


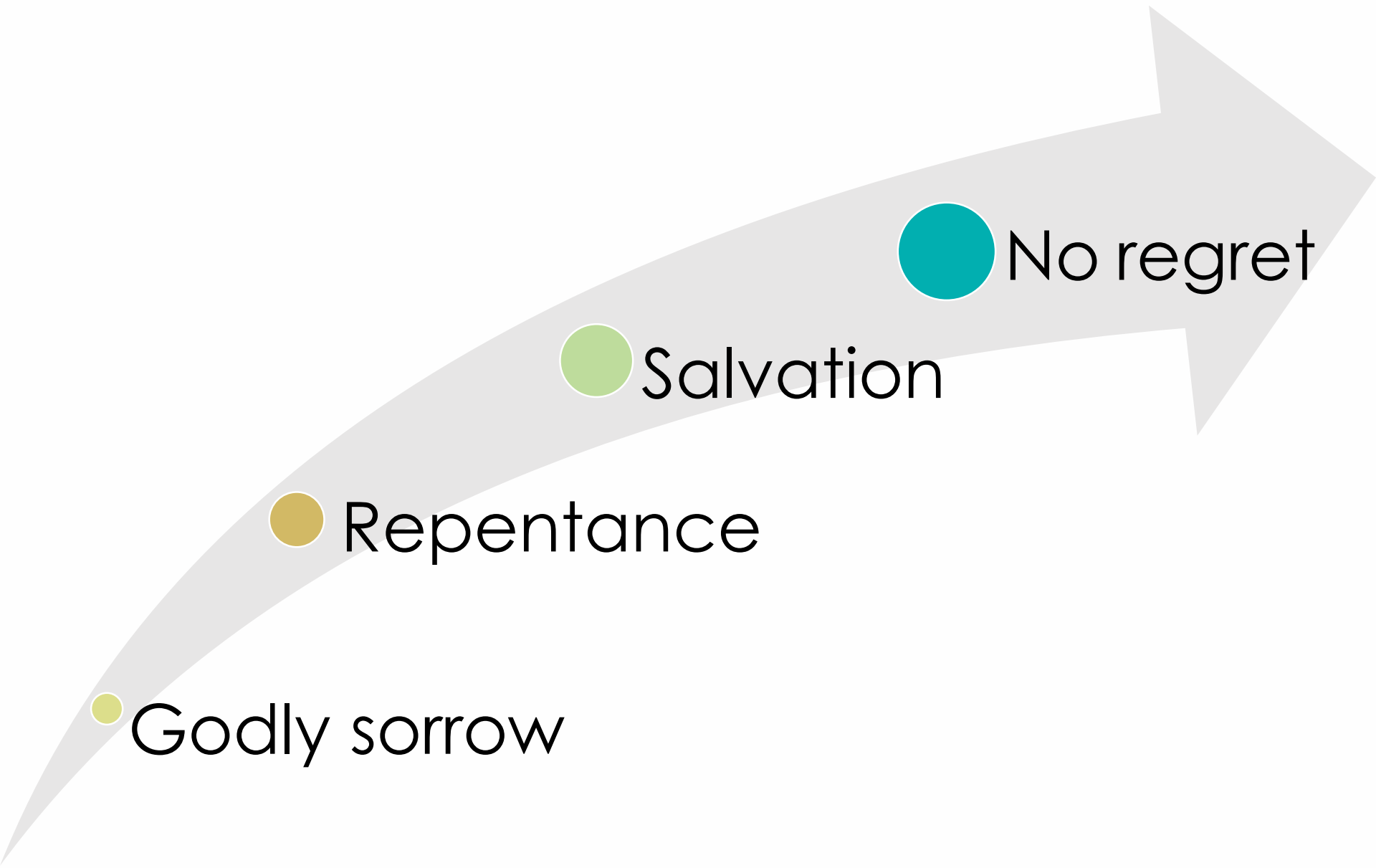
LIVING TO
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GLORY



Living to Reflect God's Glory
Patterns of Glory



2 Corinthians 7:10 Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.



● Godly sorrow

● Repentance

● Salvation

● No regret



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1) Joy



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2 Corinthians 6:10 sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.



A. What does grace do?

2) Trust



A2. Trust

2 Corinthians 4:13-18 It is written: “I believed; therefore I have spoken.” With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence.



A2. Trust

2 Corinthians 4:13-18 (continued)

15All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. **16**Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.



A2. Trust

2 Corinthians 4:13-18 (continued)

17For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 18So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.



A. What does grace do?

3) Generosity



A3. Generosity

2 Corinthians 8:2-4,7

Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ³For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own,



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⁴they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints...⁷But just as you excel in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us--see that you also excel in this grace of giving.



