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noun

false information that is intended to mislead

What Should
We Ask?



My Assumptions:

You are fearfully & wonderfully made

- your soul does not know this “full well” (identity)
- you are only partially in touch with your creativity

You know a lot about God’s will

- you are not sure about His **plan** for you

You feel mostly called to what you are doing now

- you are not sure how God applies to what you are doing

Questions:

Are you in the center of God's will and how do you know this?

How does your job or education line up with His will?

Are you obeying the calling that He gave you?

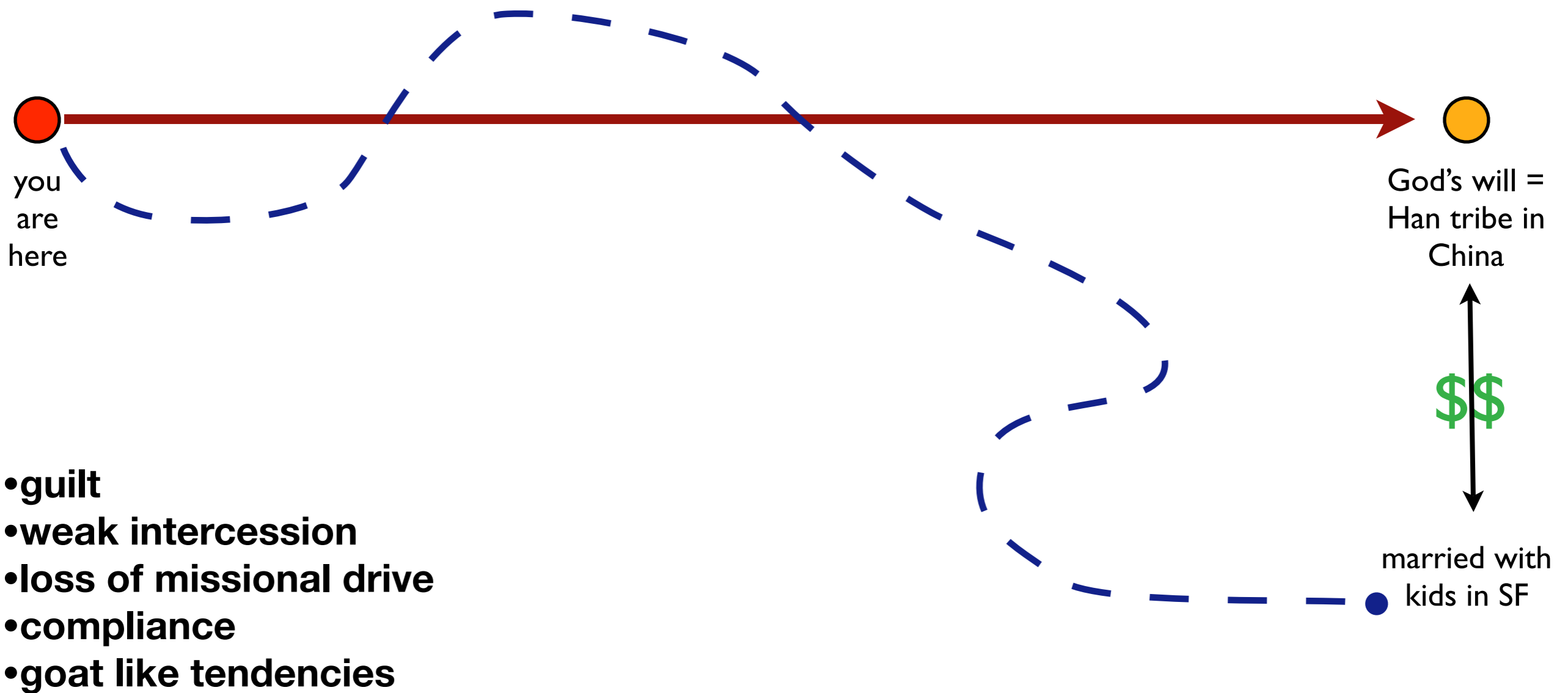
Do you feel like you have settled for His second best or third best in your life?

what's wrong with these questions?

