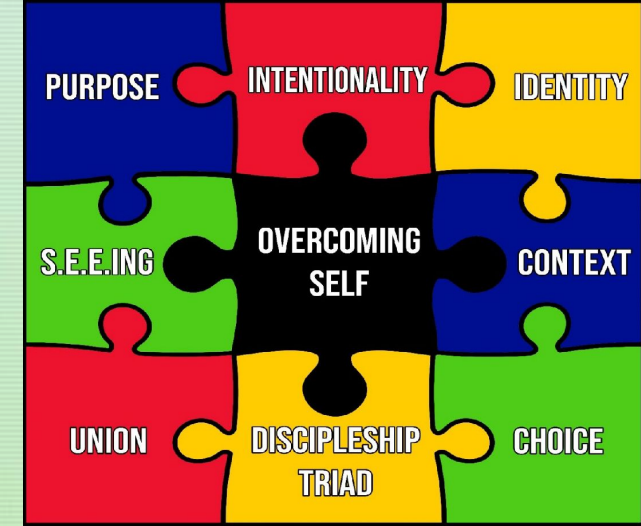


The Strategic Discipleship Workbook

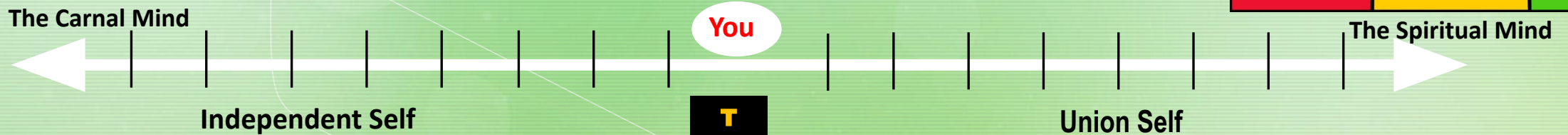
Session Eight: The Discipleship Triad

Review: The Choice Space Model

- The Choice Space is about developing the skill to: 1) recognize when choice opportunities exist; 2) see the choices from both the carnal and spiritual mind perspectives; and 3) habitually choose the spiritual mind action.



Independent-Self vs. Union-Self Continuum



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"My life"
 "Life for its own sake"
 Thirst for recognition
 Pursuit of happiness, possessions, etc.
 Identity = sum of all fleshly factors
 Hopes in this life
 Trust in power
 Trust in riches
 Grasping
 Focus on problems
 Eyes on circumstances
 Eyes on the world
 Uncontrolled thoughts
 "Hope" for hope
 Seeks comfort
 "Entertain me!"

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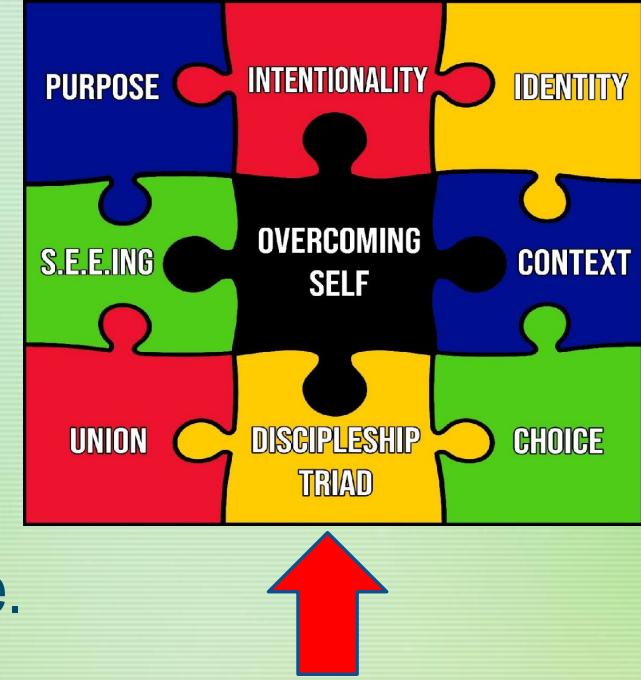
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"I live...yet not I"
 Life engaged in God's Program
 Humility
 Life is a classroom for learning to reign
 Identity = who God says I am
 Hopes in eternal dimension
 Trust in mercy
 Trusts in God's provision
 Empty yourself
 Focus on His Word
 Eyes fixed above
 Focus on Goodness of the Lord
 Philippians 4:8 thinking
 Lay hold of hope
 Seeks maturity
 "Teach me!"

