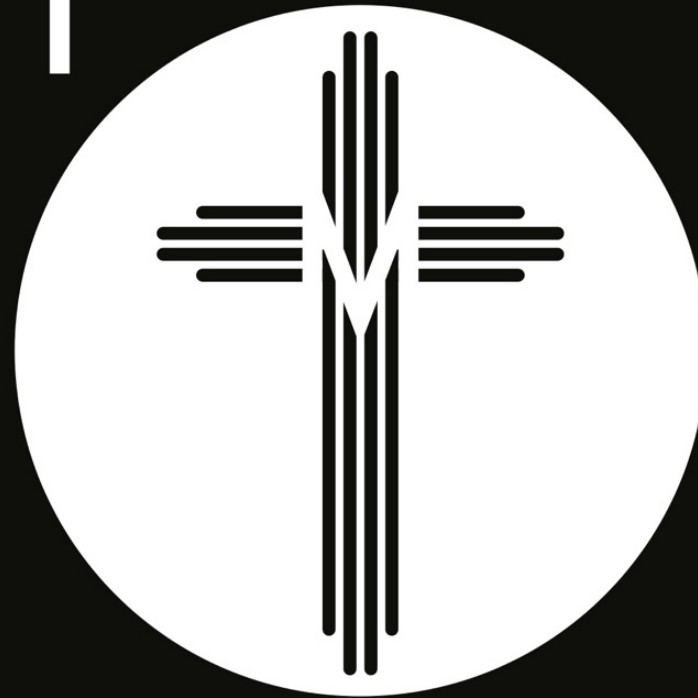


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Ephesians 2

A Mini-Series Of Application
Based On The Truth Of Mark 13

- Kingdom Citizens Amidst Chaos -

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a person's enemies will be those of his own household.

Matthew 10:34-36

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 9:6-7

True Peace - The Ministry Of Reconciliation

(1) The Church Is To Be An Outpost Of
Reconciliation Amidst A World Of Division

Ephesians 2:11-22; 4:1-6

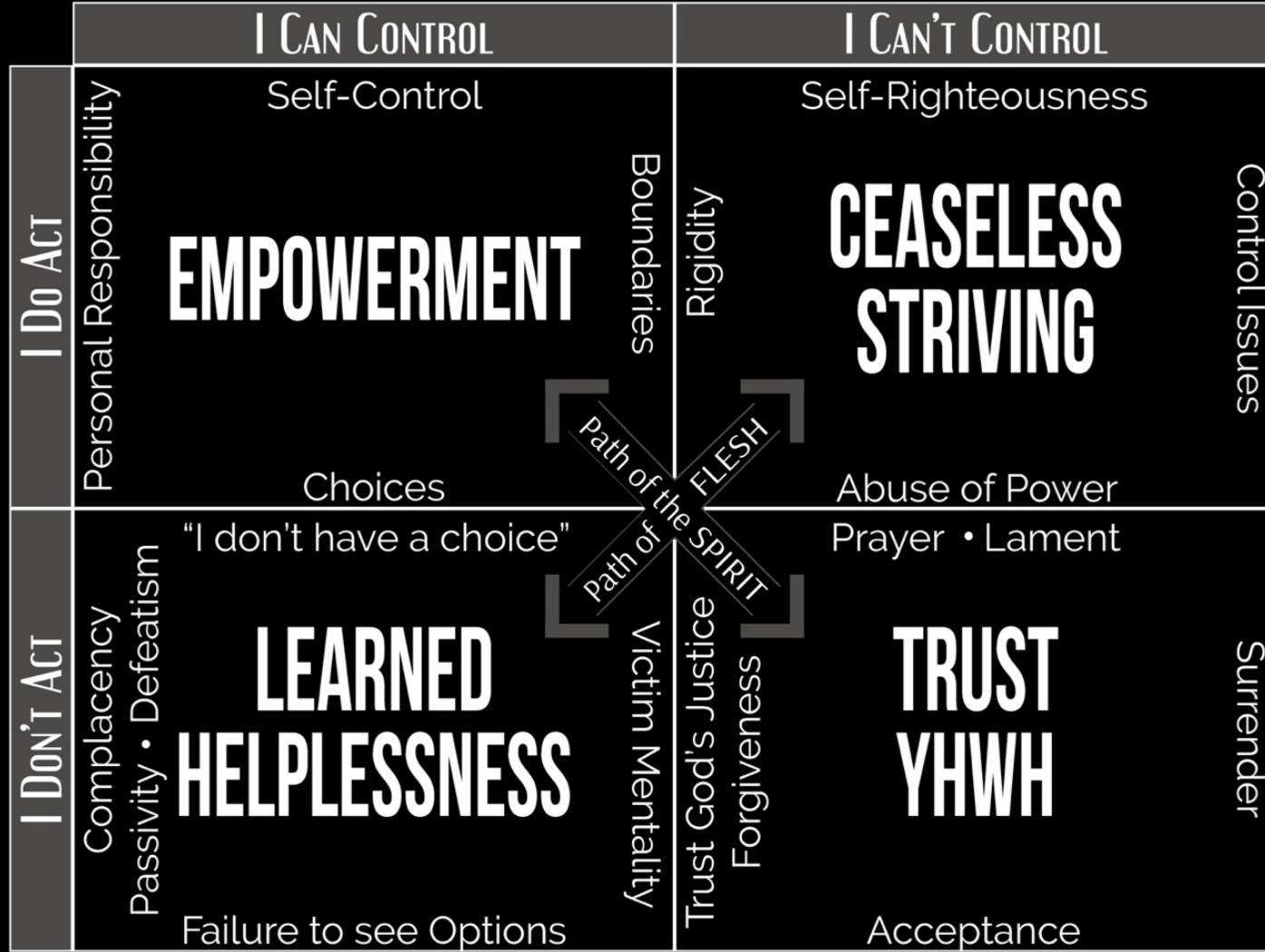
Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled;

