

SPIRITUAL WARFARE & MISSIONS

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KINGDOM OF GOD

Matthew 13:44

PARADIGM CHANGE

RENEWAL OF
THE MIND

DISCIPLESHIP

ACTION

Church of the
Kingdom

Theology of
Missions

Theology of
Transformation



SATAN'S STRATEGIES

LEVEL 1

LEVEL ONE





OVERCOMING INDIVIDUALISM

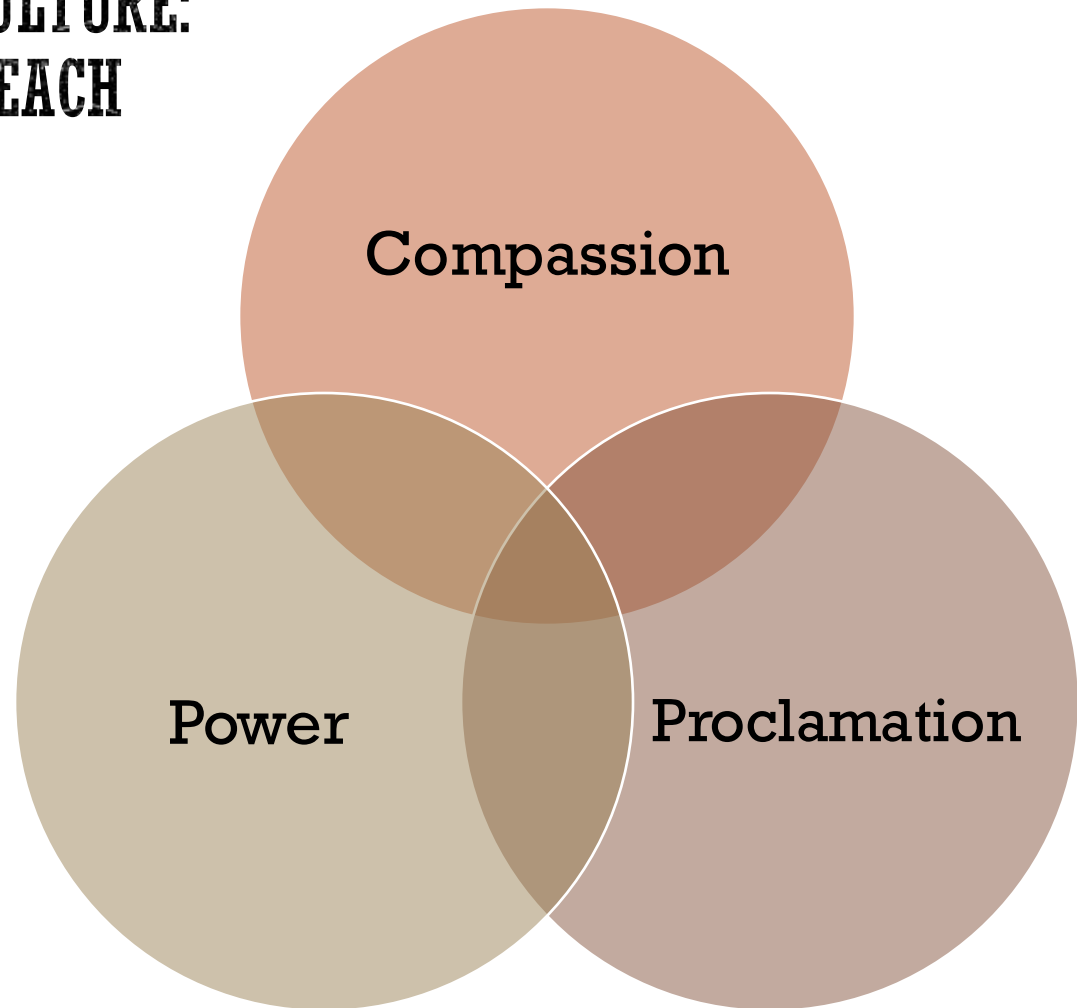
Service

PENETRATING THE CULTURE: EVANGELISM & OUTREACH

1. The Proclamation of the Gospel is the net being cast over people.