Problems:

- they presume upon a certain undefined teleology ("I know the plans I have for you")
- they are largely task oriented (v. relational)
- in the absence of a clear word from God, His will is defined by others

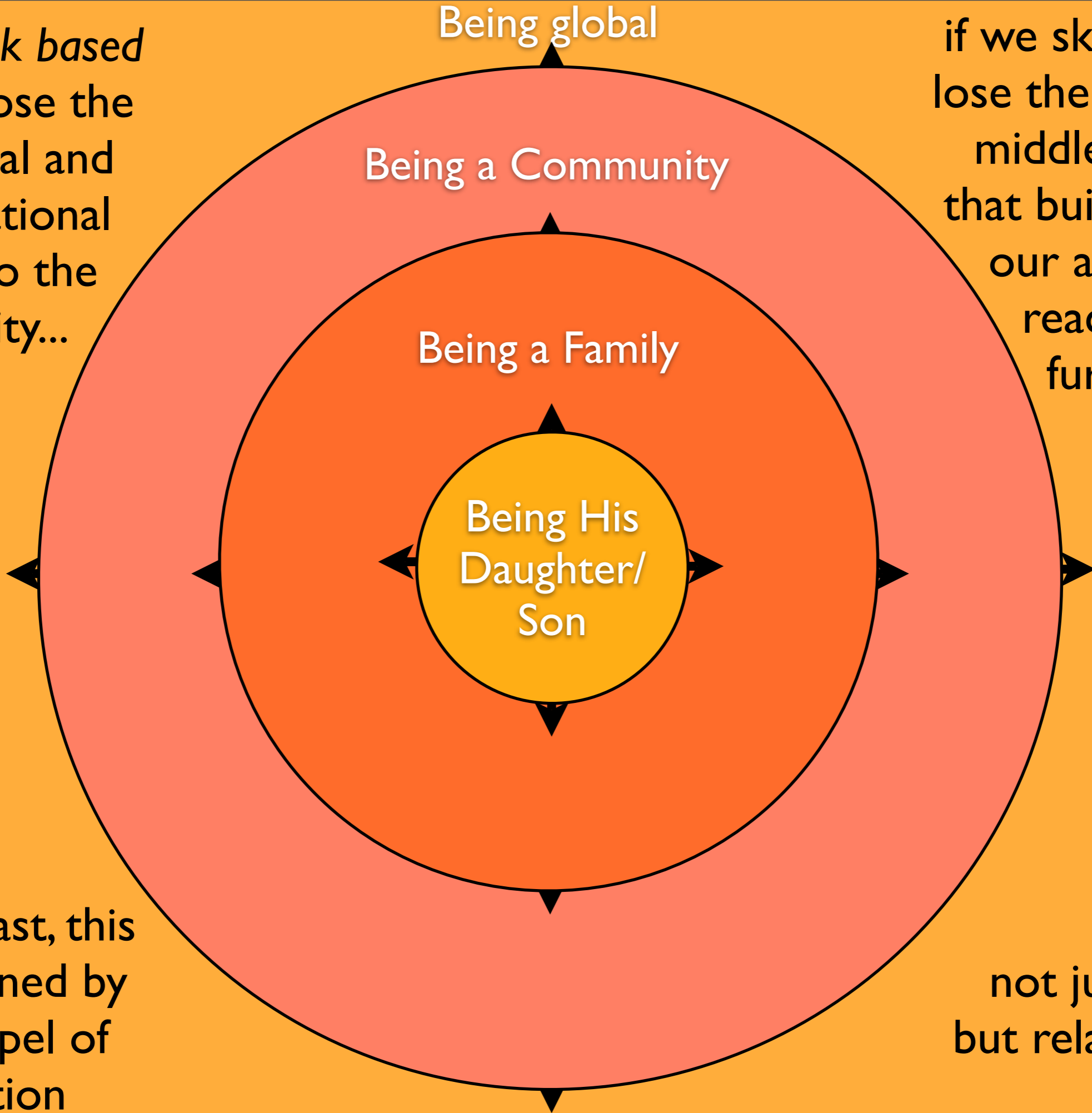
In the absence of a clear word from God,
His will is defined by others (hard core = _____)



If God was to look you in the face right now...
how might He finish this sentence:

My will is that you _____

in the *task based will*, we lose the relational and the relational leads to the identity...