Hebrews 12:14-15

...so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 3:10

(2) We Each Bear The Responsibility
Of Being Ministers Of Reconciliation



2 Corinthians 5:11-6:1

1 Corinthians 3:1-3; 11:17-32

I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Philippians 4:2-3

(3) The Practical Nature Of Reconciliation

Preparation Of A Heart That Reconciles

- 1) Decide to which kingdom you belong
- 2) Set your mind to covenant faithfulness
- 3) Purpose to live in transparency
- 4) Recognize sanctifying conflict as a blessing

Faithful are the wounds of a friend;
profuse are the kisses of an enemy.

Proverbs 27:6

Thabite Anyabwile Blogs On TGC:

“Reconciliation Looks Like...”

“When Color Blind Is Truth Blind”

Practical Steps To Reconciliation

- 1) Establish common truth
- 2) Practice judicial forgiveness and judicial contrition (includes empathy)
- 3) Redemption and restitution
- 4) Relational forgiveness (Reconciliation)
- 5) Move forward in solidarity and mission

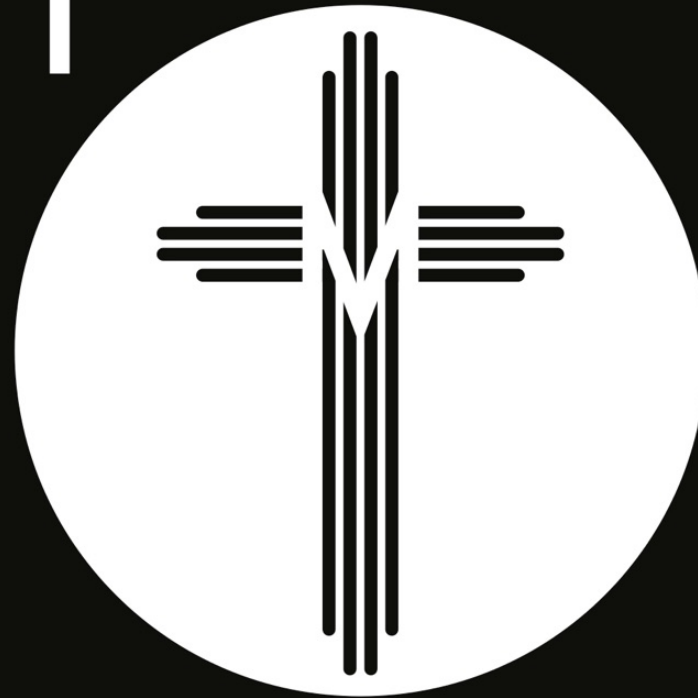
Barriers To Reconciliation

- 1) Ignoring the heart work
- 2) Passiveness when we see sin or bitterness
- 3) Refusal to engage others quickly
- 4) Justification in our minds that Matthew 18 does not apply to our situation

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons [and daughters] of God.

Matthew 5:9

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