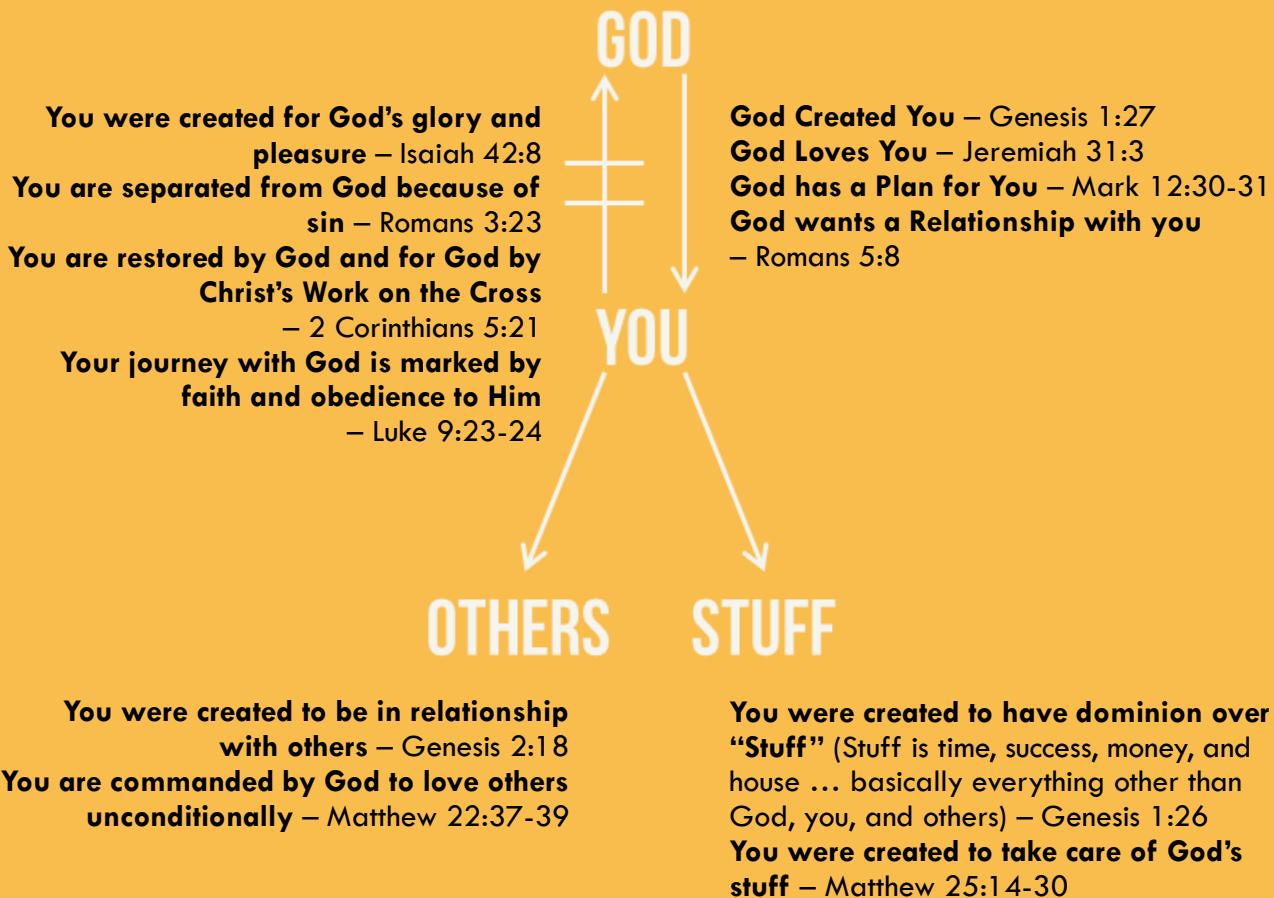


# 1 I AM CREATED

YOU WERE CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD. YOUR JOURNEY WITH CHRIST IS TO BE RESTORED TO THE IMAGE OF WHAT GOD ORIGINALLY CREATED YOU TO BE FOR HIS GLORY. COLOSSIANS 3:9-10



The journey is not a straight path from Salvation back toward the image of God. It is a series of ups & downs, questions & struggles, twists & turns in the story of life.

God initiates the timing and completion of each step along the journey.

Our responsibility is faith & obedience to God and His Word.

Each step builds on the others. What God teaches you in your current level of growth will be utilized as you continue to journey toward the Image of God

Each step becomes smaller because of the level of surrender & commitment that is required by the person pursuing Christ.

Therefore, there are way more S's than P's. However, being a P does not make one better than or more loved by God. They are simply farther along in the journey to look more like Jesus.