2. The Delegated power allow us *to minister to the sick and to free the spiritual oppressed.*

3. Our Compassion is an extension of God's care over people.



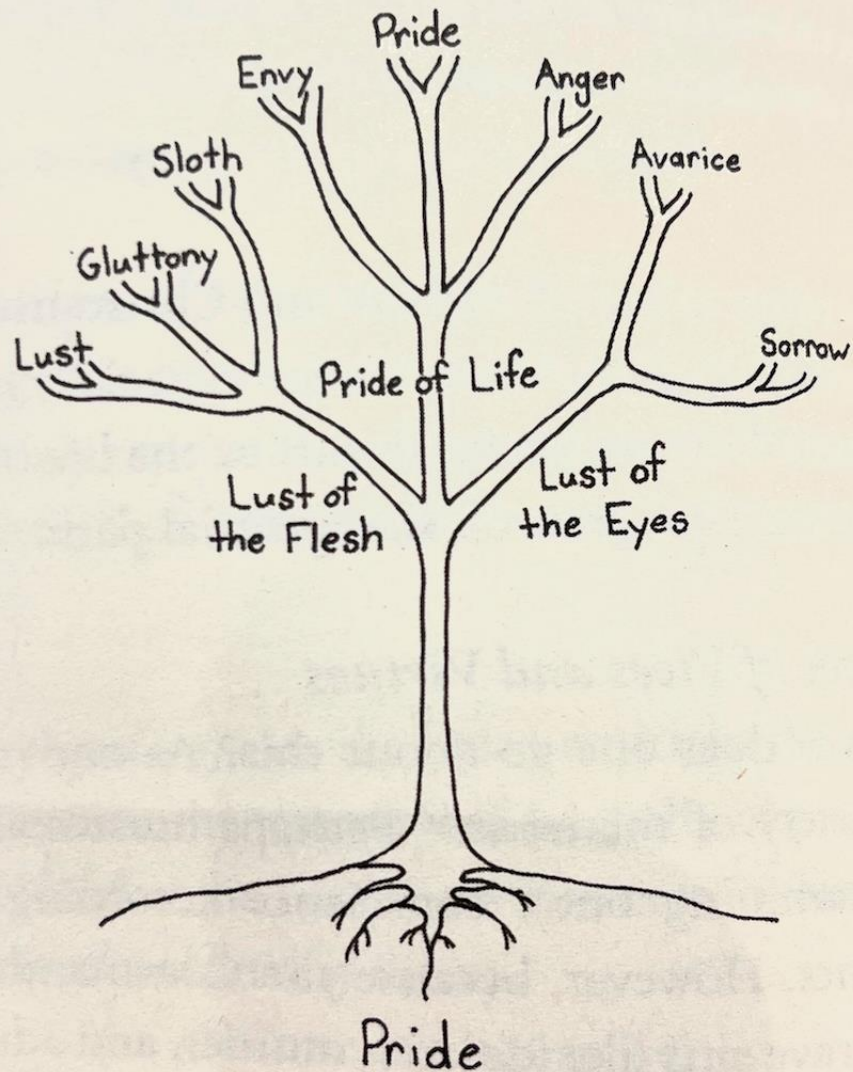
- Believers today pick & choose where to attend
- We are here to SERVE not to be served.



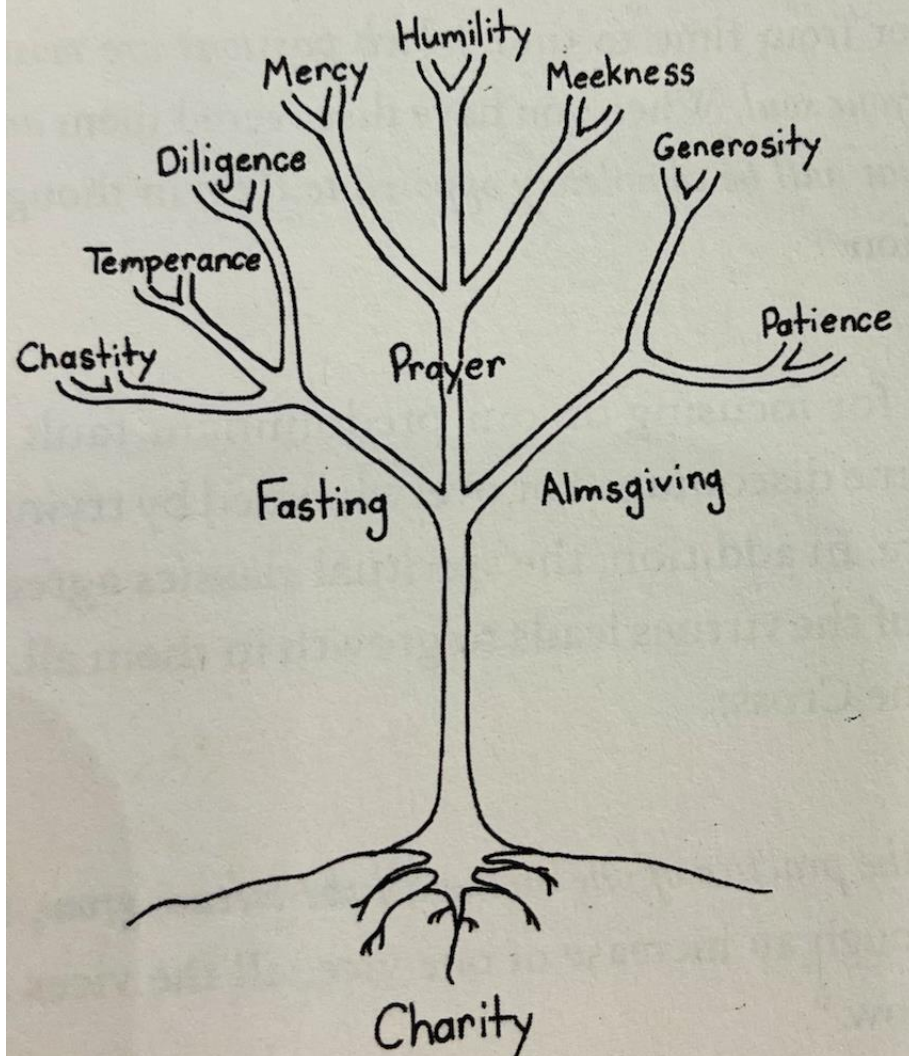
OBSTACLE #1: INDIVIDUALISM

- The legacy of 300 years of Modernism.
- The **reduction** of God's good news to individual salvation.

