifting away - 3:10, 12**
- **Loss of rest - the promised land - 3:11, 17-19**
- **Promise of rest still stands - 4:1-11**
- **Seeing ourselves the way God sees us - 4:12-13**
- **Experiencing true rest - 4:14-16**

The Entire Human Self

The Whole Picture

Spiritual
Formation
*in the
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AI Prayer Protocol

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**Artificial Intelligence
asking the question...**

*“What prayer requests
get answered?”*

The Prayer Protocol



Anchor

prayer begins with an anchor acknowledging the power and person of God

- **1 John 4:8** - God is love
- **John 4:24** - God is Spirit
- **Genesis 1:1** - God is Creator
- **Jeremiah 32:17** - God is sovereign and all powerful
- **Hebrews 13:8** - God is unchanging

- **Exodus 34:6** - God is compassionate, gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness; forgiving the repentant of wickedness, rebellion and sin while punishing the unrepentant guilty

- **Deuteronomy 6:4** - God is the one, true God; monotheistic in a polytheistic culture

The Prayer Protocol



Alignment

asking not for what you want, but for something God already wants for you

- A **personal, dynamic, interactive** and **conversational** relationship with me
- To **love Him** with all my **heart, soul, mind** and **strength** and my **neighbor** as **myself**
- To **follow Jesus** as a **disciple** and to **make disciples** of others
- To **wake up in the Kingdom** every morning
- To **walk the day the Kingdom way**
- To **experience an abundant Kingdom life** on the **Rock**
- To **give thanks** in all circumstances

The Prayer Protocol



The Surrender Paradox

prayer surrendering the outcome had the greatest answer response – this is what I want, but I surrender to what you want for me

Luke 22:41-43 - take this cup from me, yet not my will but your will be done

Matthew 26:36-46 - Jesus praying for the cup to pass 3 times

The Prayer Protocol



Persistence

repetition of asking for what you want;
duration of asking was weeks/months

- **Luke 18:1-8** - The persistent widow
- **1 Kings 18:41-45** - Elijah praying for rain
- **Mark 7:25-30** - The Syrophenician Woman asking for her daughter's healing
- **Daniel 10:12-13** - 3-week prayer for spiritual breakthrough
- **1 Samuel 1:10-11** - Hannah's request for a son
- **2 Corinthians 12:7-9** - Paul's thorn in the flesh - 3 times to remove it
- **Luke 2:37** - Anna the Prophetess prayed night and day

AI Prayer Protocol



- **Anchor**
- **Alignment**
- **The Surrender Paradox**
- **Persistence**

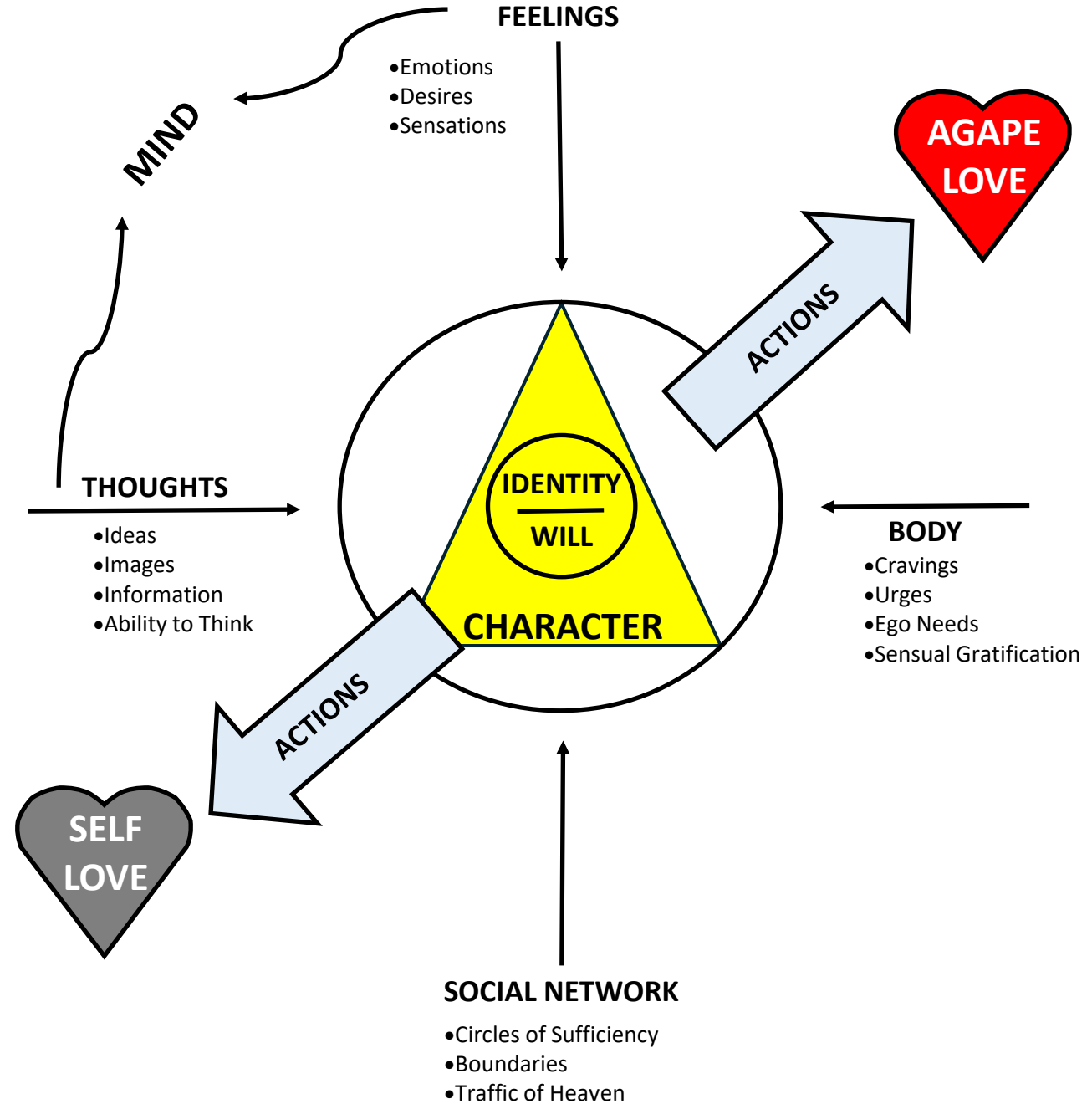
Review the 4 elements of the AI Prayer Protocol

