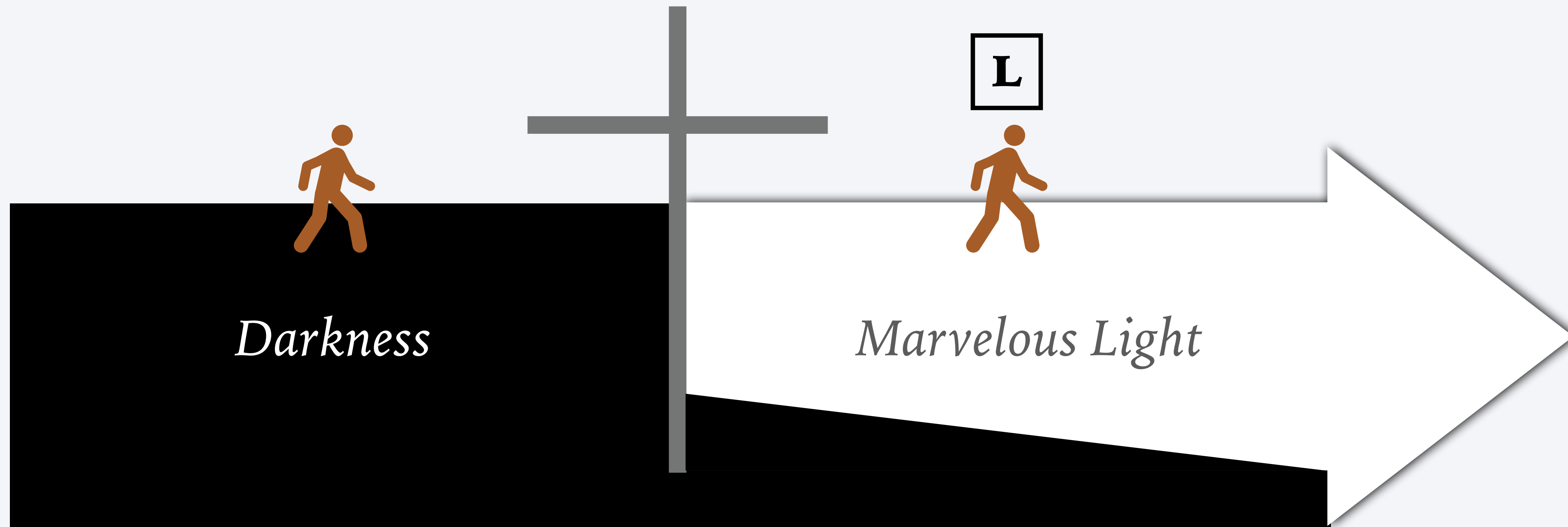




Obeying God's Word

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Darkness

Marvelous Light

1 Peter 2:9



Maturity in Christ

Christlikeness

The Necessity of Obedience


- James 1:21–25
- Matthew 7:24–27
- Matthew 18:15ff





What Obedience Isn't

- Talking about the issue with someone
- Landing on some good insights
- Listening to a sermon or reading Scripture passages on the issue
- Acknowledging something needs to change
- Just changing our behavior

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What does obedience look like?

- Confession
- Repentance
- Change of Thinking
- Change of Behavior

Confession

- Confession is agreeing with God about our sin
- It is helping our own hearts see our true condition.
- It is being transparent before God. Our sin is first and foremost against God (Psalm 51:4)
- We confess our idolatry and accompanying disobedience.
- We confess not to earn God's favor, but because we already have it. 1 John 1:8–10
- “We cannot repent of what we have not confessed.” –Paul Tripp

Repentance

- Begins with confession of sin to God
- Accompanied by contrition (Psalm 51:17)
- Expresses repudiation of sins (Acts 19:18–19)
- Avoids anything that might provoke stumbling
- Basks in forgiveness (Psalm 32:1–5)
- Reorients the soul back toward God (1 Thess. 1:9)

