


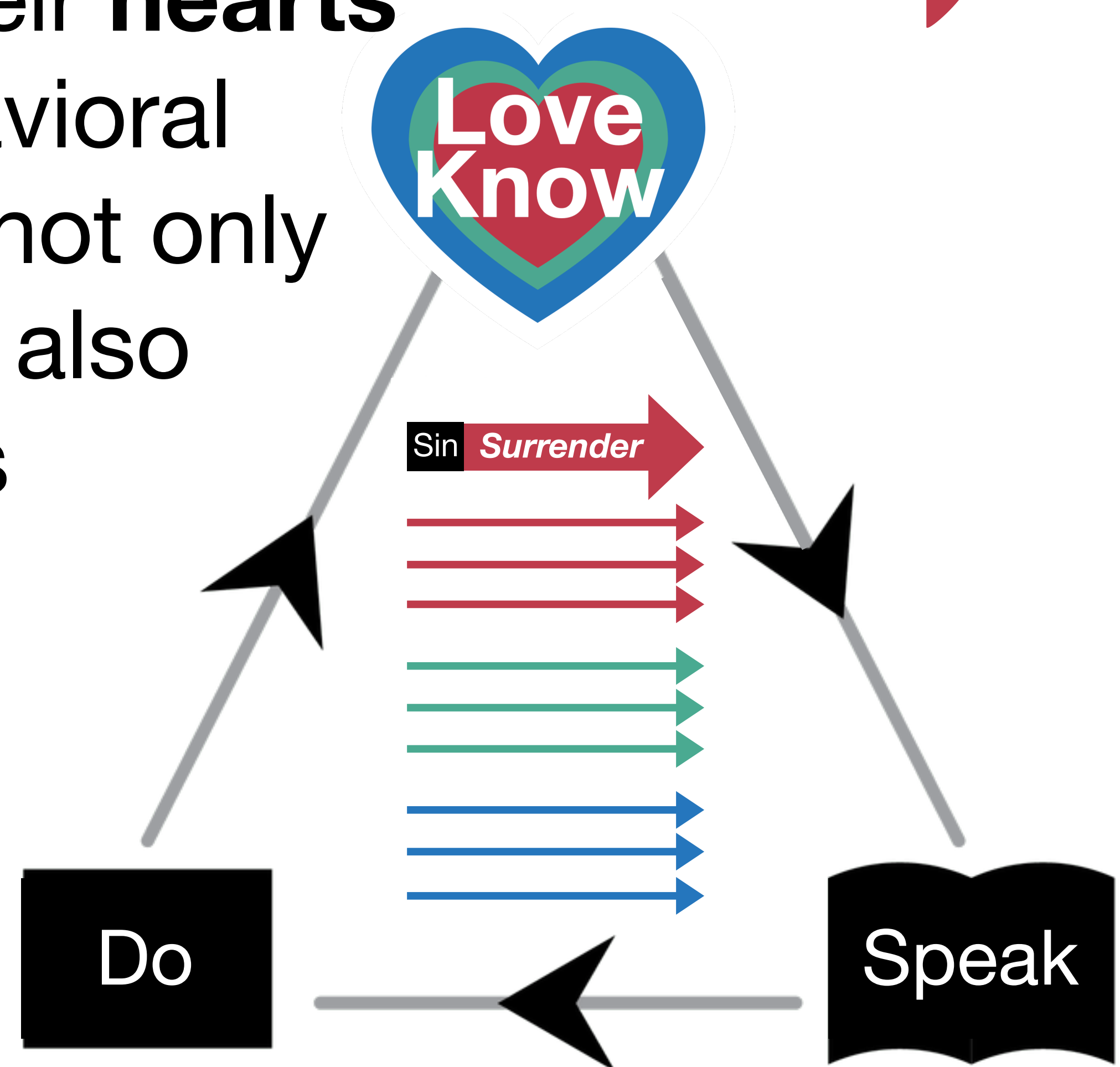