The Evil Tree



The Good Tree





OVERCOMING A CHURCH CENTERED CULTURE

Missions

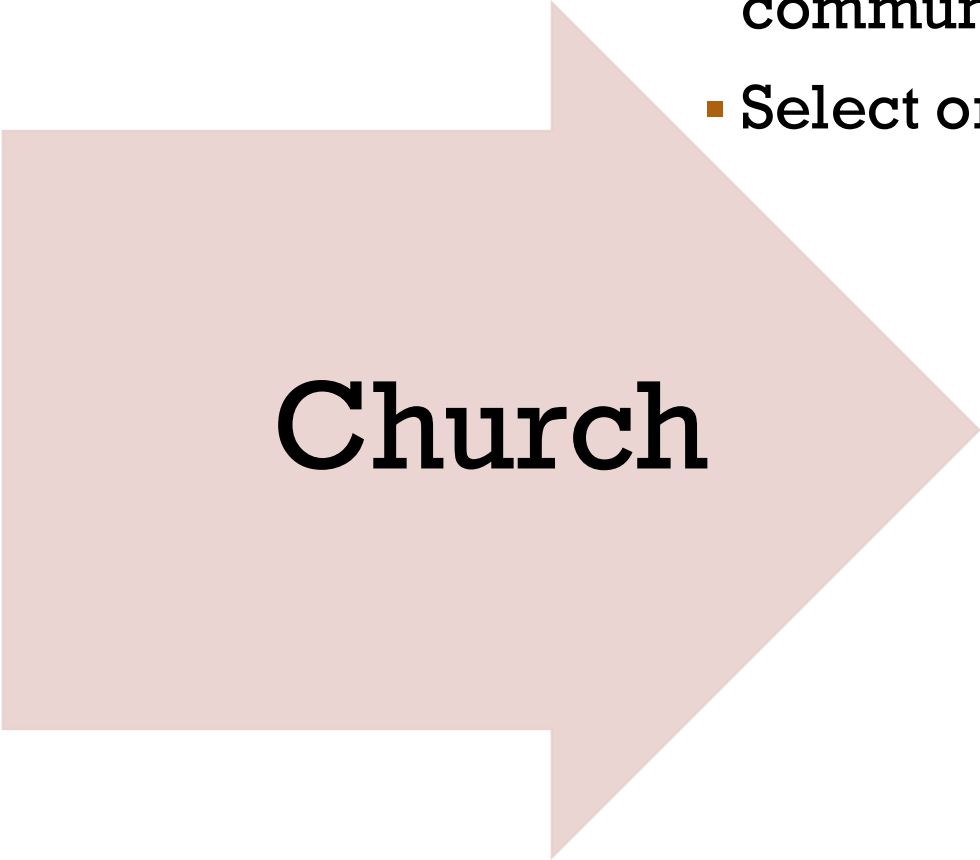
- Mat 28:18 Then Jesus came up and said to them, “**All** authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
- Mat 28:19 Therefore **go** and **make disciples** of **all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
- Mat 28:20 **teaching** them to **obey** everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you **always**, to the end of the age.”

CHURCH FOCUSED

Develop
Ministry
centered on
missions/
outreach

CHURCH FOCUSED

- Buildings don't reach people
- Missional people reach people
- Discerning the needs of the community
- Select one need and go for it



Church



World

- Marginalized Groups outside the church:
 - Drug Addicts
 - Alcoholics
 - Homeless
 - Prostitutes
- Unreached Nations and Ethnos:
 - Hindus
 - Asians
 - Africans
 - Muslims

CHURCH AS PLACE OF HOPE

The church has
develop and
church-centric
vision of
ministry



OVERCOMING DISTRACTIONS

1Pe 5:8 Be sober and alert. Your enemy the devil, like a roaring lion, is on the prowl looking for someone to devour.

- Temper
- Doubts
- Personality Disorders:
Depressive/addictive
- Traumas
- Disobedience
- Lack of biblical knowledge
- Sexuality
- Sickness
- Weak Faith
- Discouragement

DISTRACTIONS

- Identify how
has Satan
influenced your
life?
- Satan will
exploit your
weaknesses.

Overcoming Level 1 (Eph. 6:10-18)

Belt (6:14)

- Truth
- **Lies**
- Doctrine

Breastplate

- Justice
- **Bad Habits**
- Witness

Readiness (6:15)

- Peace
- **Temper**
- Relationships

Shield 6:16

- Faith
- **Doubt**
- Narratives

Helmet 6:17

- Mind
- **Insecurity**
- Bible Reading

Sword 6:17

- Spirit
- **Busy**
- Standing your Ground



1. **Longing for more:** Invitation to spend time with God
2. **Solitude:** Creating space for God
3. **Scripture:** Lectio Divina
4. **Prayer:** Deepening Intimacy with God
5. **Honoring the Body:** Health
6. **Self Examination:** Bringing my whole self to God
7. **Discernment:** Recognizing and responding
8. **Sabbath:** Rhythms for work and rest

SACRED RHYTHMS

From the book,
Sacred Rhythms
by Barton

SINS	DISCIPLINE
Gossip/sins of speech	Silence, Self Examination
Anxiety & worry	Breath Prayer, Scripture reflection
Envy	Solitude, self examination
Discontent	Attending to Desire
Self-Reliance	Silence, prayer & community
Avoidance Pattern	Community & spiritual friendship
Anger & Bitterness	Solitude, discernment & celebration

SINS	DISCIPLINE
Feeling of inadequacy	Self Knowledge & Celebration
Guilt & Shame	Solitude, confession & forgiveness
Lust	Attending to desire on God's presence
Restlessness & Stress	Solitude, silence, breath prayer
Laziness	Caring for the body, exercise
Lack of Faith	Prayer, Scripture
Selfishness	Prayer, worship in community

- Mat 10:1 Jesus called his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits so they could cast them out and heal every kind of disease and sickness.
- Mat 10:7 As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near!'
- Mat 10:8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give.

ALL AUTHORITY

Empowered to
destroy the
works of Satan

- 1Pe 4:7 For the culmination of all things is near. So be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of prayer.
- 1Jn 5:19 We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

SOBER MINDED

The task is serious, be sober minded

- Jud 1:9 But even when Michael the archangel was arguing with the devil and debating with him concerning Moses' body, he did not dare to bring a slanderous judgment, but said, "May the Lord rebuke you!"
 - The archangel Michael was sent to bury Moses' body, but according to Jewish tradition (The Assumption of Moses), the devil argued with the angel about the body, apparently claiming the right to dispose of it. But Michael, though powerful and authoritative, did not dare dispute with Satan, so he left the matter in God's hands, saying, The Lord rebuke You!