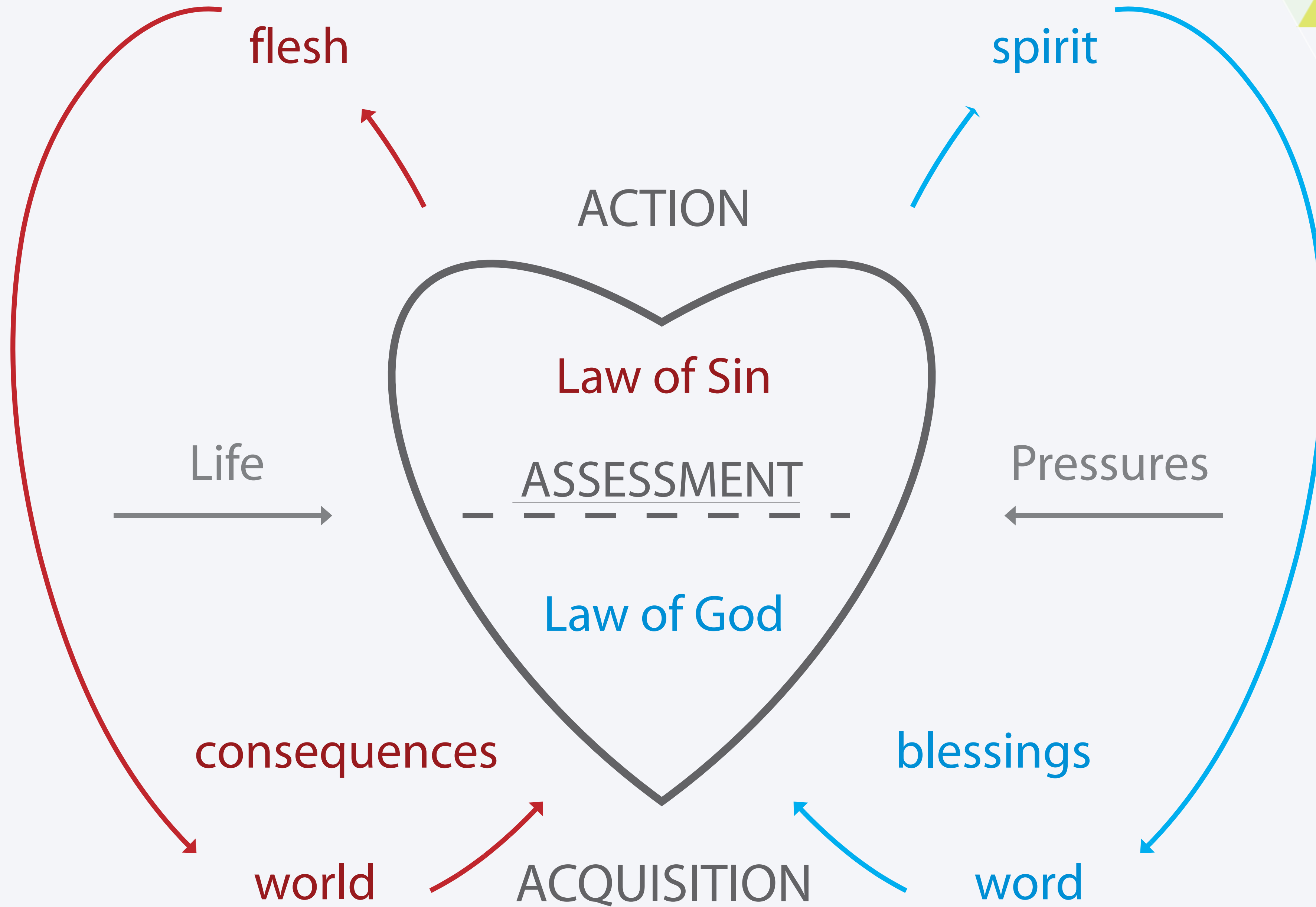


Change of Thinking

- Doing Depends on Doctrine. What we believe dictates how we act.
- The Christian Life is a battle between truth and lies.

“We sin because we believe the lie that we are better off without God, that his rule is oppressive, that we will be free without him, that sin offers more than God.”

—Tim Chester



Change of Thinking

- How does God's Word speak to the issue?
 - God is great—so we do not have to be in control.
 - God is glorious—so we do not have to fear others.
 - God is good—so we do not have to look elsewhere.
 - God is gracious—so we do not have to prove ourselves.

Change of Thinking

- Read the Word.
- Meditate on the Word.
- Speak the Word.
- How do I need to recalibrate with my identity in Christ?
 - I am a justified sinner in Christ, adopted by God into his family for all eternity and being sanctified by his Spirit.

Change of Behavior

Your friend needs to:

- Commit to change (Rom. 12:1–2)
- Avoid temptation traps (1 Cor. 10:9)
- Battle temptation (1 Cor. 10:10)
- Remind himself of the word of God
- Make new habits
- Be quick to repent.

Pray Together

1. Because it centers our conversation and relationship on our triune God.
2. Because we need the Spirit's help to renounce our sinful ways of living.
3. Because we need the Spirit's help to obey God's word and live like Christ.
4. Because we need others to support us in our struggle to follow Christ.