



FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT



## Galatians 5:16–18

<sup>16</sup> But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.



## Galatians 5:19–21

<sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.



## Galatians 5:22–24

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.



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## **Why do these statements often feel so true?**

Men lead lives of quiet desperation

Women live lives of miserable

People want to break free – yet they cannot



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## **The Reality of Life**

Life is a slow, relentless epiphany  
that everything and everyone  
will inevitably fail.



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## How do we live lives of faithfulness?

The reason is God, Himself

The motivation is Jesus

and

The instrument is the Spirit.

“...those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God... And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires...If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.”

Eph 21,24,25



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## What is faith?

Faith is the expression of felt meaning.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen

– Hebrews 11:1





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## What does it mean to be faithful?

Jeremiah 32:40–41

[40] I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. And I will put the fear of me in their hearts, that they may not turn from me. [41] **I will rejoice in doing them good, and I will plant them in this land in *faithfulness*, with all my heart and all my soul.** (ESV)



# In what have we placed our faith?

## IDOLS

### Self

- Authenticity
- Achievement
- Safety
- Righteousness
- Power
- Sexuality

### Others

- Family
- Love
- Acceptance
- Family
- Envy
- Status



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## How do we abandon our idols?

Genesis 22: 1-19

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## Who, in your life, has been faithful?

Share their stories

- Spur each other on in faith
- Discuss the sacrifices you've seen each other take
- A way to honor your mother and father
- It mirrors the words of God and honors God when we speak of the faithfulness of God's followers despite their flaws



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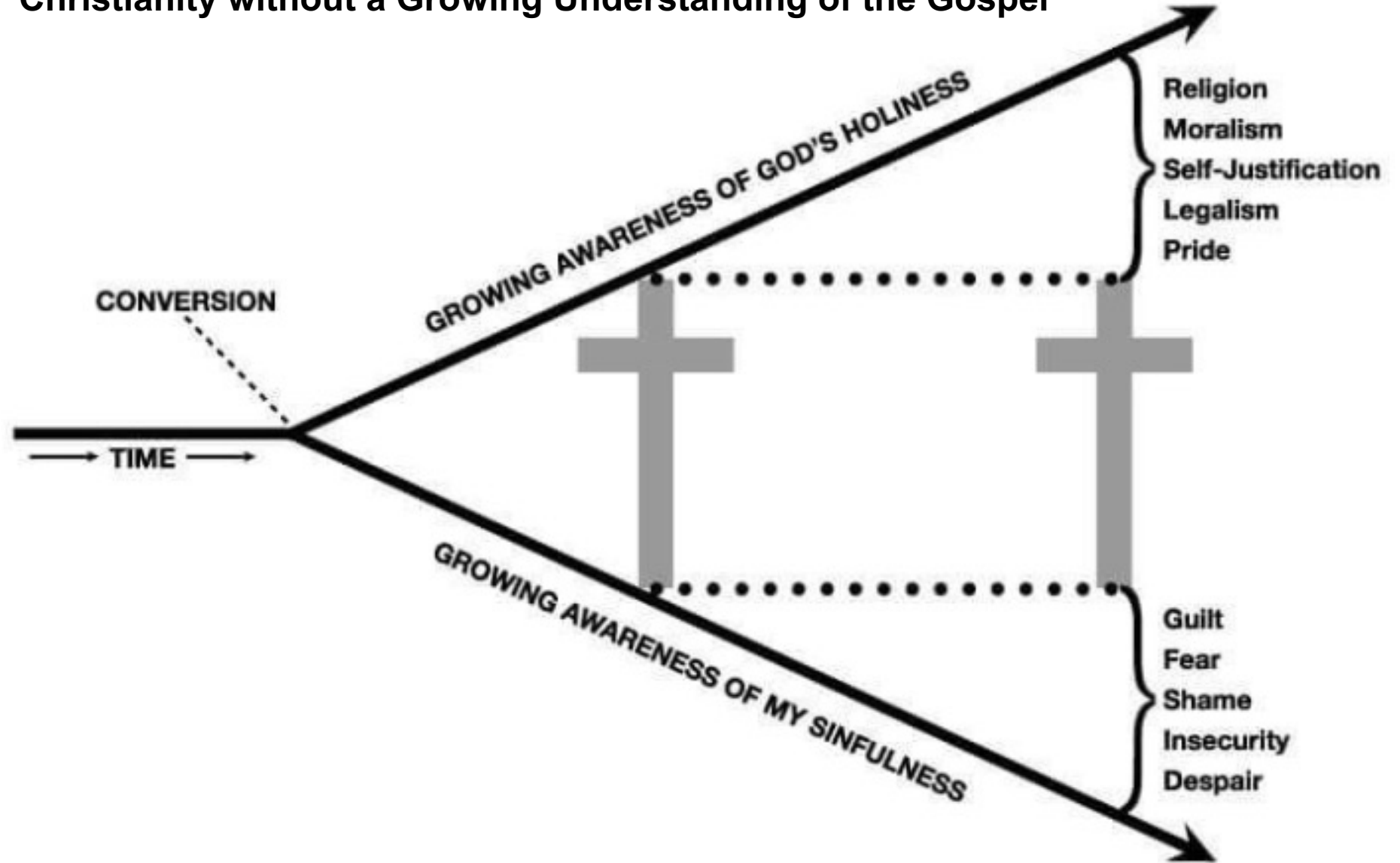
## Who are you?