TO REBUKE OR NOT REBUKE

From G1909 and G5091; to tax upon, that is, censure or admonish; by implication forbid: - (straitly) charge, rebuke.



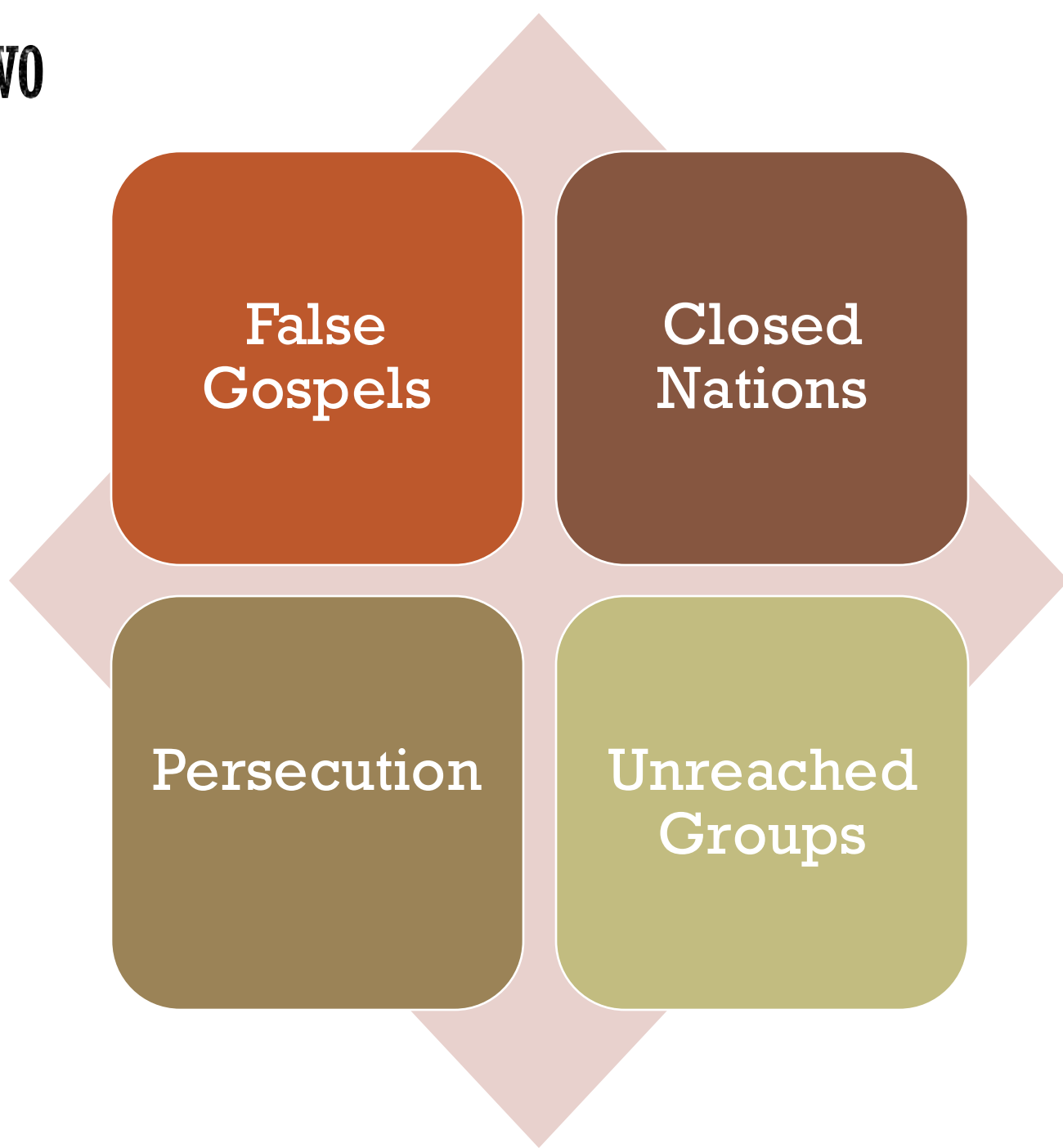
DEVELOPING LOCAL MISSIONS



SATAN'S STRATEGIES

LEVEL 2

LEVEL TWO



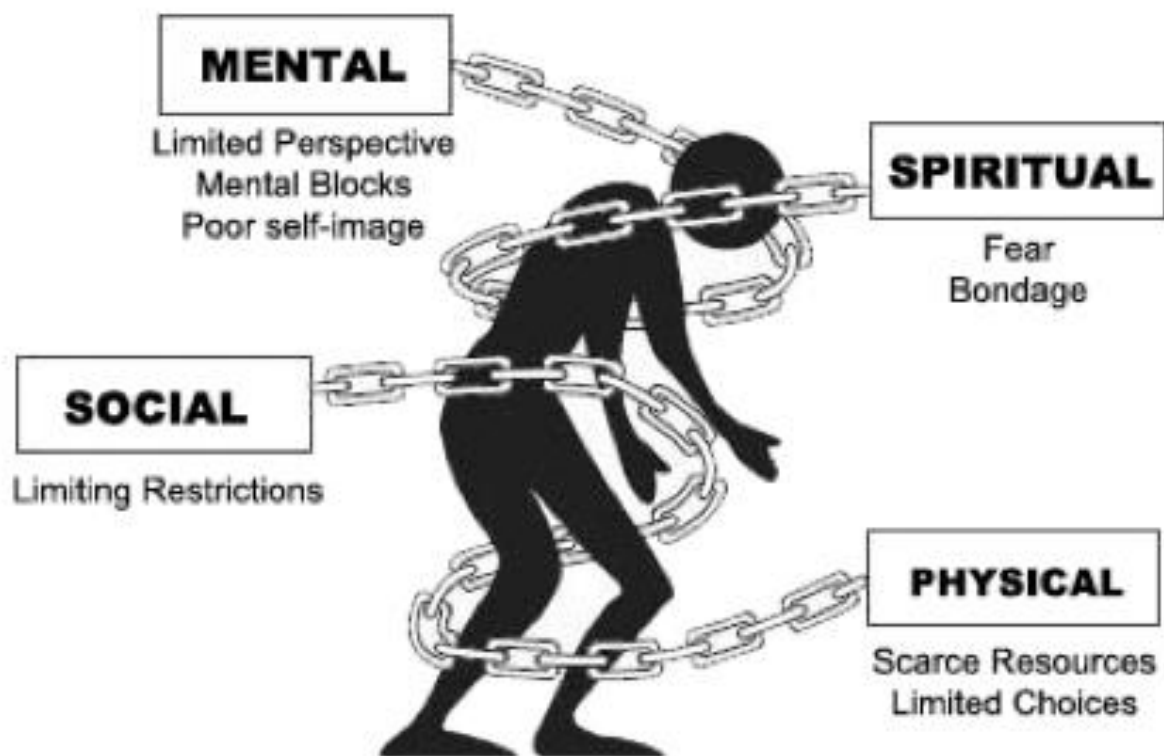


Figure 4-10: Poverty as a lack of freedom to grow.
(After Jayakaran 1996, 14) Bryant L. Myers (2011-11-09).
Walking With The Poor: Principles and Practices of Transformational Development
(Revised and Expanded Edition) (Kindle Location 3182).

- Islamic Fanaticism
- Buddhism
- Cultural Catholicism
- New Age
- Mormonism
- Jehovah Witnesses

FALSE RELIGIOUS SYSTEMS

Prosperity
Gospel

Idolatry

False Messiahs,
prophets.....

- Has the deceiver of the nations distorted our thinking and blinded our eyes to the nature of the mission task?
- Fuller Theological Seminary:
 - Evangelistic efforts in India
 - The gospel spreads within people of similar language and cast
 - The need to focus on ethnic groups rather than Nations
 - Many Nations have multiple ethnic groups with different customs, languages and worldviews

CLOSED NATIONS

Donald
McGavran

Evangelism vs
Missions

- Missions and Evangelism is not the same task
 - You can't do Missions without evangelism
 - You can do Evangelism without missions.
- Neil Cole wrote the following about the issue of missions and evangelism “*We have made a terrible mistake by separating the convert from the worker. They are not two, but one...Each new convert is a new worker, immediately*”

BEYOND OUR COMMUNITIES

Mat 9:38

Therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest-ready fields.”

- **The Church in Africa:**
 - Closed churches
 - Church bombings
 - Girls sold to slavery
- **The Church in Asia**
 - Persecuted by totalitarian states
 - Persecuted by local religions
 - Persecuted by Islamic militants
- Persecution continues to be rampant throughout the world, perhaps more widespread than ever before in history.
- But it can not deter God's Kingdom

PERSECUTION OF BELIEVERS

2 Cor. 4:9-10

- Since the beginning of persecution (1950) by the Chinese state, the church grown from 1 million to 150 million .
 - *‘Believers living in the midst of persecution suggest strongly that the goal of Satan is not to beat, torture, or kill believers. The goal of Satan is to..silence believers’*
Nik Ripken (A Missiology of Suffering: Witness & Church Planting in the Midst of Persecution, 2006)