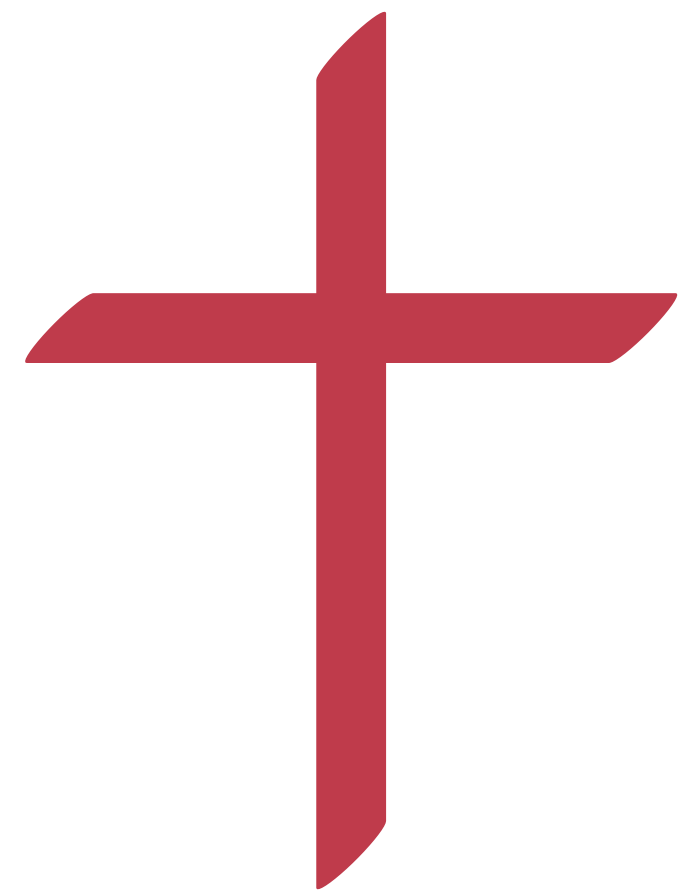
1 Peter 3:8-12
The Eyes of
The Lord



