



# Day 28

## “It takes time”

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# Why does it take so long?

- We are slow learners.
- We have a lot to (un)learn.
- We are afraid to humbly face the truth about ourselves.
- Growth is often painful and scary.
- Habits take time to develop.



# Don't be in a hurry

- Believe God is working in your life even when you don't feel it.
- Keep a notebook or journal of lessons learned.
- Be patient with God and with yourself.
- Don't get discouraged.

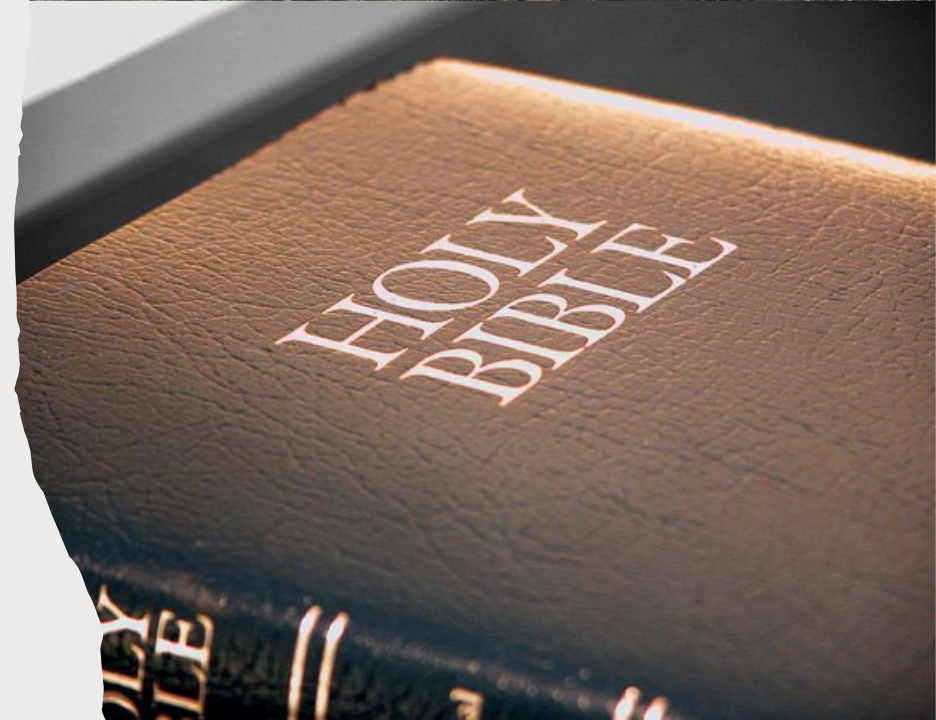




# There are no shortcuts to maturity

*“To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven.”* Ecclesiastes 3:1

*“... being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.”* Philippians 1:6





THANK  
YOU!





**CREATED TO  
BECOME LIKE  
CHRIST**

Day 22-23



“Whoever sheds  
man’s blood, By  
man his blood  
shall be shed; For  
in the image of  
God He made  
man”  
(Genesis 9:6)



Like father, like son.

“Then God said,  
“Let us make man  
in Our image,  
according to Our  
likeness”  
(Genesis 1:26)



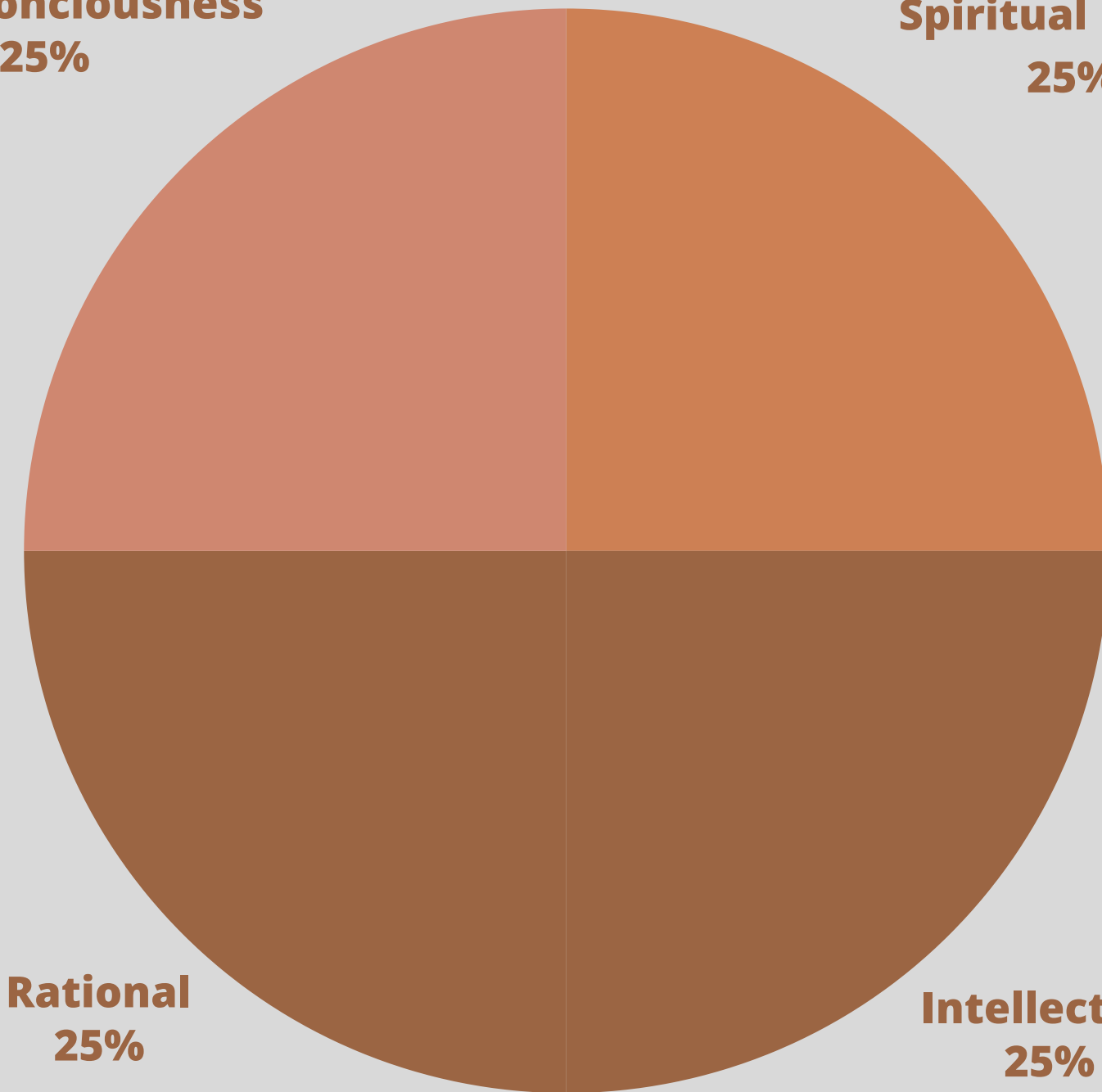
# WE ARE MADE LIKE HIM

Moral Consciousness  
25%

Spiritual Beings  
25%

Rational  
25%

Intellectual  
25%





# 3 STEPS



**“ And be renewed in  
the spirit of your  
mind”  
(Ephesians 4:23)**

**Let Go of Old Ways**



**“That you put off, concerning  
your former conduct, the old man  
which grows corrupt according to  
the deceitful lusts”  
(Ephesians 4:22)**

