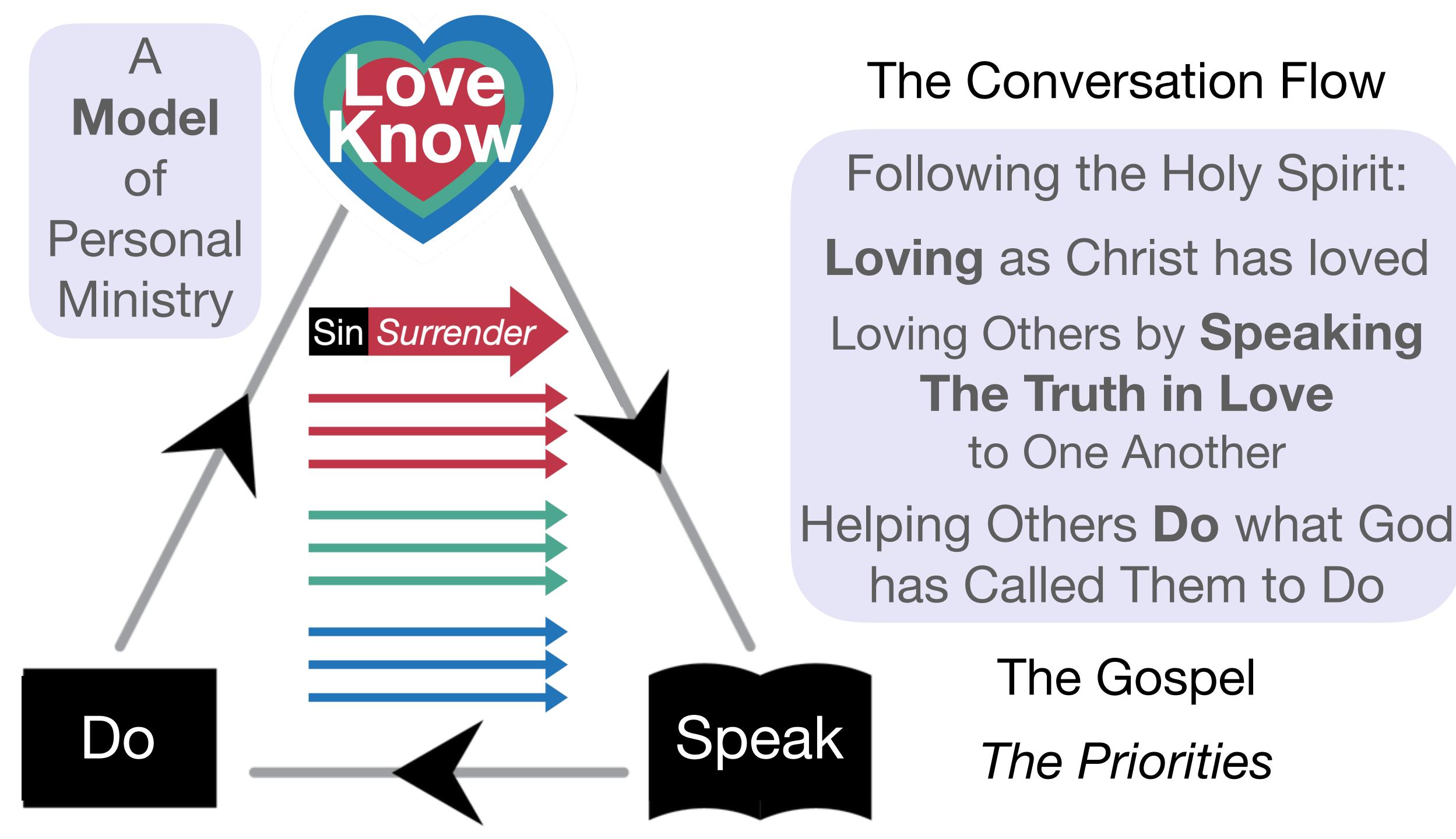
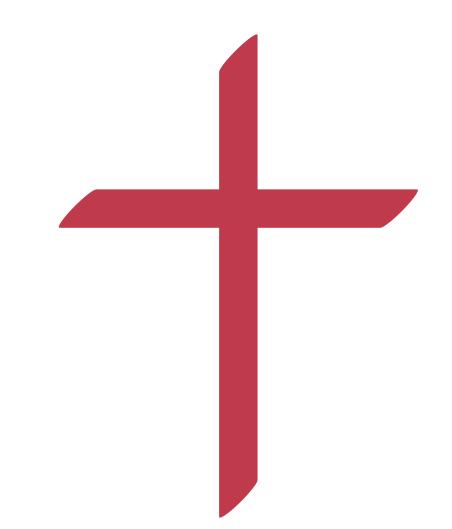
1 Peter 5:1-5
Examples
to the Flock

Suffering Grace Glory



- 1 Peter 5:1 Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as your fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed,
- Peter is giving specific instructions to these elders.
- Peter is a fellow elder & identifies with their calling as one.
- Peter is one of them as a witness of King Jesus' sufferings.
- Peter is one of them as a partaker of the glory of God.
- Therefore, endure hardship, suffering and persecution.

- 1 Peter 5:2 shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; 3 nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock.
- An under-shepherd joins God in giving oversight to His flock.
- Right motivation and real passion are good characteristics of elders while the love of money and power are bad examples.
- Examples are examples for the purpose of imitation.



- 1 Peter 5:4 And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.
- The elders were under-shepherds to The Chief Shepherd.
- While elders teach, there is only one Teacher, The Redeemer.
- Elders are to keep serving until He returns. The church family is to be the church family until He returns.
- There will be a day when we KNOW HIM and His glory more.

- 1 Peter 5:5a You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders;
- The term younger has implications on physical age in addition to those who may be less mature in the faith.
- If the elders are giving oversight, then the others are to follow. This assumes the oversight is based on God's Word and stresses the importance of right motivation and real passion.
- God created systems and structure. God created His church and created an elder structure for His body.
- The body invites pastors and elders to give direction.

- **1 Peter 5:5b** and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.
- Everyone is to clothe themselves with humility.
- Everyone in a "leadership position" and everyone in a "position of following" is to be humble toward one another.
 The church is a people of mutual respect & encouragement.
- God gives grace to the humble. God's God's

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Practical Application & Action Steps:

- Expect the Pastors and Vision Team to continue to develop and shepherd the CCBC Vision, the Gospel Hooks, the Priorities and A Model of Personal Ministry.
- 2. Start or continue EmBodying the Priorities of a Disciple and Passing them along in Relationship.
- 3. Be humble toward one another as a receiver and giver of grace.