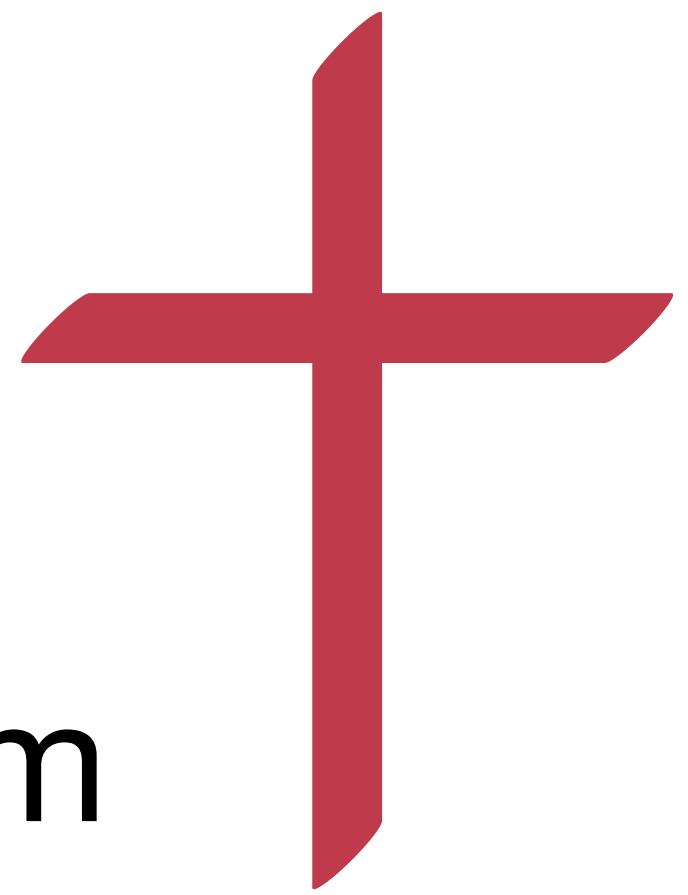
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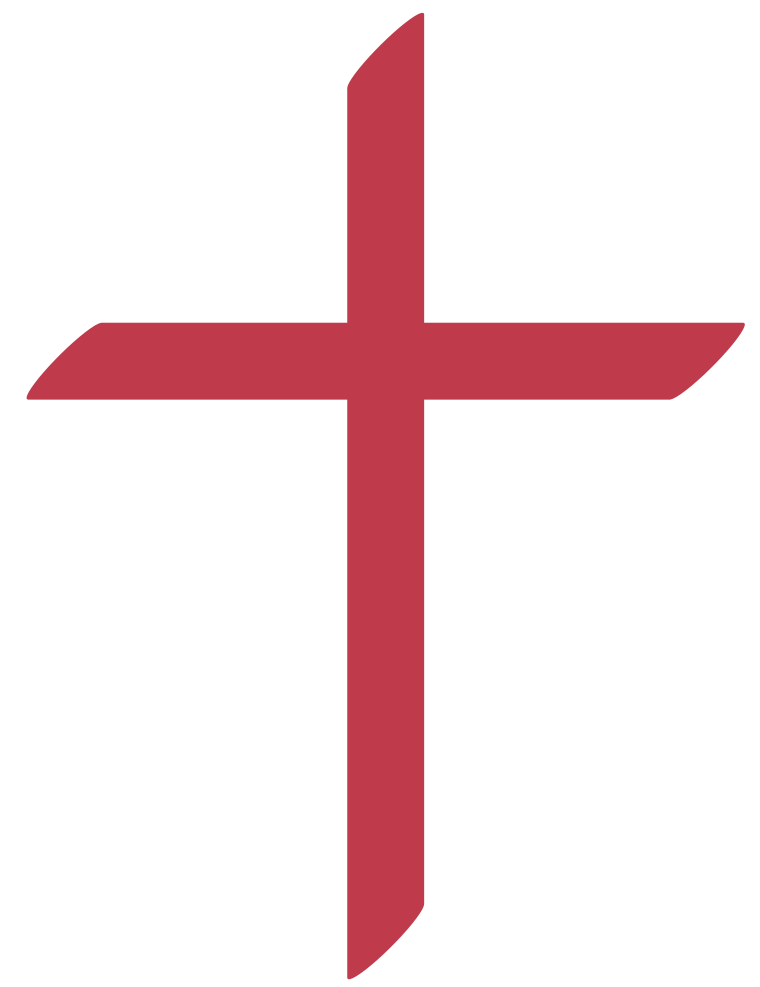
“If you do not help people see their story from a distinctive biblical, **Christ-centered** perspective, your ministry will do nothing but lob theological platitudes and principles at them. Their **hearts** will remain **unchanged**, and any behavioral changes will be temporary. They will not only continue to be at war with others, but also with a God who will not conceded His exclusive claim on their hearts.”