- Believers in China:
 - *‘Pray that we will be faithful in suffering, but do not pray for persecution to be removed lest we become weal and lethargic like churches we hear in the West’*

POWERFUL WITNESS

The number one
cause of
persecution in
the world is
people coming
to Jesus

- The myth of safety is a distortion of the Gospel.
 - God promises His presence
 - God promises healing
 - God promises forgiveness
 - Safety from Persecution...NO
 - Suffering and Persecution often results in a powerful witness for Christ.
 - Stephen, James (Acts)
- Persecution is a form of Spiritual Warfare (Eph. 6:12)

THE MYTH OF SAFETY

The West has distorted the Gospel into a “feel good, prosperity, stop suffering-gospel”



EVANGELISM & MISSIONS

SPIRITUAL & EXISTENTIAL

UNDERSTANDING SPIRITUAL OPPOSITION

Territorial Entities

- Dan 10:12 Then he said to me, “Don’t be afraid, Daniel, for from the very first day you applied your mind to understand and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard. I have come in response to your words.
- Dan 10:13 However, **the prince of the kingdom of Persia** was opposing me for twenty-one days. But Michael, one of the leading princes, came to help me, because I was left there with the kings of Persia.
- Ephesians 6:12

DEALING WITH TERRITORIAL SPIRITS

Fallen angels
operating in
designated
territories

They control
mindsets,
generate
worldviews

- Dan 10:20 He said, “Do you know why I have come to you? Now I am about to return to engage in battle with **the prince of Persia**. When I go, the prince of **Greece** is coming.
- patron- or guardian-angel. The doctrine of tutelary angels, presiding over the destinies of particular nations, though there appears a trace of the idea in Isa 24:21, and according to some commentators, in Psalms 82,

DEALING WITH TERRITORIAL SPIRITS

Intercessory Prayer

- Act 13:8 But the magician Elymas (for that is the way his name is translated) opposed them, trying to turn the proconsul away from the faith.
- Act 13:9 But Saul (also known as Paul), filled with the Holy Spirit, stared straight at him
- Act 13:10 and said, “**You who are full of all deceit** and all wrongdoing, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness – will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord?

DEALING WITH WORKERS OF DARKNESS

Elymas o Bar-Jesus distorted the faith of people.