if we skip this, we lose the important middle ground that builds us and our ability to reach out further

in the past, this was defined by the gospel of salvation

not just stuff, but relationships

“no poor among you...”

my identity is
built in this place
(self and God)

my application is
built in this place
(fam/com)

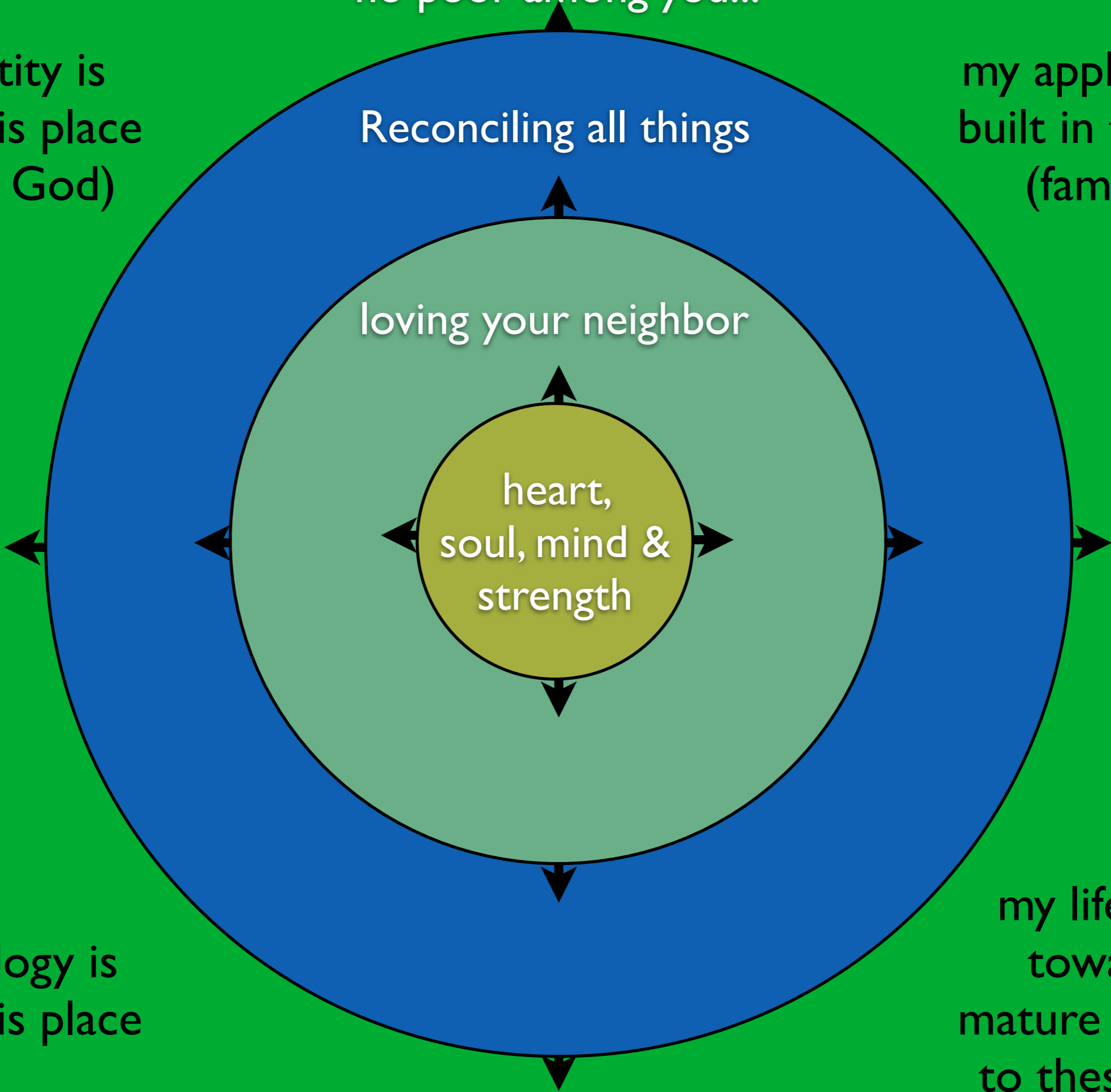
Reconciling all things

loving your neighbor

heart,
soul, mind &
strength

my theology is
built in this place

my life builds
towards a
mature response
to these needs



Score Card:

How are you doing in the sticky parts of your life?