p. 186B Tripp



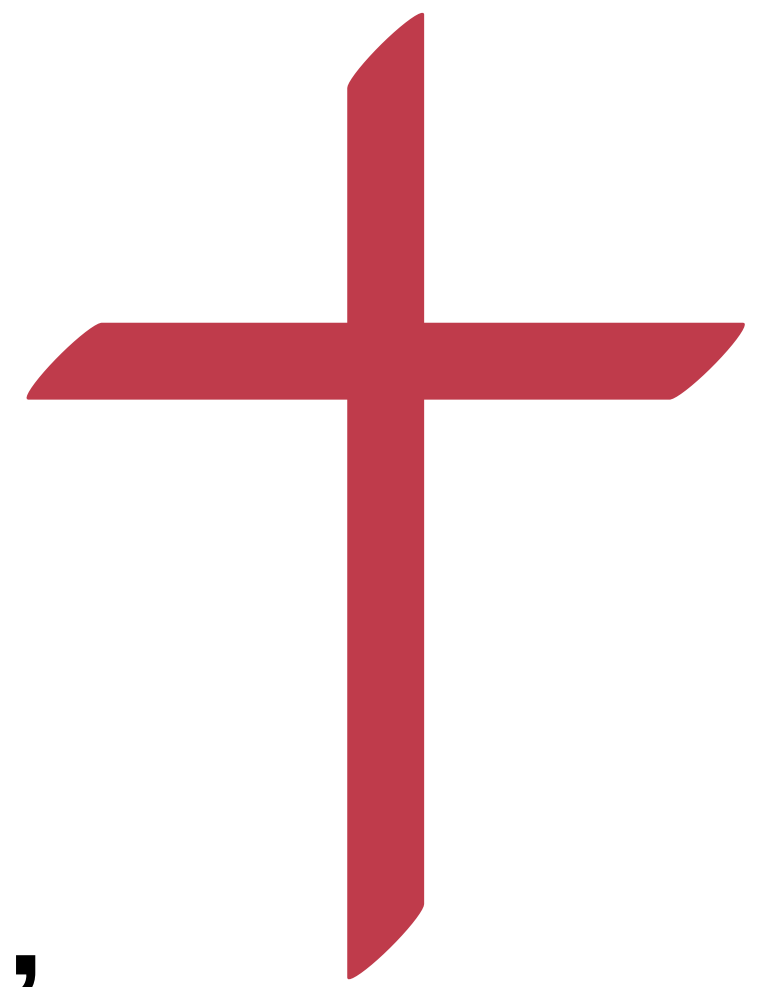
Speak with God's goals in view. p. 94SG Our loving, honest rebuke can be equal to these challenges only if we pursue two goals. The first is to be used as one of God's ***instruments of seeing*** in the lives of others. I am not trying to advance my own opinion. I want to help people see themselves in the **mirror of God's Word**. I want to help them **see what God sees**. The second is to be used by God as an ***agent of repentance***. The biblical definition of **repentance** is **a change of heart that leads to a change in the direction of my life...** Our goal is not to pressure people into behavioral changes, but to **encourage heart change** that impacts the life. p. 212-213B Tripp





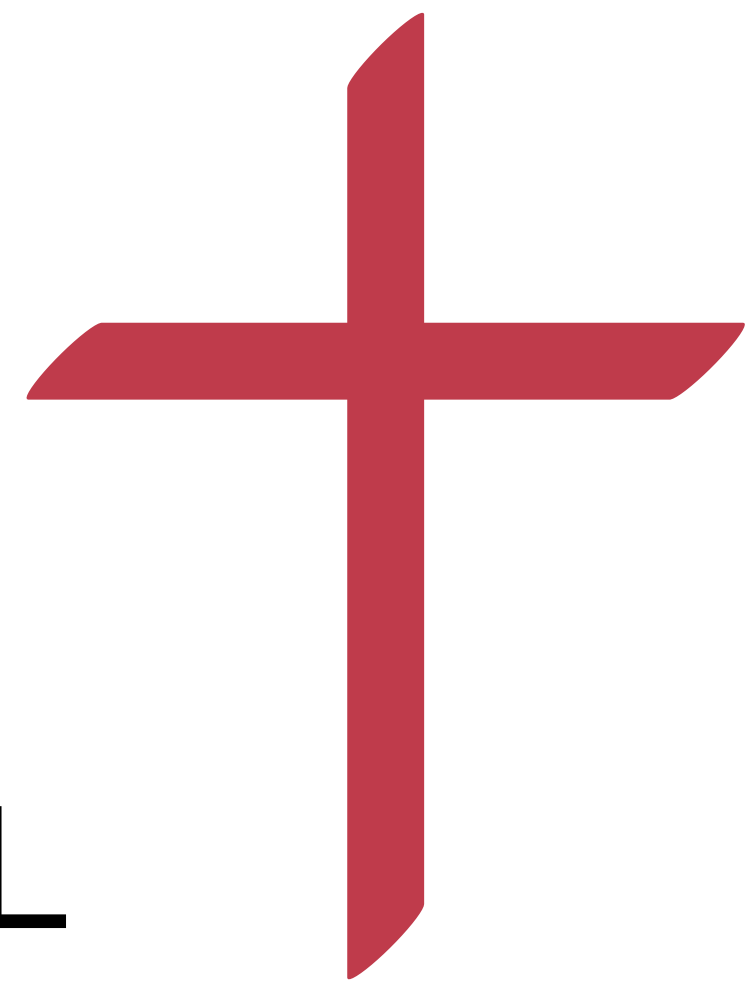
1 Peter 3:8 To sum up, **all of you** be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit;