Confronting requires an encounter of power

- Wagner: *‘spiritual cartography is for the intercessor what x rays is for a surgeon’*
- 2Co 10:3 For though we live as human beings, we do not wage war according to human standards,
- 2Co 10:4 for the weapons of our warfare are not human weapons, but are made powerful by God for tearing down **strongholds**. We tear down **arguments**
- 2Co 10:5 and every arrogant obstacle that is raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to make it obey Christ.
- *Once you identify the top five vices, you know who and what you are dealing with*

MAPPING YOUR TERRITORY

Developing strategies for local communities

- Take a team of intercessors, walk the streets,, identify what's oppressing people:
 - Violence
 - Drugs
 - How many liquor stores/bars in your area?
 - Prostitution
 - What's the divorce ration in your community?
 - Idolatry?
 - Poverty?
 - Witchcraft?

DESIGNING MINISTRY

Design Ministry
to destroy the
works of the
devil in your
community (1 Jn.
3:8)



EVANGELISM

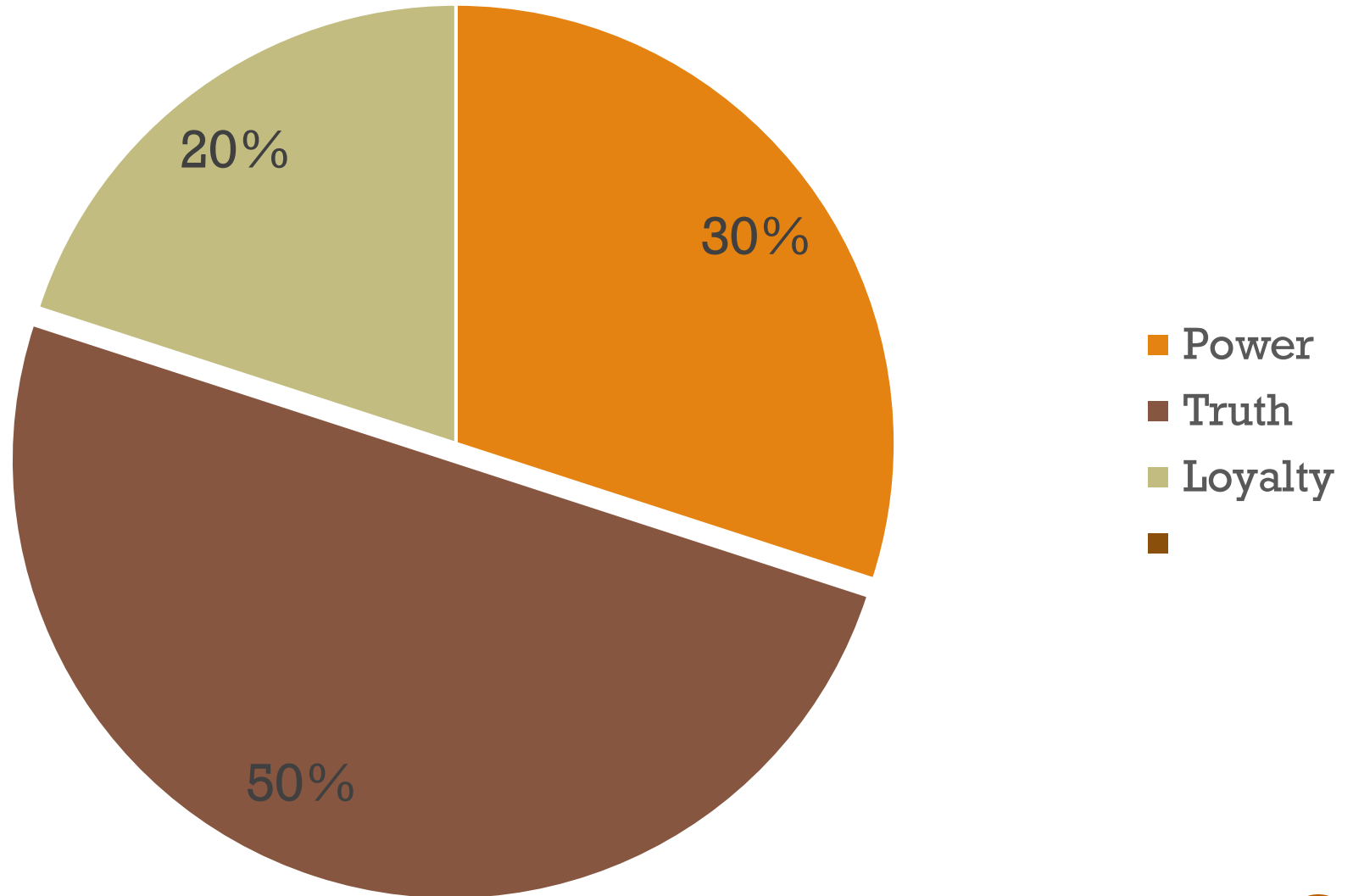
Field Work

- Joh 20:19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the disciples had gathered together and locked the doors of the place because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”
- Joh 20:20 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.
- Joh 20:21 So Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. **Just as the Father has sent me, I also send you.**”