- family
- life at school / work?

Are you walking with God in these various areas?
Schizophrenic?

Decide at this point on going more into
calling, identity or theology






CALLING

AND

CONFUSION 

VOCATION

- God aligned with our gifting
-  Butchers, bakers and candlestick makers with a mission 
- Something innate, a clear mandate that people knew that they knew

A SACRED CALLING

"I am fearfully and wonderfully made, and my soul knows it FULL WELL"

OUR NEED TO KNOW



- fatherless +
- too many options +
- not enough encouragement

OH PLEASE, WILL SOMEONE
TELL ME WHAT TO DO?

IS SO, HOW DOES



GOD



ACTUALLY WALK OUT KEY DECISIONS
WITH HIS PEOPLE?

"Follow Me"

1

GENERAL
CALL

EXTRA
ORDINARY

"Get up and go
to the land I
will show
you..."

2

"According to
their
abilities..."

3

SPECIFIC
CALL

1 GENERAL CALL

Evangelism: 

Go and make disciples of all nations, ...and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely (mat 28)

Widows & the poor:

'Administer true Justice; show mercy and compassion to one another. Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the alien or the poor. (Zach 7)

Love your neighbor

'Love your neighbor as yourself
(mark 12)

The ten commandments

Exodus 20

Serving God:

But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, ...But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD .
(Joshua 24)

Staying healthy: 

"Whoever touches the dead body of anyone will be unclean for seven days. (numbers 11)

1
GENERAL
CALL

New nations and peoples: 

The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you." (Exodus 12, Redeeming nations Exodus 3)

Speaking for God to the nation:

But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a child.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. (Jeremiah 1)

To reach a specific people:

Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." (Acts 19)

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EXTRA
ORDINARY

God always initiates this kind of communication

- We just have to be ready and willing, how easy is that?

Extraordinary is mostly about
kings and nations

- or millions of people like Loren, It could happen to you..

Usually happens at mature places
or crucial change

- How old are you?



It's often a project, not a life

- Nehemiah, Jonah, Paul, Esther...

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EXTRA
ORDINARY

3 SPECIFIC CALL

According to your ability:

To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his Journey. (mat 25)

Made to multiply, to be like God:

God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground. (Gen 1)

3 SPECIFIC CALL

Using your unique identity:

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. (Psalm 139)



Called to take initiative:

...that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith. We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you... (II Thes. 1:11)

3

SPECIFIC CALL

Fulfill Godly desires:

Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the Justice of your cause like the noonday sun. If the LORD delights in a man's way, he makes his steps firm; (Psalm 37)

To do things that only you can do:

John 14

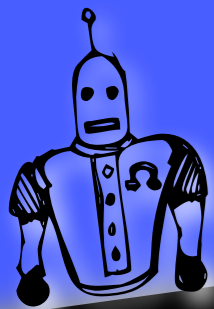
To be supported by God: II Chron 16

strike 1

SLOTH

yep, it's a deadly sin

- Sloth is the desire for ease, even at the expense of doing the known will of God.
- The slothful person is unwilling to do what God wants because of the effort it takes to do it.



SLOTH IS THE ENEMY OF CALLING

"sluggishness of the mind which neglects to begin good..."

[it] is evil in its effect, if it so oppresses man as to draw him away entirely from good deeds." Thomas Aquinas

strike 2

1. Hitler & Stalin vs. Churchill & Roosevelt

2 Their kids and rebuilding the world...

4 GENERATIONS

3. Boomers start to live large

4. It's your turn and all you do is...

~~...~~ CONSUME!!!

strike 3 



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SLOTH AND



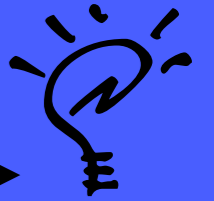
CONSUMERISM 



<- you are here

you're perfect future->

or else!



M

YTHS



there is one perfect will, I must find it...

Perfect means mature, ready, following God's overall plan, to take domain.



- does he have a plan at all? "thoughts"



- but he's told me what to do before?



- I have a friend who said God told him to marry