**Change our Thinking**



**“And that you put on the new man  
which was created according to  
God, in the true righteousness  
and holiness.  
(Ephesians 4: 24)**

**Put on God's  
Character**

# HOW DO WE GROW?

## Slow Steps

- Word ➔ truth we need to grow
- Gods people ➔ Support we need to grow
- Circumstances ➔ Environment we need to grow

## The Process

- Long and Slow with NO RUSH
- “ **Until we all come to the unity and faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God to a perfect man, to measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,**” (Ephesians 4:13)
- Spiritual growth is not automatic it takes intentional commitment

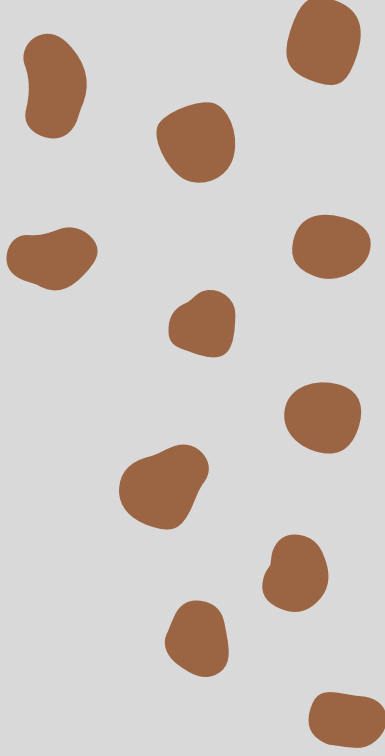
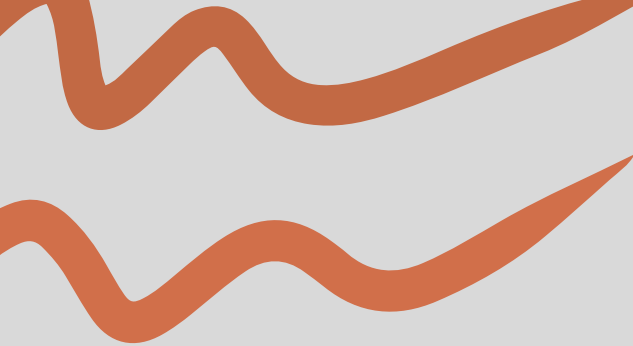




# OUR COOPERATION

- Holy spirit releases its power the moment you take a step of faith
- God waits for you to act first
- Commitments can make or break you but ultimately they'll define you and bring you a step closer to God
- **When Joshua was faced with an impossible barrier, the flood of the Jordan river receded only after the leaders stepped into the rushing current in obedience and faith**





“Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to **work out** your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who **works in** you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.”

(Philippians 2:12-13)



# WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

- CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT
- Godly not God
- We are Human Beings not Human Doings \*CC
- Think like God: Think and practice spiritual maturity
- Care less about yourselves and care more about others like GOD cares for us
- Baby-Child-Adult
- Selfishness is the source of sinful behaviour
- Being Orthodox is not just a religion, it is a relationship \*Thinking of others is important



**Chapter 24, Purpose #3**  
**YOU WERE CREATED TO BECOME**  
**LIKE CHRIST**

# **TRANSFORMED**

# **BY TRUTH**

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**“that man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work”**

**2 Timothy 3:17**

- **The Spirit of God uses the Word to make us like His Son**
- **The Word of God is our spiritual food**



# ABIDING IN GOD'S WORD

**I must accept its  
authority**

**I must assimilate  
its truth**

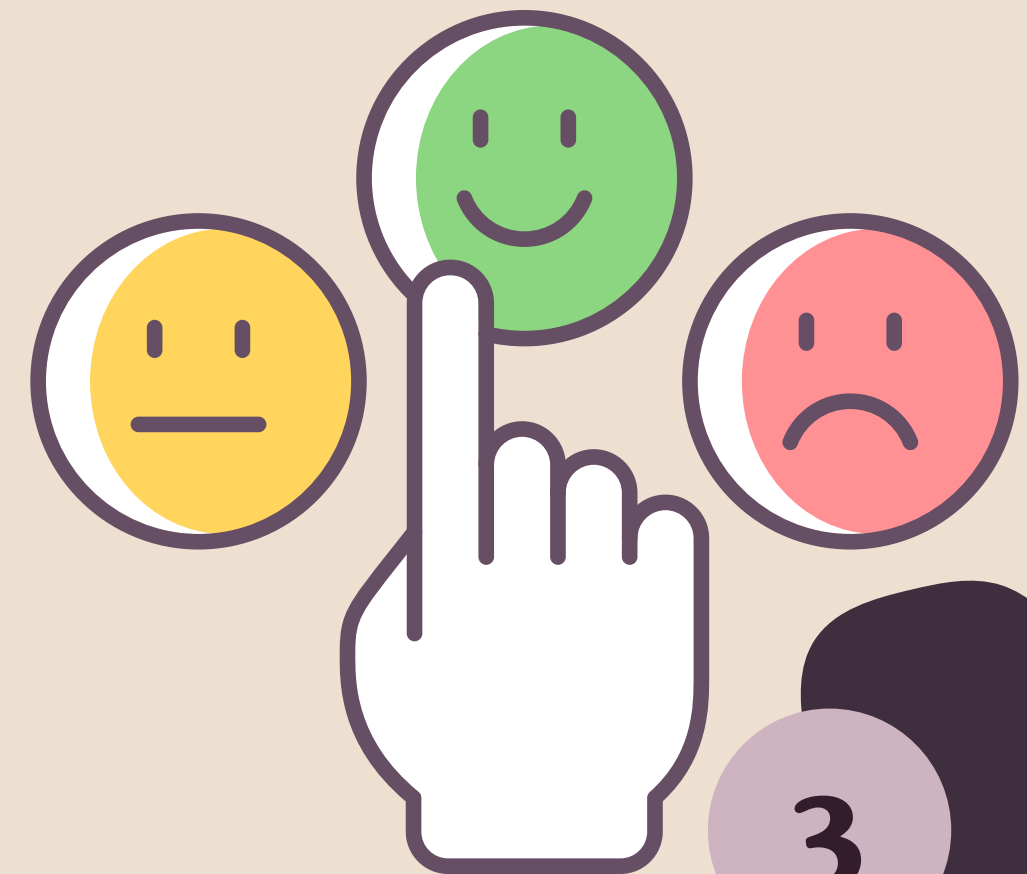
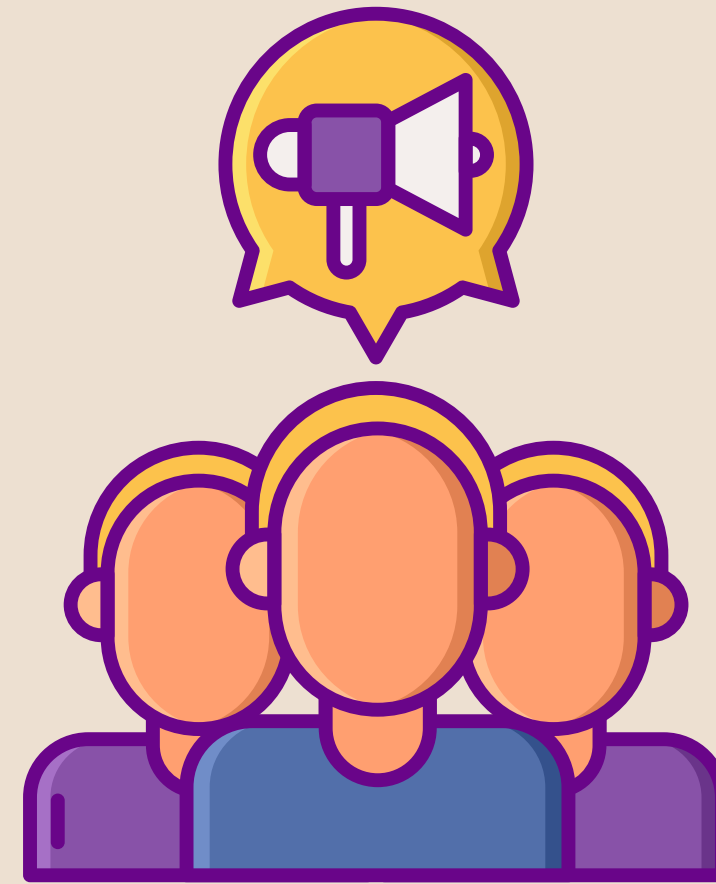
**I must apply its  
principles**