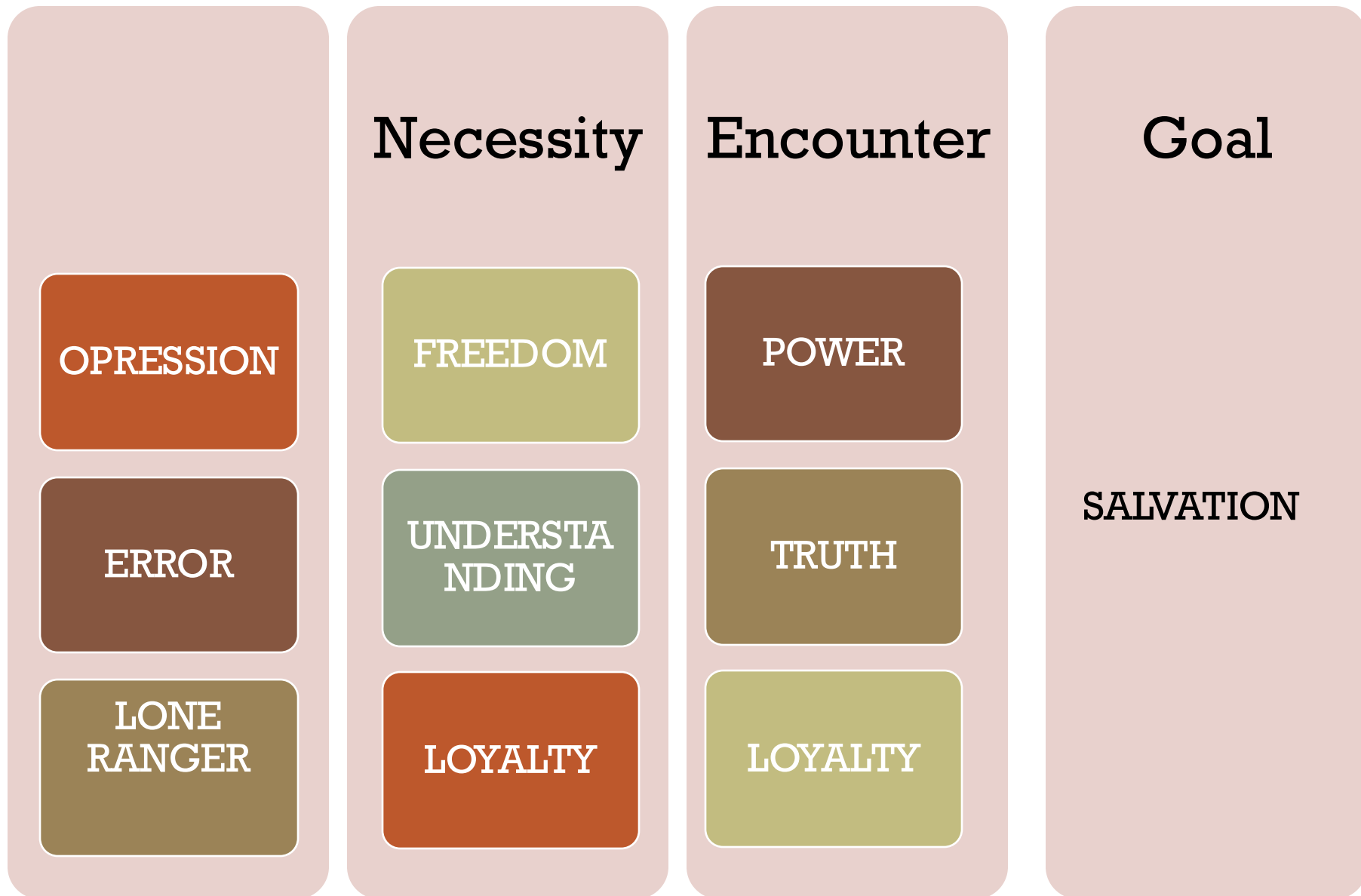
GO!

the command
“to go” is for
“all”