- This summary goes back to 2:11-12.
- These early Christians in these early churches were living with **one another** in a hostile world.
- It is critical to our maturity how we relate to **one another**.
- **Loving:** I serve, care for and encourage my brothers and sisters in Christ.



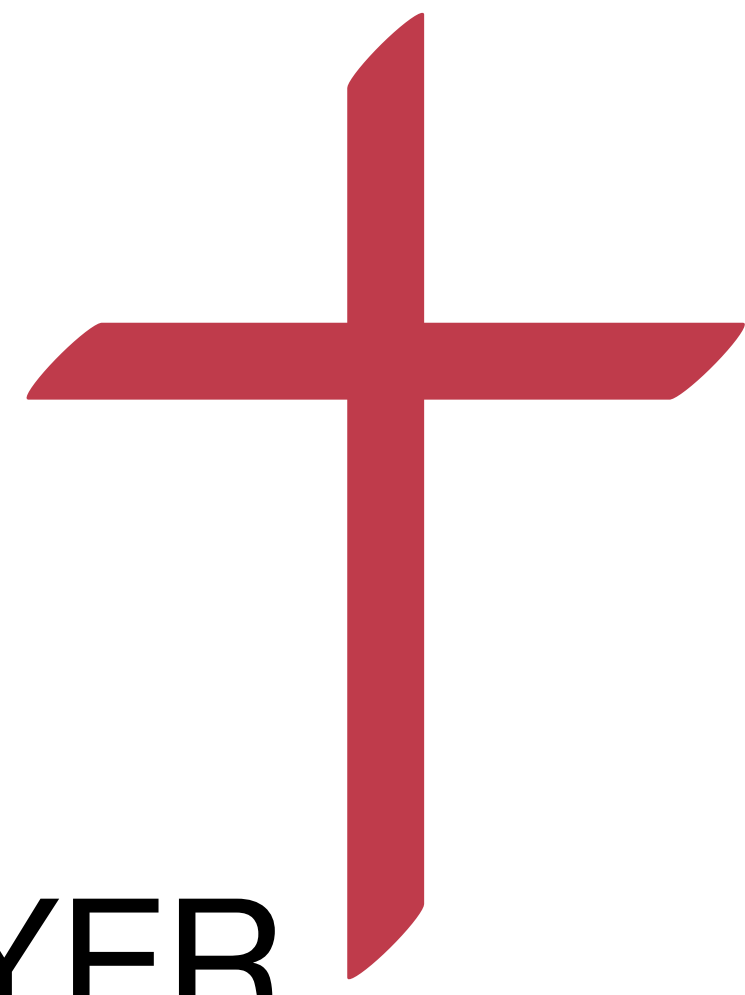
1 Peter 3:9 not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing.

- Two basic principles in The Word of God are brotherly love and not retaliating in the face of suffering evil.
- Evil is the spelling of “live” backwards. Evil is working against the purposes of God, but God can still use it.
- God has called His people to inherit & give His blessing.