**“Then Jesus said to those Jews  
who believed Him, If you abide in  
My Word, you are My disciples  
indeed”  
John 8:31**



# Accepting its Authority

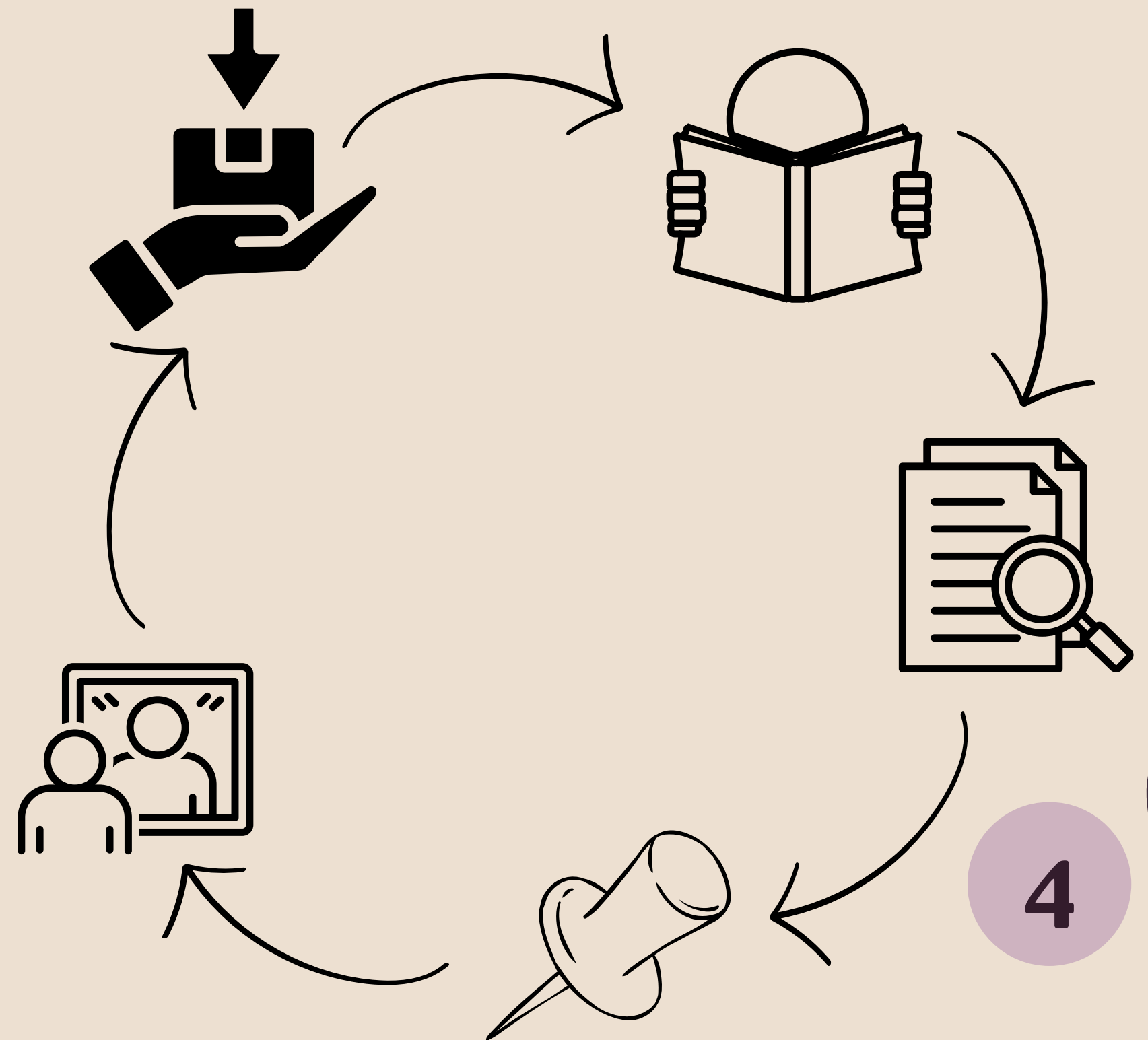
- we face problems in life when we base our choices on unreliable authorities
- the Bible must be the standard for life