## IMAGE OF GOD

THE FALL

# 3 IN HIS STEPS

STEP IS A TOOL FOR DISCUSSION AND EXPLORATION IN YOUR JOURNEY TO BECOME MORE LIKE JESUS. 2 CORINTHIANS 3:18

## IMAGE OF GOD

**P** **PREPARE – 2 TIMOTHY 2:1-2**

- > "Want To"
  - ▷ P's feel they want to Make Disciples who make Disciples.
  - ▷ P's lives are a holistic picture of what Jesus looks like.
  - ▷ P's lives are marked by:
    - ▷ Fruit of the Spirit
    - ▷ Mind of Christ
    - ▷ Body is the temple of the Holy Spirit
    - ▷ Their relationships are balanced and healthy

**E** **ENCOUNTER – PHILIPPIANS 1:21**

- > "Get To"
  - ▷ E's feel they get to experience the things of Christian Faith.
  - ▷ Everything is a gift.
  - ▷ E's walk with Christ moves from self to others.
  - ▷ E's are becoming interdependent.
  - ▷ E's encounter others' lives for God's Glory and to look more like Jesus alone together.

**T** **TRAIN – GALATIANS 2:20**

- > "Need To"
  - ▷ T's feel they need to do the things of Christian Faith.
  - ▷ T's are looking for answers to their questions, which leads to a greater commitment.
  - ▷ T's begin to move toward independence.
  - ▷ Most committed followers stop here in their growth as surrender is hard. As T's overcome & surrender, they develop a desire for accountability with a small group of believers

**S** **START – ACTS 2:42-47**

- > "Supposed to"
  - ▷ S's feel they are supposed to do the things of Christian Faith.
  - ▷ S's are looking for a place to belong and connect.
  - ▷ S's learn the basics of the Christian faith/life.
  - ▷ S's are very dependent.

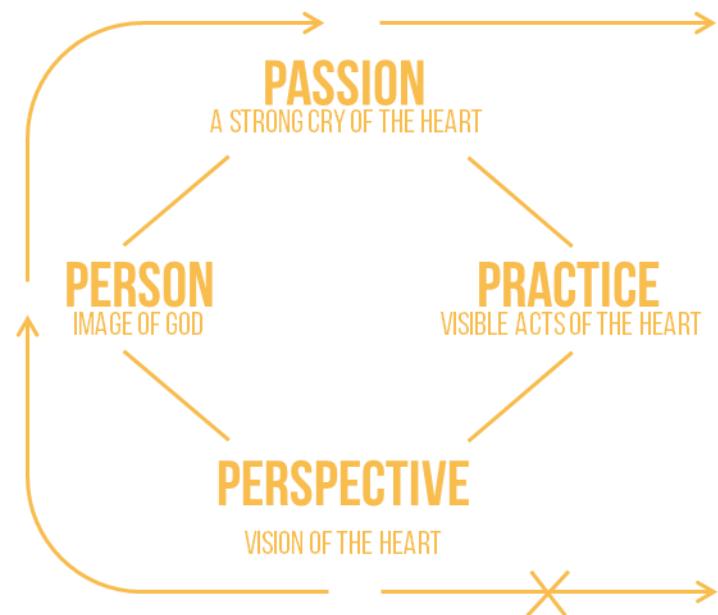
SALVATION

TIME

EXPERIENCE

# TO PURSUE GOD

"DYING TO SELF" LUKE 9:23-24



## THE PURSUIT IS ME CHASING GOD AND ALLOWING GOD TO CATCH ME.

This is only possible when we turn away from only "Doing" the practices of the Christian Faith (This includes Bible reading, prayer, evangelism, church attendance, etc...) and chasing after the person of Jesus Christ while also pursuing the person God originally created me to be.

The pursuit is a lifelong process in which the Truth of salvation is clearly seen.

You are saved – Ephesians 2:8-9, 2 Corinthians 5:17

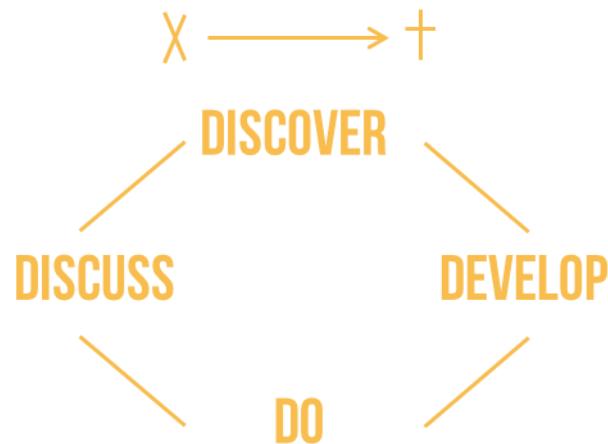
You are being saved – Philippians 2:12-13, 1 Corinthians 5:1-2

You will be saved – 1 Peter 1:3-5, 1 Thessalonians 5:9-10

The heart of the pursuit is when God's priorities become your priorities, God's passions become your passions, and you are walking daily in God's will.

# INTENTIONALLY

INTENTIONALLY PUTTING YOURSELF IN A PLACE TO LOOK MORE LIKE JESUS. PSALM 119:105, PROVERBS 29:18



**Discover** who you are and where you want to be.

**Develop** a measurable, attainable, personal, and specific plan to get to where you are going.

**Do** the plan

**Discuss** the results of doing the plan and modify if necessary to look more like Jesus

# THE FOUR STORIES



I AM CREATED TO PURSUE GOD IN HIS STEPS  
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