1. We are created.
2. We rebelled against God and were stricken from his presence.
3. Christ was born, lived, and died, to be raised from the dead, so we could be in commune with the creator again.



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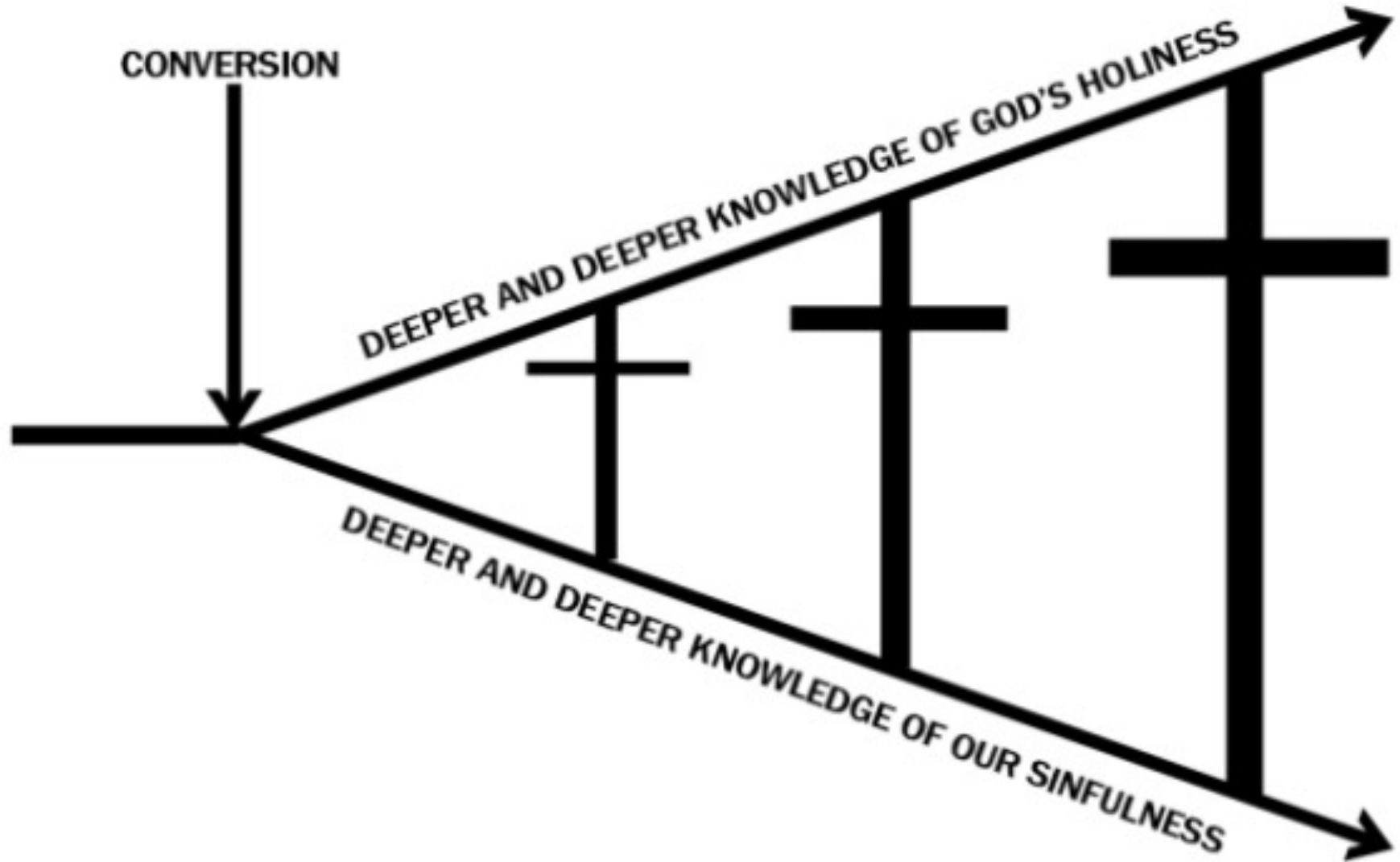
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