# Assimilating to its truth

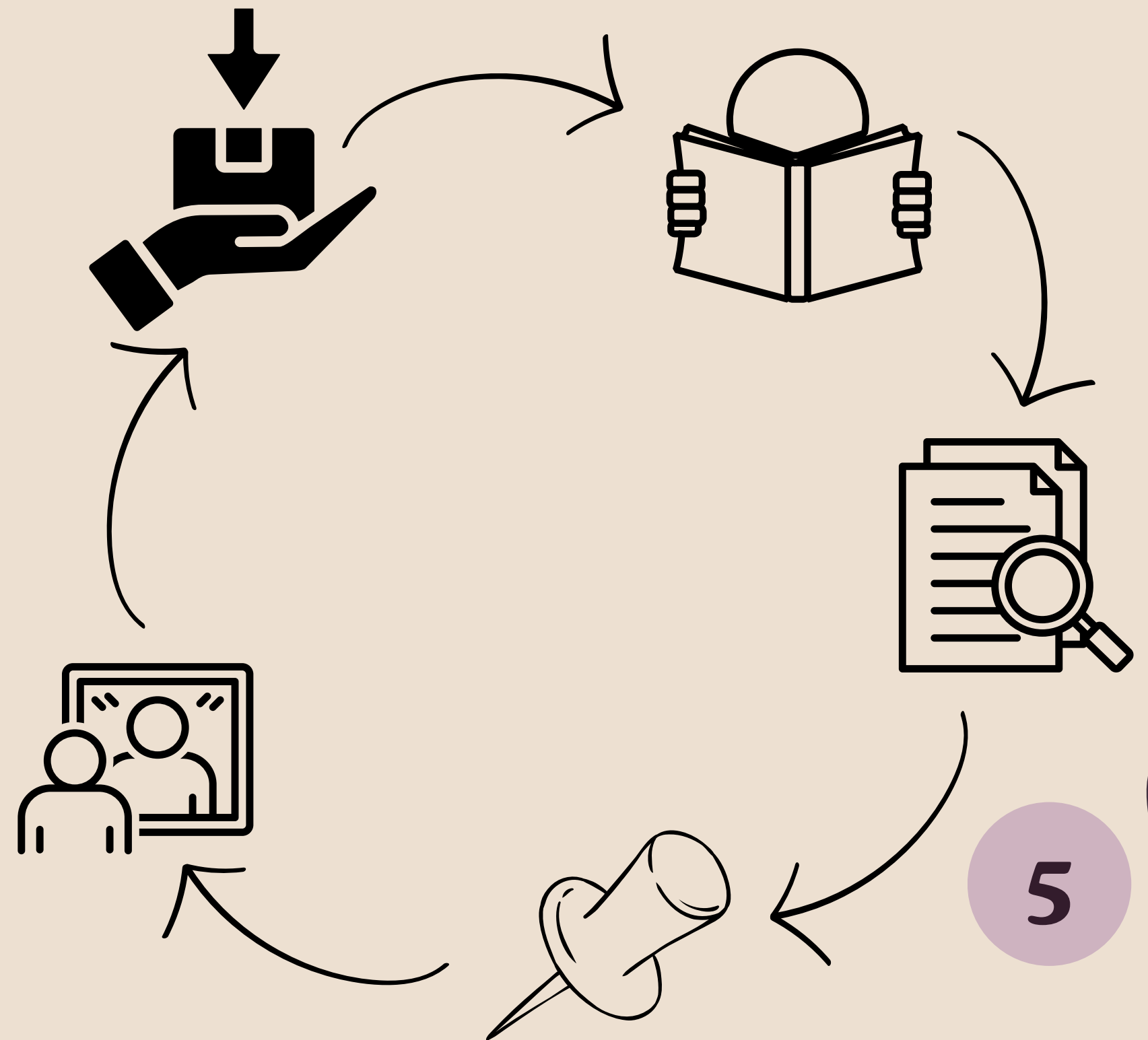
**Receive it.**  
**Read it.**  
**Research it.**  
**Remember it.**  
**Reflect on it.**



# Assimilating to its truth

## Receive it.

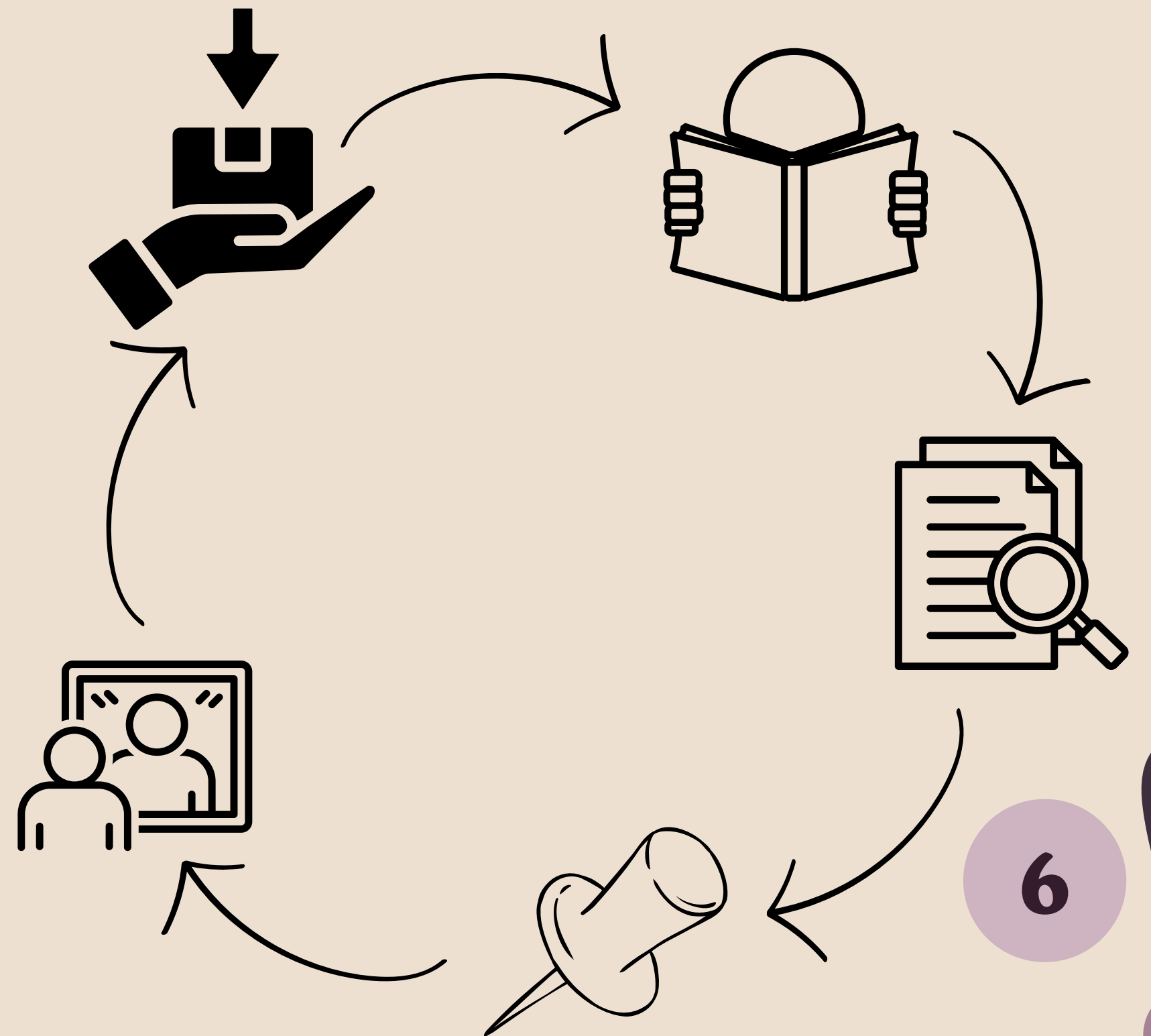
“Therefore, lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word which is able to save your souls.” - James 1:21



