

## TOPIC 4

### Finding Balance

#### Pivotal Circumstances

Acts 10: 17-20

While Peter was wondering about the meaning of the vision... the Spirit said to him, “Simon, three men are looking for you. So, get up and go downstairs. Do not hesitate to go with them, for I have sent them.”

One of God’s greatest gifts is the ability to think about the future and to wonder.

We all wonder through a specific framework, like a window through which we can see clearly but limits our view.

Our window is unique and specific to us because it has developed due to our unique experiences.

Our window changes over time. Some changes occur naturally as we age and journey through life.

However, there are times in our lives when we experience pivotal circumstances, events, or a series of events that profoundly change our perspective, and we never see the world the same way again.

Peter experienced pivotal circumstances, suddenly and profoundly changing his widow and perception of Gentiles, ultimately impacting the world.

Like Peter, you are experiencing pivotal circumstances that are profoundly changing your life and perception.

Your Heavenly Father loves you and your child and wants you to see clearly, but He is on the other side of the window.

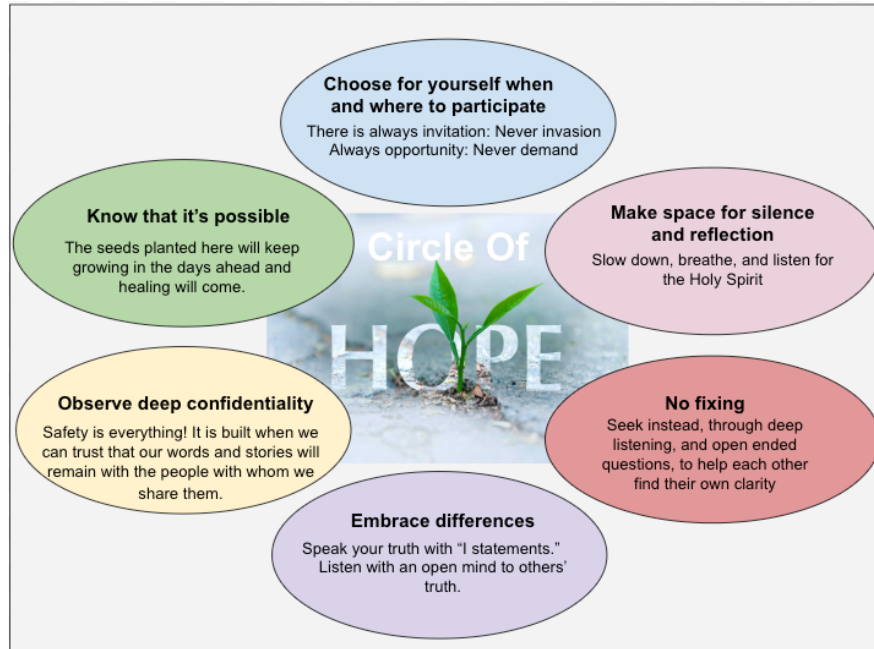
God wants to be seen clearly, so He sent Jesus to our side of the window.

This is the whole story.

**Everything else is secondary, and everybody else is secondary; this is where the clarity comes from.**

“Believe me when I say I am in the Father, and the Father is in me, or at least believe in the evidence of the works themselves.” John 14:11

## Circle of Hope Boundaries



For Circles of Hope to be restorative for those struggling with spiritual trauma, there must be clearly defined boundaries, the kinds of boundaries that create a safe space for the soul.

### CIRCLE OF HOPE TOPIC

Considering the critical nature of our circumstances, it's important to acknowledge that our personal point of view might be limiting our understanding. What are some alternative viewpoints, as modeled by Jesus, that might provide clarity on how we can embrace more compassionate and understanding approaches toward others?