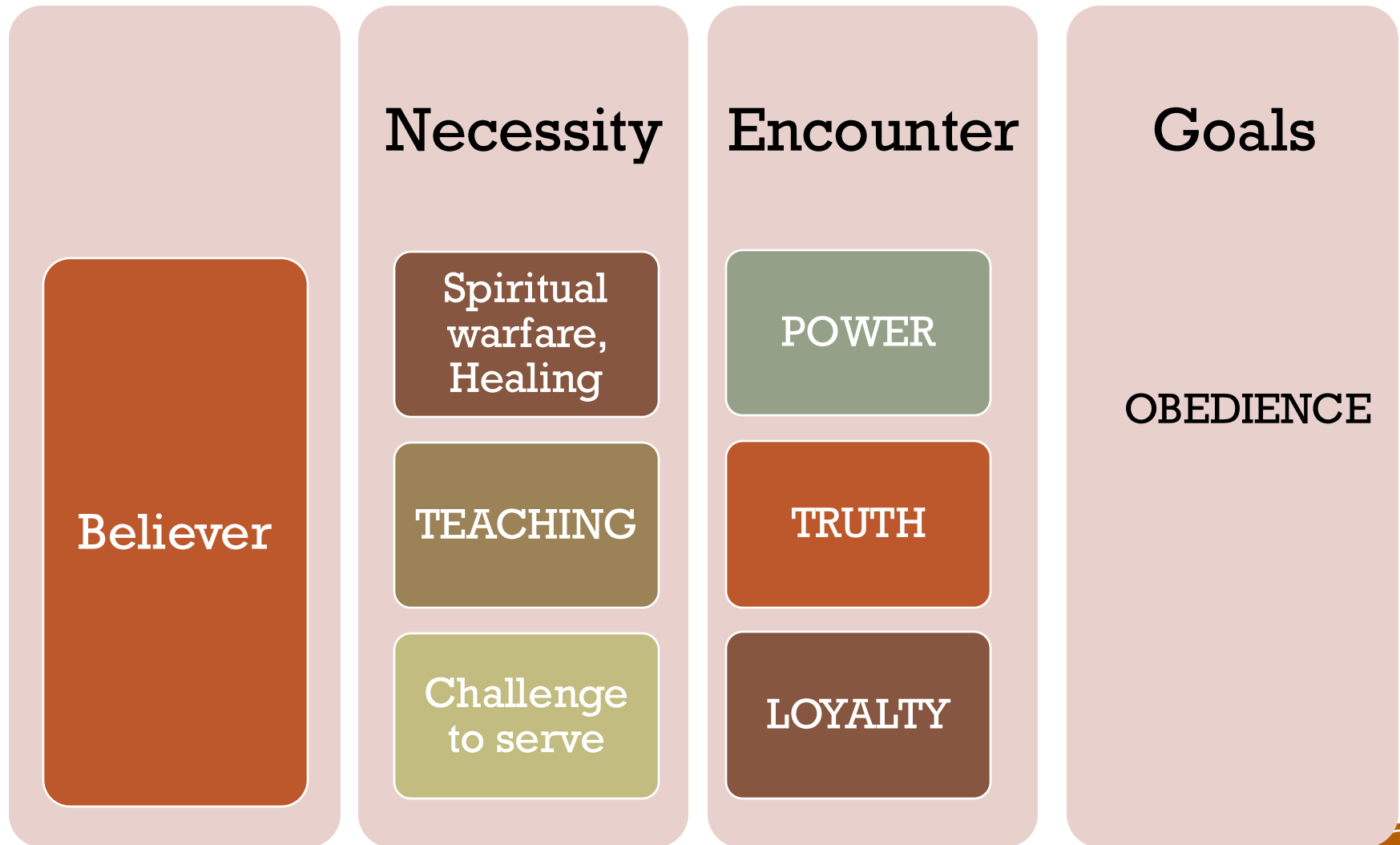
Missional Encounters



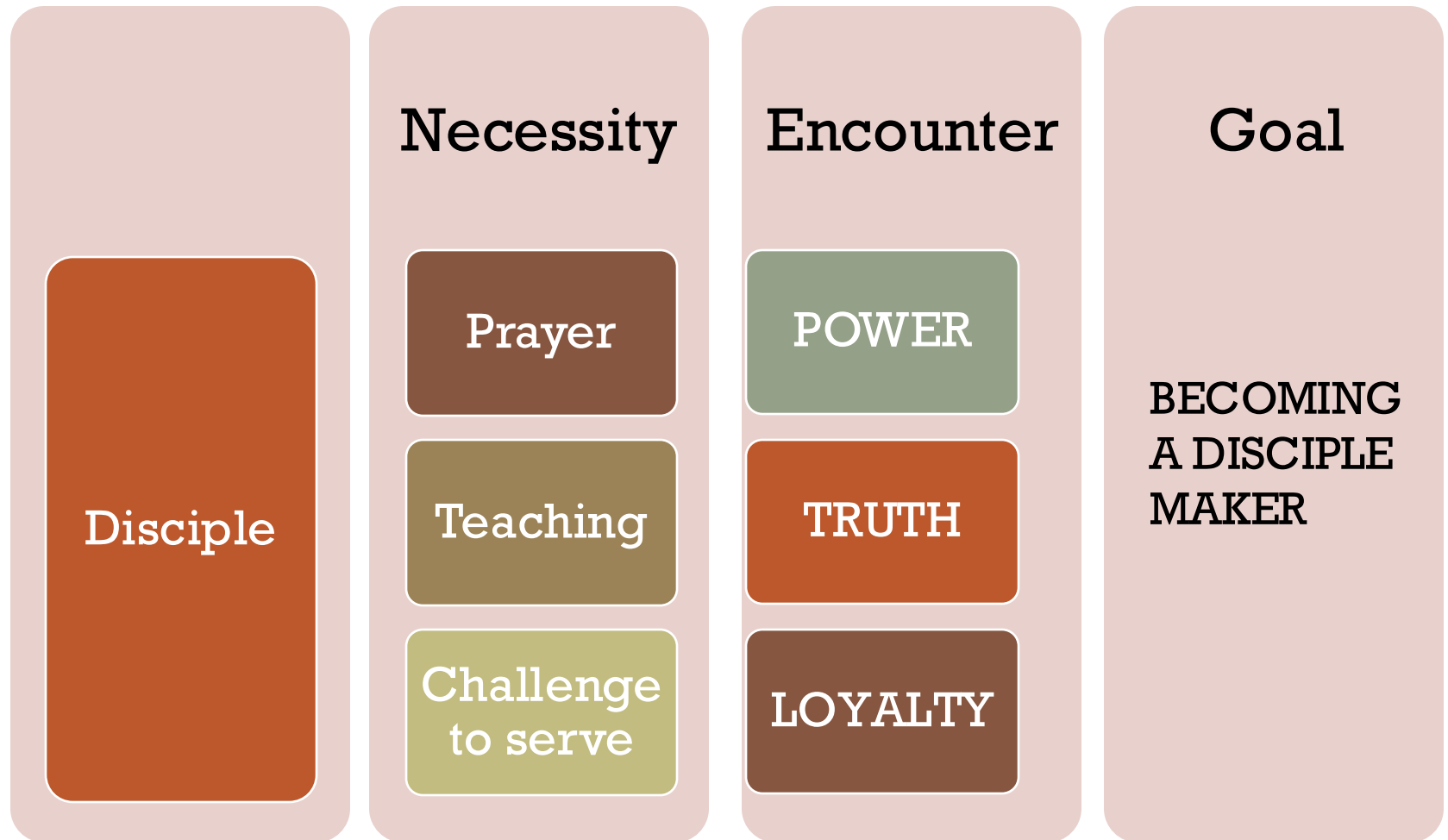
First Level Evangelism



Second Level Evangelism



Third Level Evangelism



Colossians 2:15

Disarming the **rulers** and **authorities**, he has made a public disgrace of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

VICTORY

Jesus
triumphed over
the enemy

Now is our turn
to take our
communities