# Assimilating to its truth

## Read it.

We can't grow in Christ if we don't read the Bible

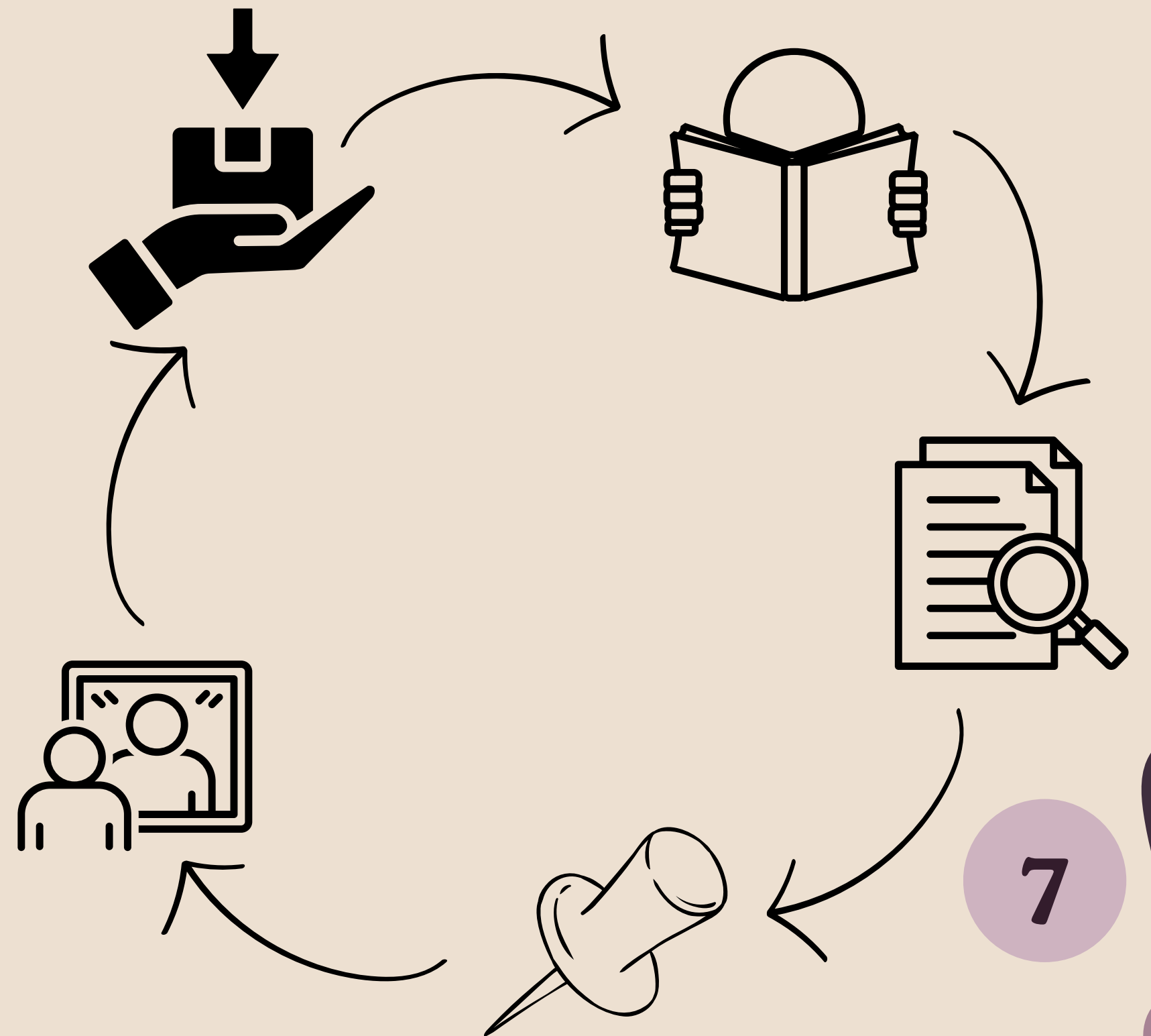




# Assimilating to its truth

## Research it.

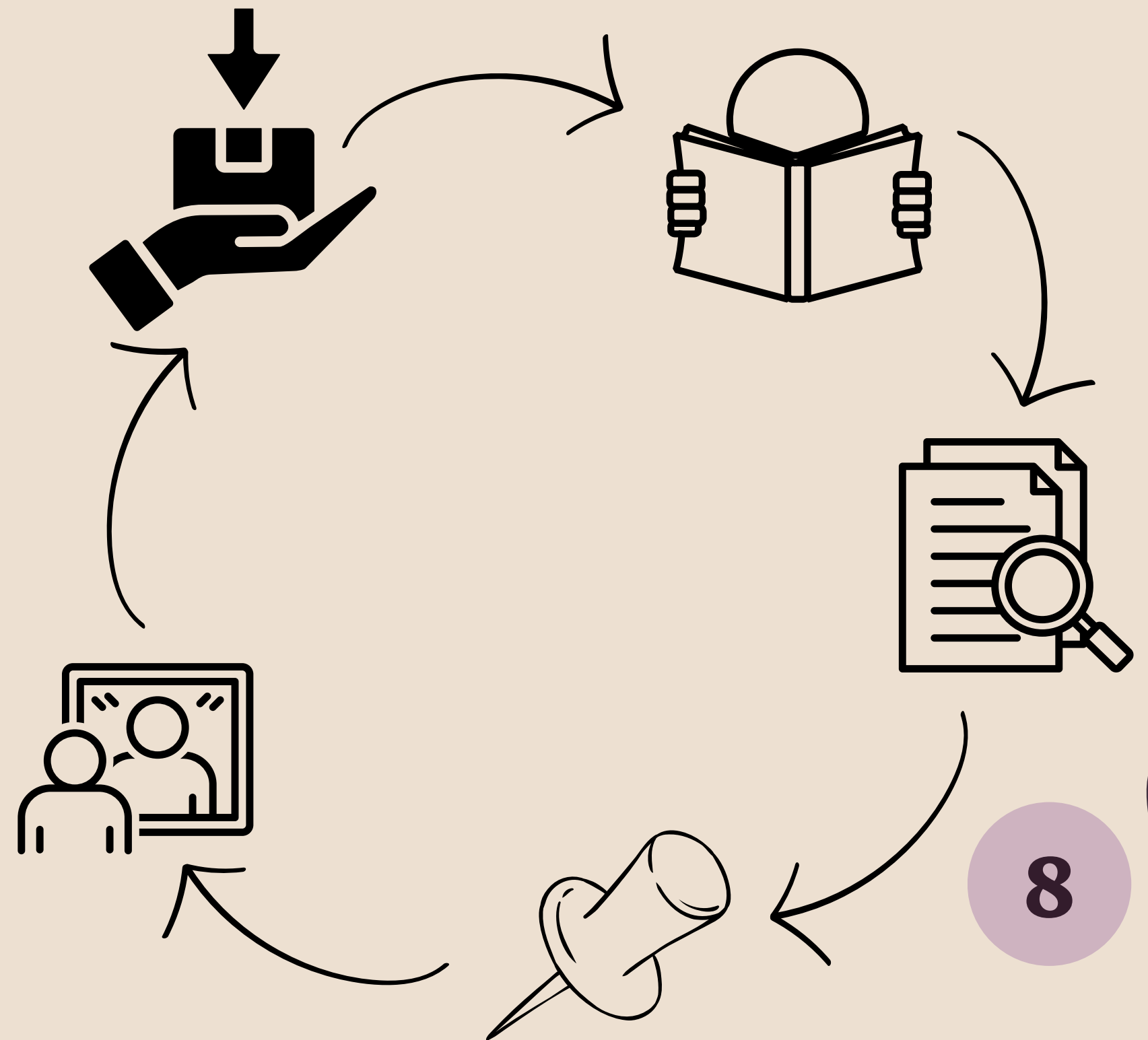
To study the Bible we need to ask questions and write down our thoughts