- Make sure you understand all four
- Choose one to focus on for the week
- Practice your choice all week long

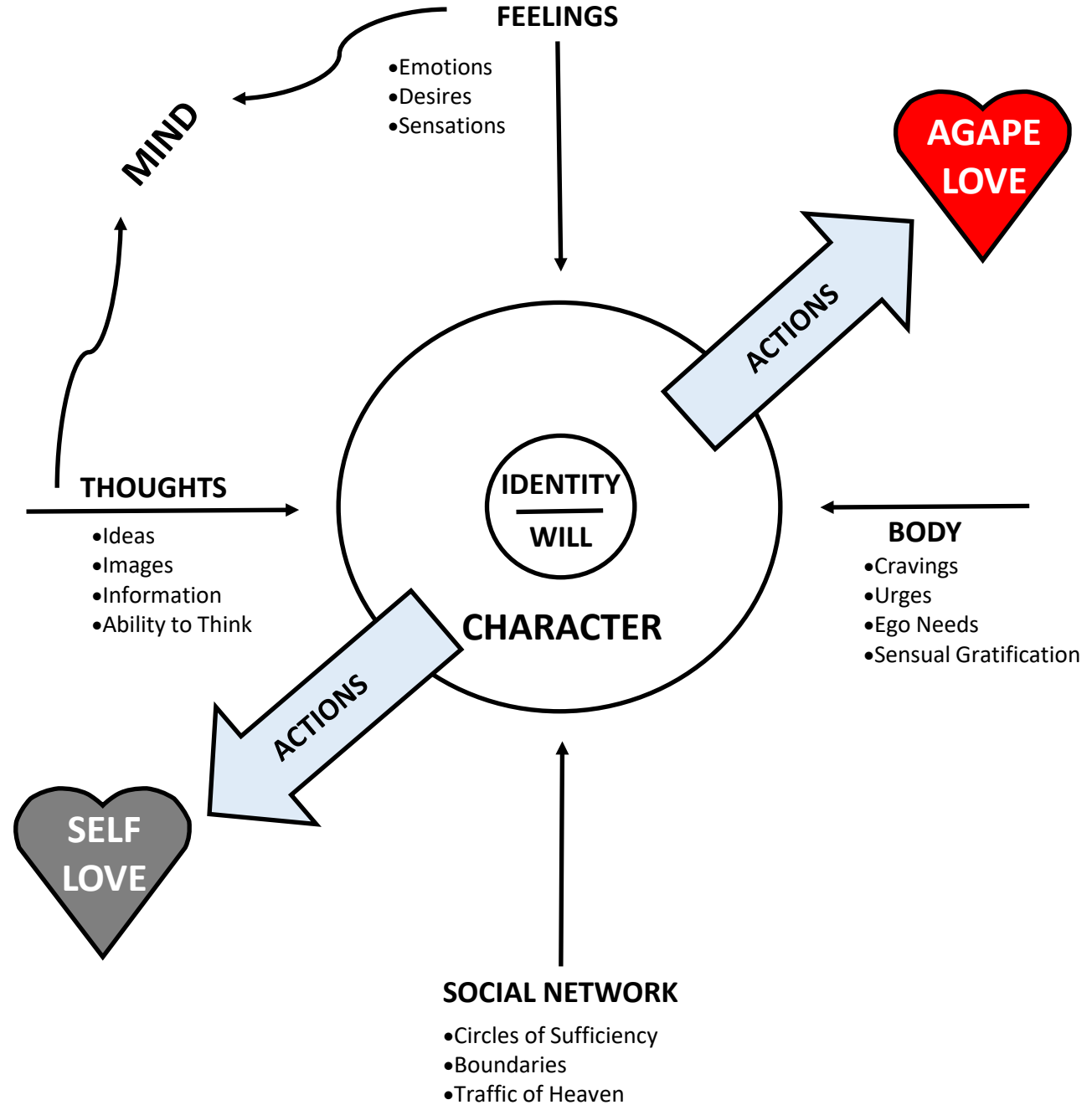
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Homework