The Choice Space as a Discipleship Strategy

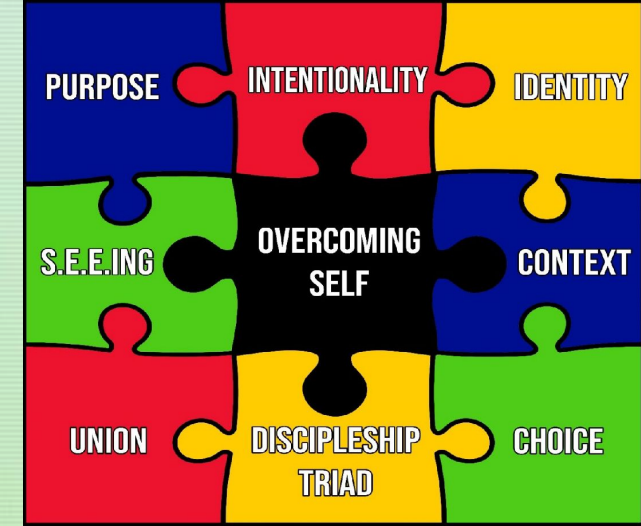
The Triad: Regeneration, Trans-formation, Renewal

- The Triad and Rev. 19:7: R/T/R is the salvation process strategy Papa employs to prepare us to reign.
- Jesus' transformation: from suffering servant to conquering King. Our transformation: His suffering servant to Overcoming/Ready Wife.
- What about "sanctification"?
- Papa has to convince you that you are separated before He can get you into union!
- What do these mean?
 - Our soul suffers much violence in the early years of life. Even for those fortunate enough to have a good childhood, the process of socialization in this world's system is brutal and vulgar as we are pounded into conformity during our formative years.
 - Children can be savage to one another while establishing the social pecking order. It does not take long for the emotional beat down to begin and have its cumulative effect.
 - Soul corruption is the result of both what we do and what is done to us, and is painful to watch, and painful and damaging to live through.



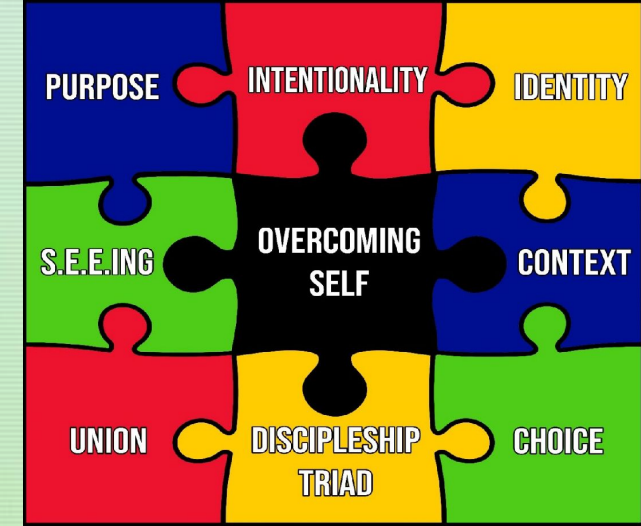
D1: Momentary Light Affliction

- 2 Corinthians 4:17
- “Light affliction” covers entire spectrum from stubbed toe to torture.
- Why do you think Papa uses the mechanism of suffering to change/grow us? What happens to those who rebel/resist?
- Read Hebrews 12:11. Describe the process from suffering to righteousness.
- Comment on this paraphrase: “the glory achieved by the process of our suffering is disproportionately positive relative to our suffering’s duration and discomfort...and, when we respond correctly, our momentary light affliction takes our eyes off of our flesh and redirects our attention to otherworldly matters.”
- Read last paragraph, pg. 86.
- What is the sense organ to which Paul is referring in 2 Cor. 4:18? How does one look at “things not seen”?
- Contextual FACT: This life *never has been and never will be the point*, except as it trains us to rule with Him in eternity



Day 2: Strongholds!

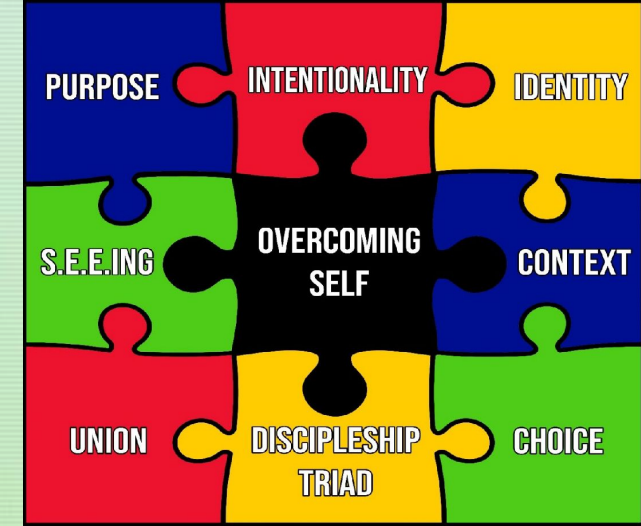
- **2 Corinthians 10:4-5**, “⁴For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.”
- Notice that Paul assumes strongholds: “high things that exalt themselves against the knowledge of God.” (**2 Cor. 10:3**)
- Constructing a stronghold: Upon the foundation of unbelief/misbelief, the enemy builds a fortified superstructure of deception.
- “Getting rid of a stronghold is hard work...must be pulled down by confession, declaration, and application of Scriptural truths, including claiming our promised inheritance. Claiming our inheritance counters unbelief; confession and declaration neutralize deception.”
- Once removed, the ground...must be occupied, fortified, and defended to prevent enemy re-occupation (**Luke 11:24-26**). What is the role of the Fruit of the Spirit in re-occupation?
- Vows do not bind us to actions so much as they bind us to attitudes.