A3. Generosity

2 Corinthians 9:5-9

5So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to visit you in advance and finish the arrangements for the generous gift you had promised. Then it will be ready as a generous gift, not as one grudgingly given.

A3. Generosity

2 Corinthians 9:5-9 (continued)

⁴Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁵Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

A3. Generosity

2 Corinthians 9:5-9 (continued)

8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 9 As it is written: "He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."



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4) Transformation



A4. Transformation

2 Corinthians 9:10-13 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. 11You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.



A4. Transformation

2 Corinthians 9:10-13 (continued)

12This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. **13**Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ,

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Isaiah 55:10-12 As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, 11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.



A4. Transformation

Isaiah 55:10-12 (continued)

12 You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.



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5) Thanksgiving



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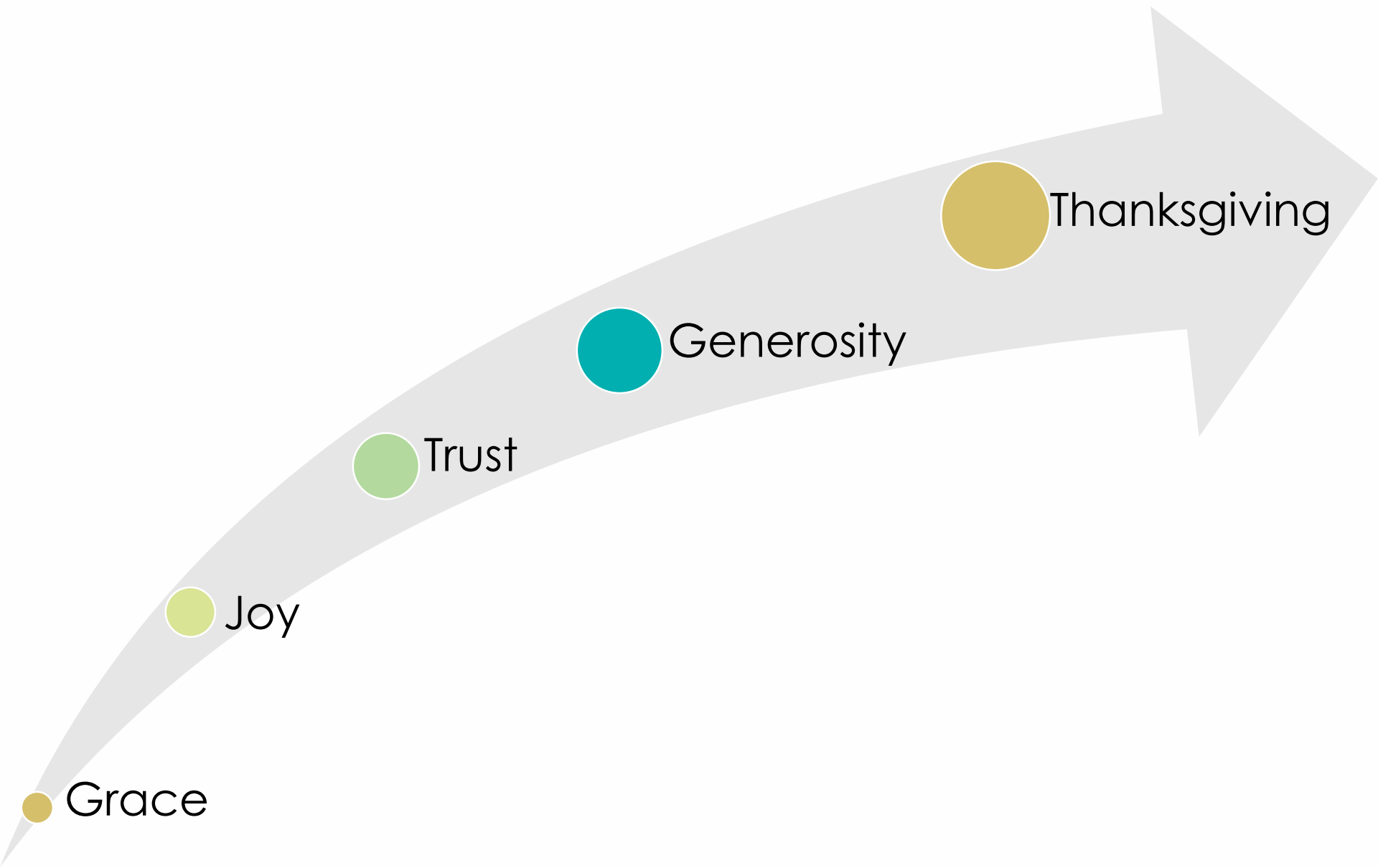
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2 Corinthians 9:1-15 (continued)

generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. **14**And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. **15**Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!





Application

1) Where are you at in this pattern?



2) Where do we go from here?