# Assimilating to its truth

## Remember it.

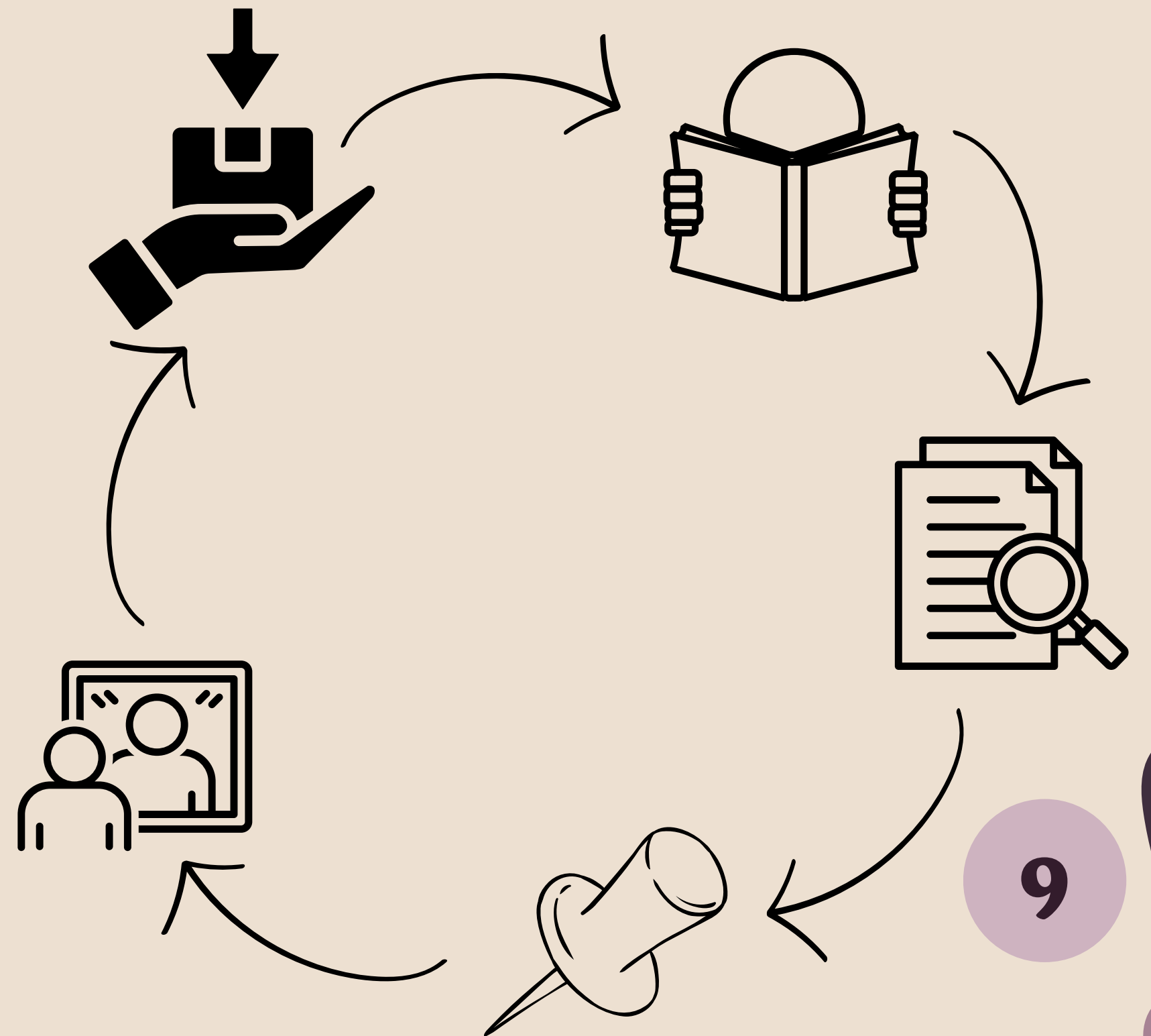
Memorizing Bible verses will help us resist temptation and make wise decisions



# Assimilating to its truth

## Reflect on it.

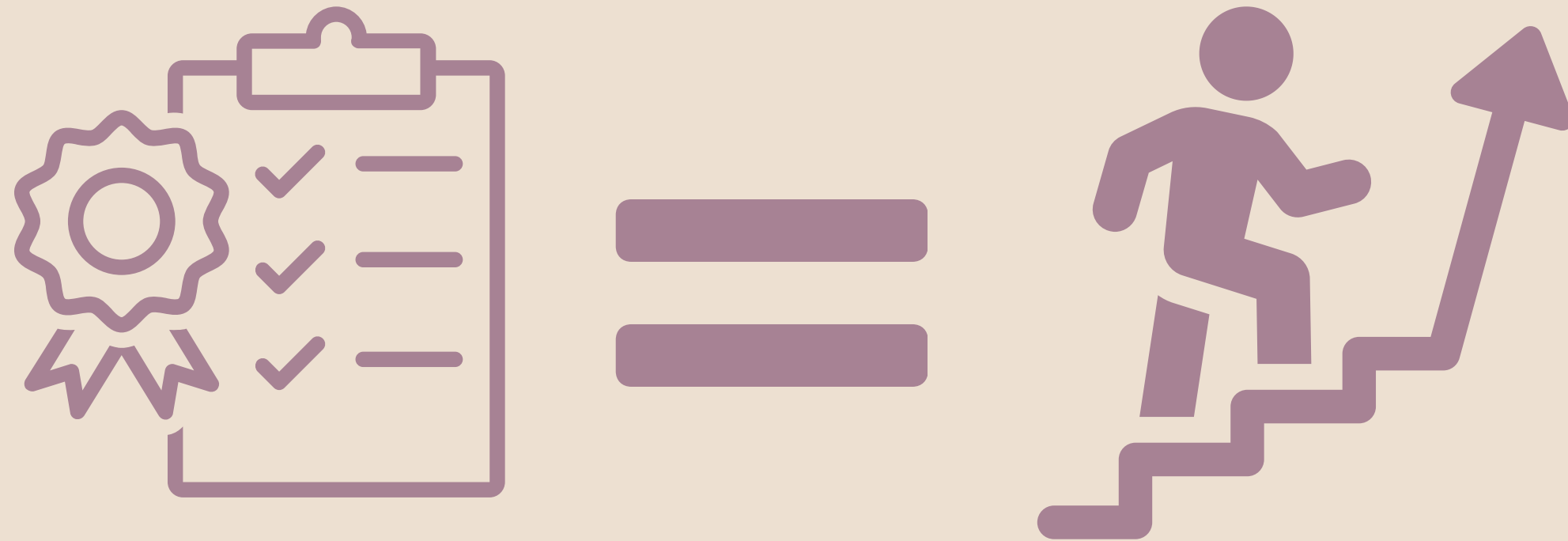
Choose a verse and reflect on it.