1 Peter 3:10 For, THE ONE WHO DESIRES LIFE,
TO **LOVE** AND SEE GOOD DAYS,
MUST KEEP HIS TONGUE FROM EVIL
AND HIS LIPS FROM **SPEAKING** DECEIT.
HE MUST TURN AWAY FROM EVIL
AND **DO** GOOD;
HE MUST SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT.

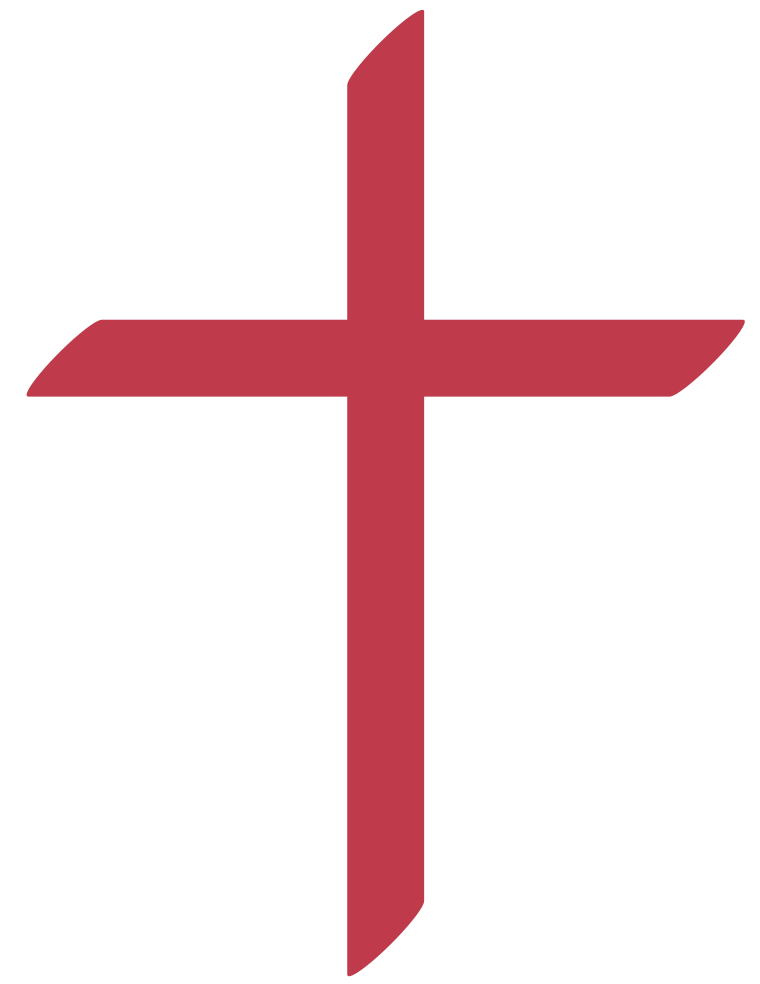
- “**Loving** as Christ has loved...
- Loving others by **speaking** the truth in love....
- **Helping others do** what God has called them to do.” Tripp



1 Peter 3:12 FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD

ARE TOWARD THE RIGHTEOUS,
AND **HIS** EARS ATTEND TO THEIR PRAYER,
BUT THE FACE OF **THE LORD** IS AGAINST
THOSE WHO DO EVIL.

- Knowing that God knows everything lets us both rest in His love and evaluate if we are reflecting His love.
- The righteous are those who trust in Jesus to be aligned with His plans, His purposes and His glory.
- Those who do evil have little regard for God or His plans.



Practical Application & Action Steps:

1. Trust in King Jesus and align with His plans & purposes.
2. Be open, honest & transparent about your suffering.
3. Love brothers & sisters in Christ. EmBody the priorities of a disciple & pass them along in personal ministry.
4. Be lovable. Work at receiving & giving love.