Common Strongholds

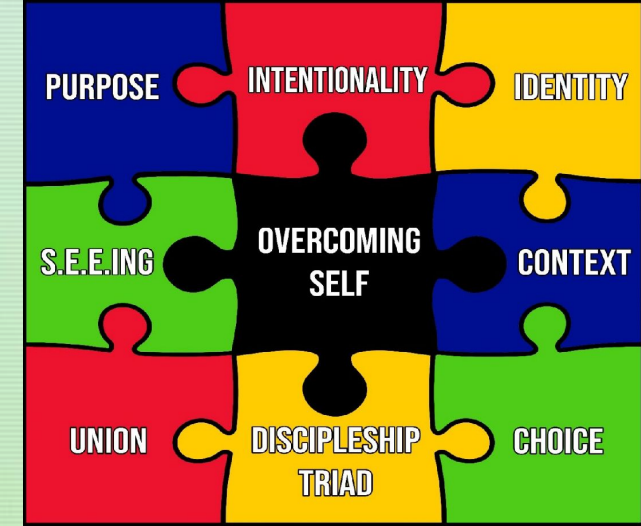
- Anger
- Rejection
- Depression (anti-hope)
- Sexual sins
- Fear/Anxiety/Mistrust/Dread
- Apathy/Laziness/Disengagement
- Control
- Negativity
- Addictions
- Selfishness

- What happens when you “friend” a stronghold (i.e., incorporate it into your identity)?



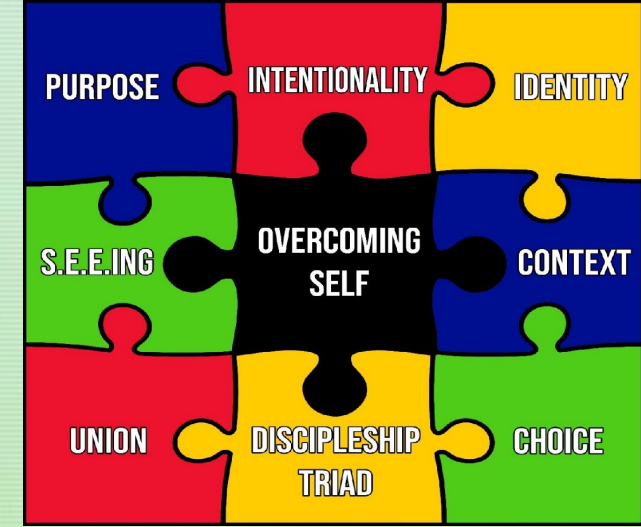
D3: The Regeneration Effect

- Satan's Plan B: Keep us IN chaos and OUT of Life. Why?
- Two-fold hope of resurrection : 1) *We are being* resurrected to new life as we experience His Regeneration in this life; and, 2) *We will be* resurrected to a new life in the Age to come. (Phil. 3:10-11)
- Titus 3:6—God's loofa!
- **Ezekiel 36:26**, “²⁶I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; ***I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.***”
- **John 5:24**, “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, ***but has passed from death into life.***” Passing from death into life is the Regeneration Effect.
- **John 13:10**: “He who is **bathed** [justification] needs only to **wash his feet** [regeneration], but is **completely clean** [salvation].”