# Apply its principles

The 5 R's are useless if we don't implement what we learned

The best way to do this with a plan



**“But be doers of the word and not hearers only”**

**- James 1:22**



# TRANSFORMED BY TROUBLE

God uses our problems to make us closer to Him

help me  
Lord

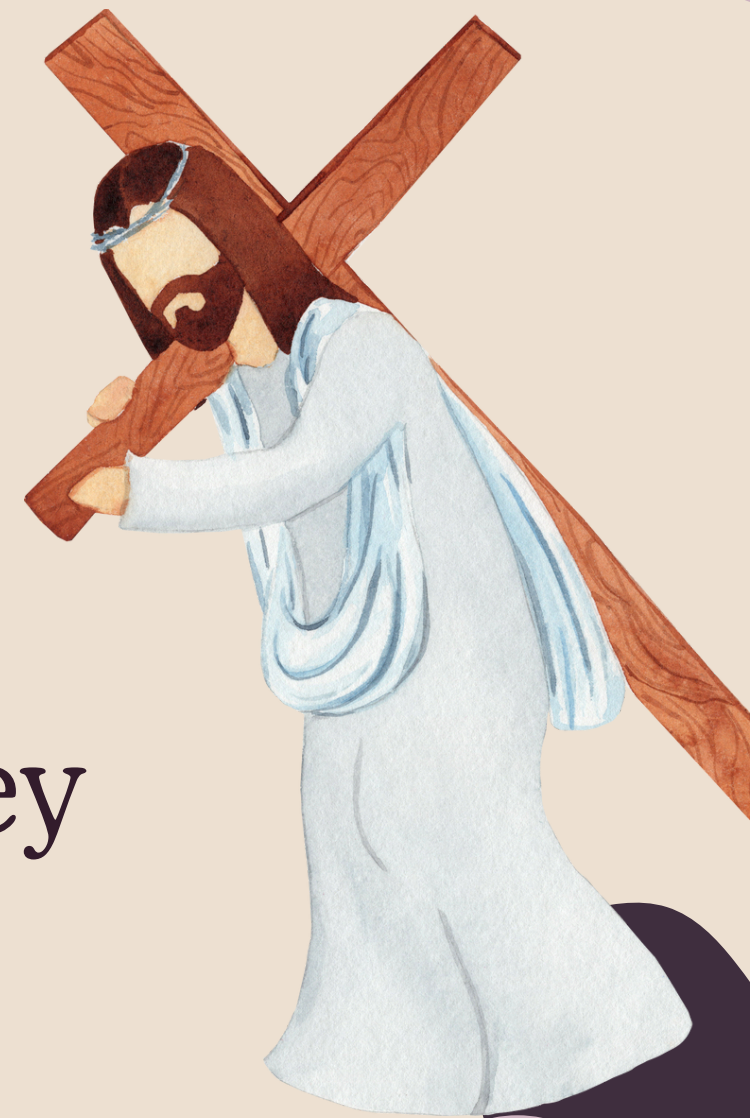


**“For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory” – 2 Corinthians 4:17**

# **BUILDING CHRIST LIKE CHARACTER:**

**“The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs - heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him that we may also be glorified together” Romans 8:16-17**

Tough times are temporary but the beauty they bring to our character lasts forever



# RESPONDING TO PROBLEMS AS JESUS WOULD:

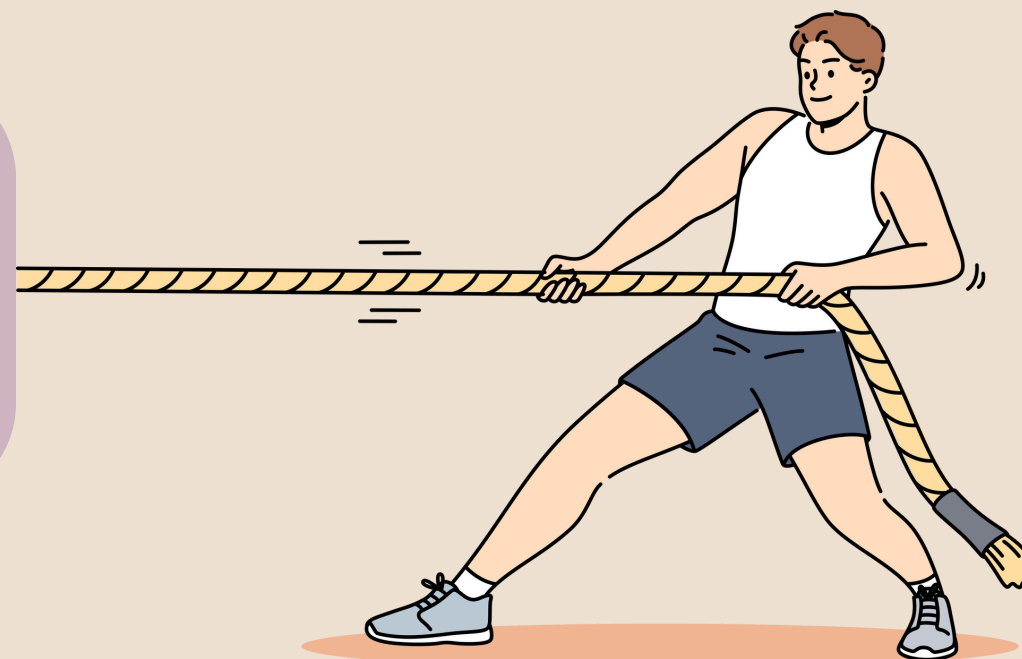
**God's plan is good**



**Rejoice and give  
thanks**

**“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,  
in everything give thanks; for this is  
the will of God in Christ Jesus for you”  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