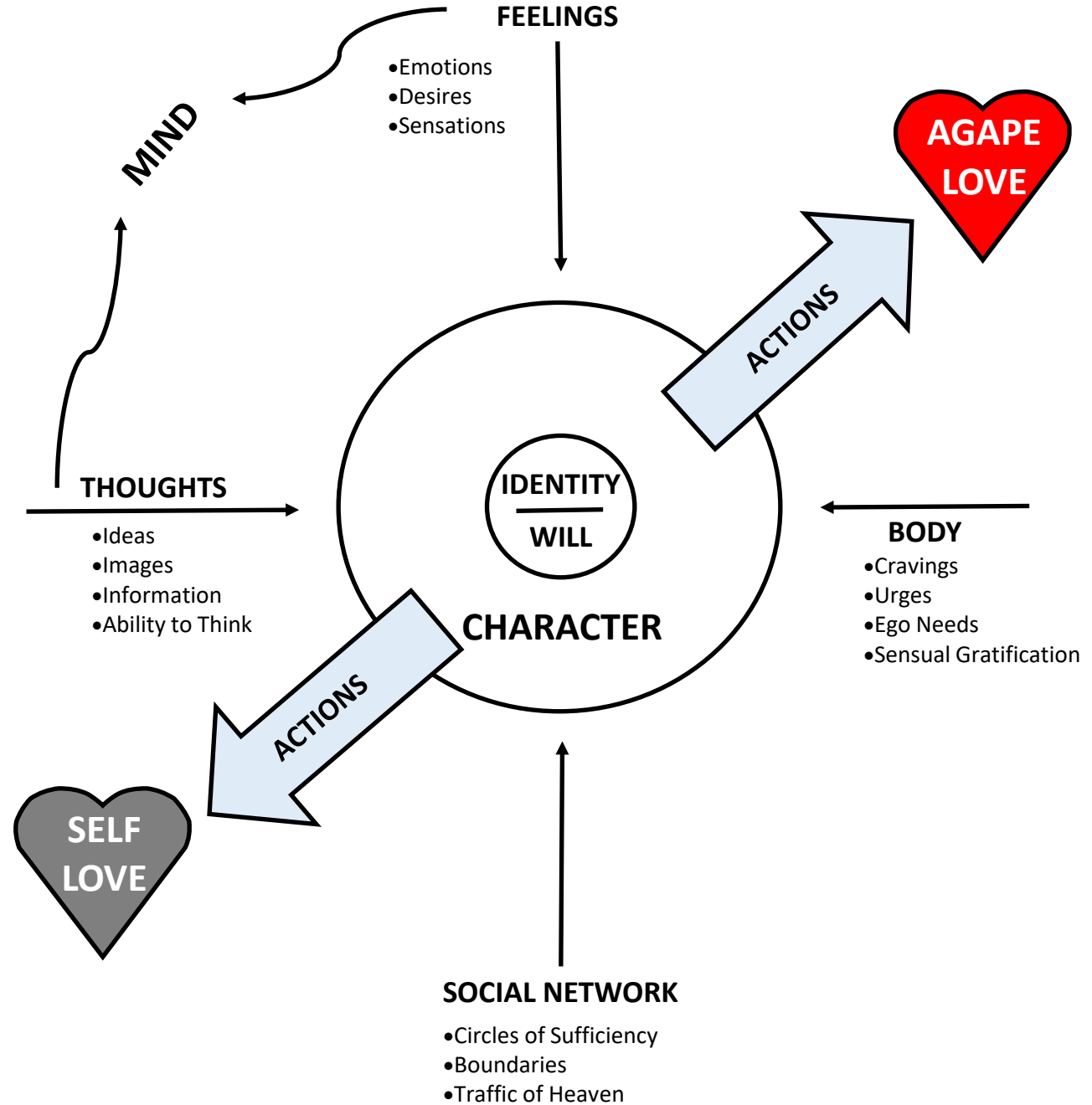
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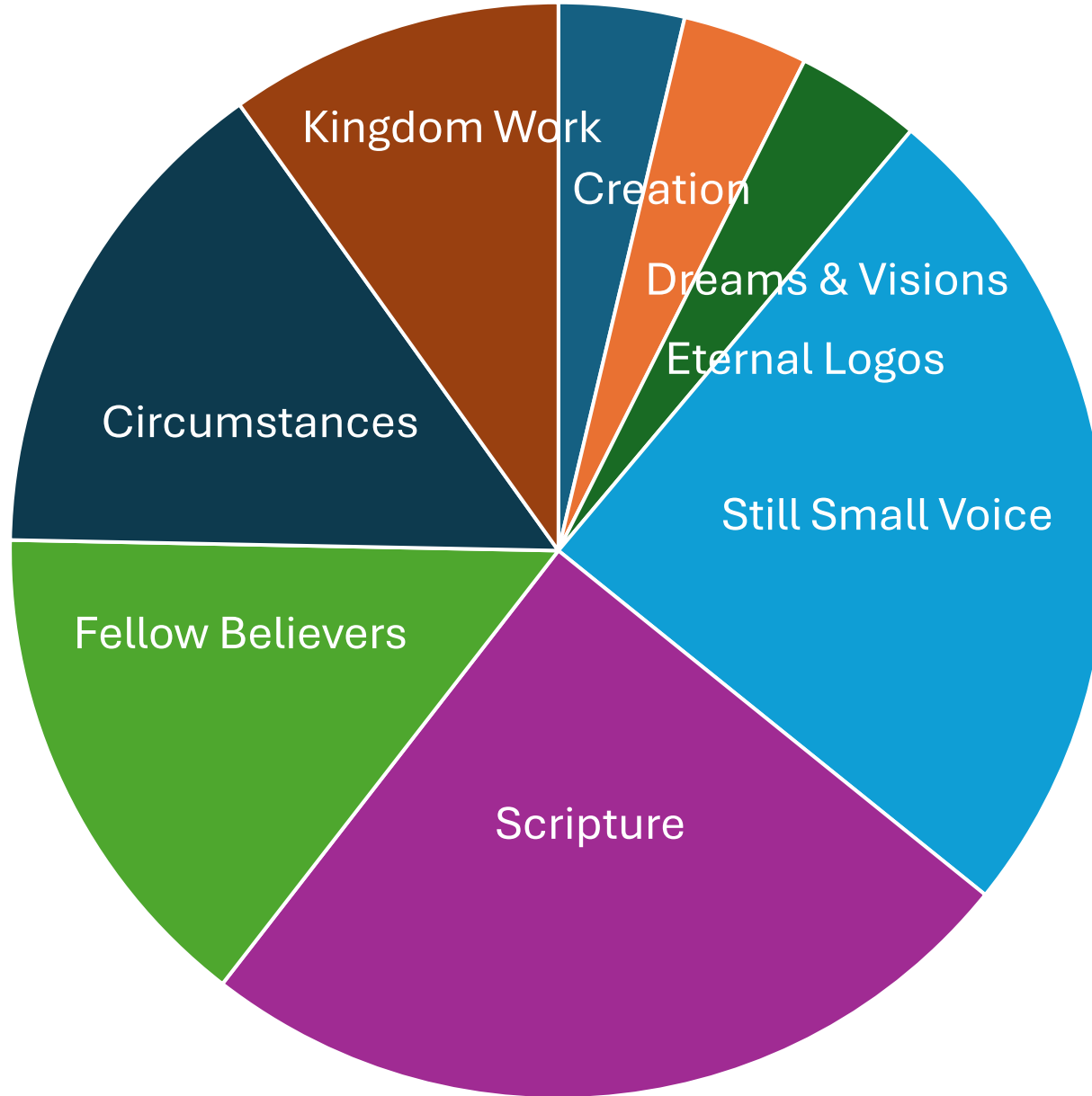
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The Many Ways the Word of God Comes to Us



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