D4: Transformation

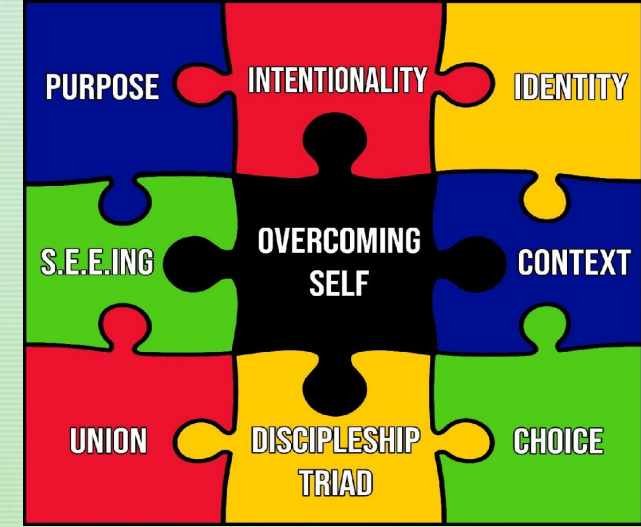
- “Jesus is not interested in making a nicer, more compliant, more polite, sweeter-smelling version of your Independent Self (IS), or making you a better, more religious form of your dead self. The Holy Spirit is not impressed by your credentials. *Papa’s interest is in taking over, & replacing you with another life: His Son’s.*”
- The role of Choice in Transformation
- Transformation Mechanics: Imitation, Emulation, Assimilation
- “Conformed behavior is the correct *first step*; but if the next step of Transformation does not occur, conformation becomes a flesh-based system of rules and law, ‘the pursuit of being nice,’ and man-made religion.”
- Galatians 2:20—Christ IN me, AS me! His life lives in union in my soul and spirit, and expressed in my body.



We glibly quote **Luke 9:24** without attaching its literal spiritual meaning to our circumstances: "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it." Losing one's life is Transformation. "Lose his life" means to be absorbed into the Collective Life of Christ in mind, will, and emotions. It means that His life overwhelms and engulfs existence so that my physical presence in the world is an expression of His spiritual presence. He replaces the "me" that the world knows; the lesser is *always* assimilated into the greater. His life lives through my body, *in me, as me*. Therefore, to "save [one's] life" is to preserve my fleshly life and carnal mind as the "me" that the world recognizes. It means to remain separated, to hold myself distinct and detached from His Collective Mind and will. *It means remaining an Independent Self.*

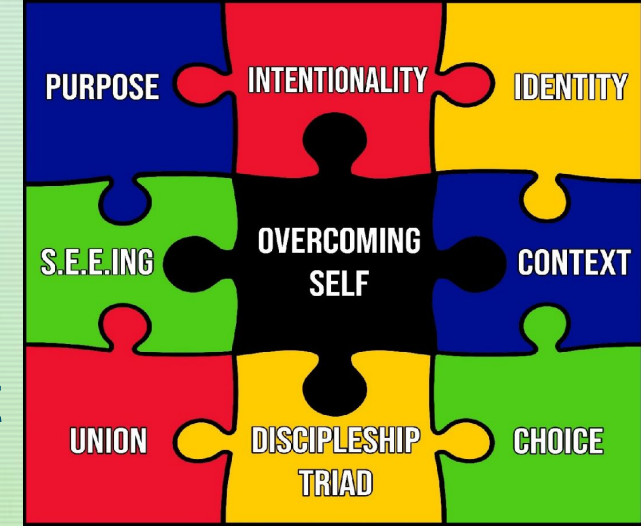
Day 5: Mind Renewal

- Soul Union requires changing how we feel (emotions), how we think (mind), and what we choose (will).
- We are often careless with guarding what comes into our mind, what goes out as speech, and what just hangs around in there.
- Steady barrage of worldly attitudes, values, methodology, culture
- “The enemy’s influence is so pervasive in the world system that, unless countered by the truth of Scripture, even believers begin to adopt his ways as the ‘way things are done around here.’”
- Of all of the functions of our mind, the most important may be its role in allowing in or blocking out environmental stimuli. Our mind is the gatekeeper; and when our mind is ruled by the flesh or overwhelmed by worldly attitudes and priorities, the floodgates are wide open to whatever the enemy wishes to foist upon us.
- With Mind Renewal comes a new filtration and values system, one that impedes or blocks the worldly tidal wave, but remains open to the whisper of the Spirit. A Renewed Mind recognizes truth; and, we learn to recognize lies because often they are direct contradictions of truth that we have stored.



D5: Mind Renewal (Cont'd)

- Our Renewed Mind puts all of Papa's puzzle pieces together in an actionable form. Knowledge and information must be fused into wisdom (knowledge of His ways) to be useful. When wisdom is processed and contextualized through the filter of God's Program, it morphs into understanding—the highest form of Mind Renewal.
- Three Kingdom-Vital Mind-Renewal Processes:
 1. Truth resides in our spirit, but it is accessed for reference through our conscious mind. As a storage “cache” and communication access point to the Holy Spirit, our Renewed Mind continuously compares our current situation and merges it with the truth of Scripture.
 2. Our mind is the communication center between body and soul, and spirit and soul. When our body clamors for attention, it tries to drown out all other communication. But with a Renewed Mind, the word of life and the still, small voice gets through.
 3. Our mind is the center of our creative interaction with the Holy Spirit. New birth in the Renewed Mind looks like a childlike response that sees all things as conceivable, hopes all things as attainable, and believes all things as possible.



Next Week: Union