**Refuse to give up**

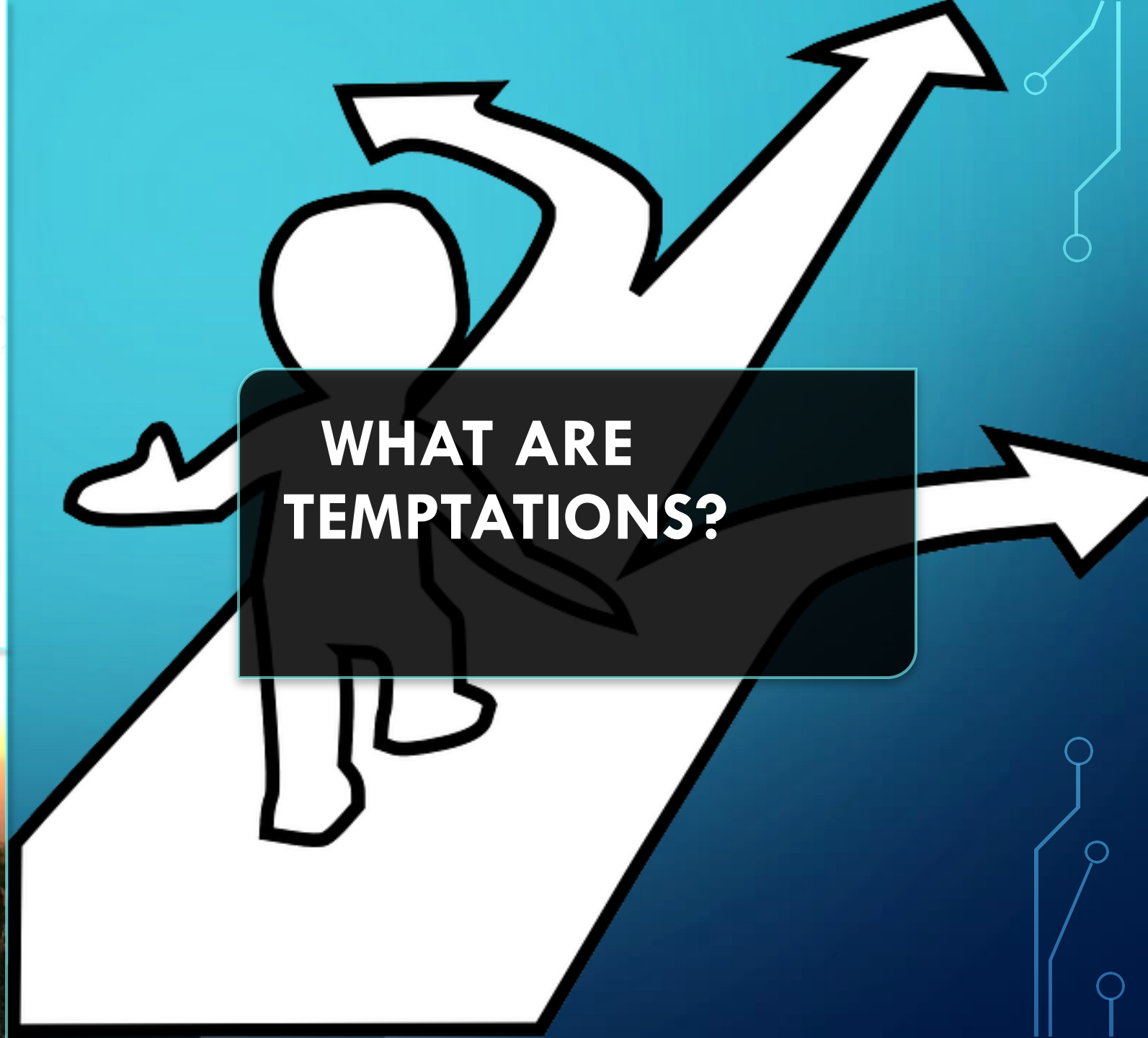




**GROWING  
THROUGH  
TEMPTATIONS.**









## THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

- We grow more in the fruit of the spirit gradually when we encounter situations in life where we are tempted to do the exact opposite qualities for example have patience while facing trials, or loving people who are not so nice to us, having peace in our hearts in times of sorrow and confusion.



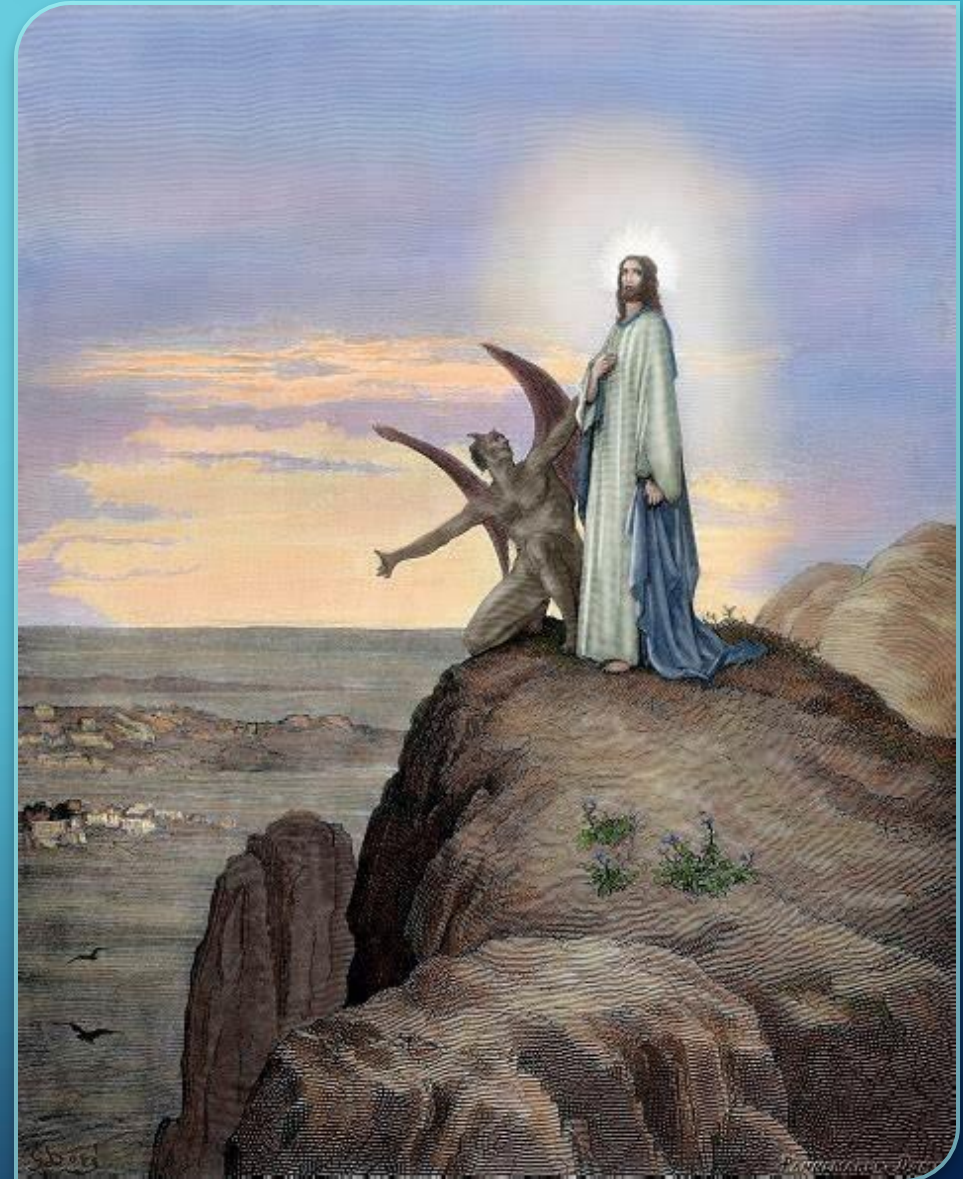
# FOUR STEP PROCESS OF TEMPTATIONS :

1- Satan identifies a desire inside you.

2- Doubt

3. Deception

4. Disobedience



# WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

<b>Refuse</b>	Refuse to be intimidated
<b>Recognise</b>	Recognise the pattern of temptation and be prepared for it
<b>Request</b>	Request gods help





# STEPS TO DEFEATING TEMPTATION



01

Four biblical keys to defeating temptations

02

1-Refocus your attention

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2-Share your thoughts

04

3- Resist the devil-

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4- Realise your vulnerability

