

The Real “Super Bowl” We All Face

God, why can't I change?

Why can't I win over the past?

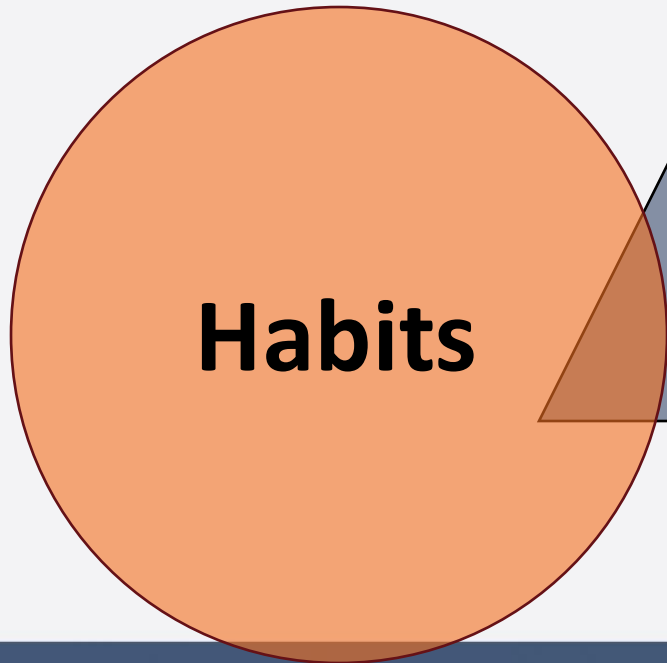
But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that **by believing you may have [a new, eternal & unstoppable] life** in his name

John 20:31

If Jesus promises me new life why don't I ever change?

I try to break bad habits
I try to do things differently
I try to go to church & pray more
but I end up in the same old place.

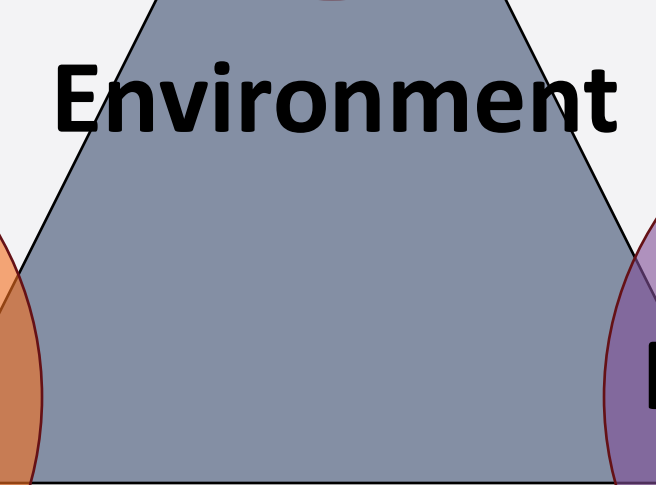
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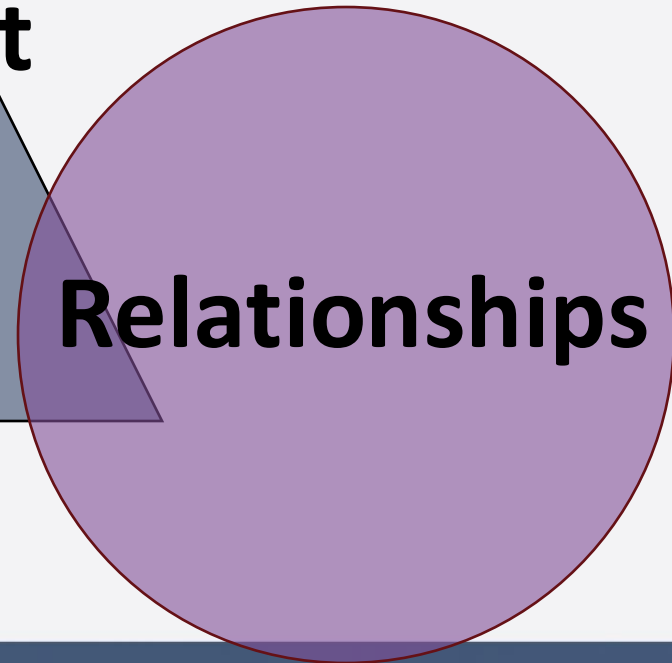
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the place, powers, culture & values shape us

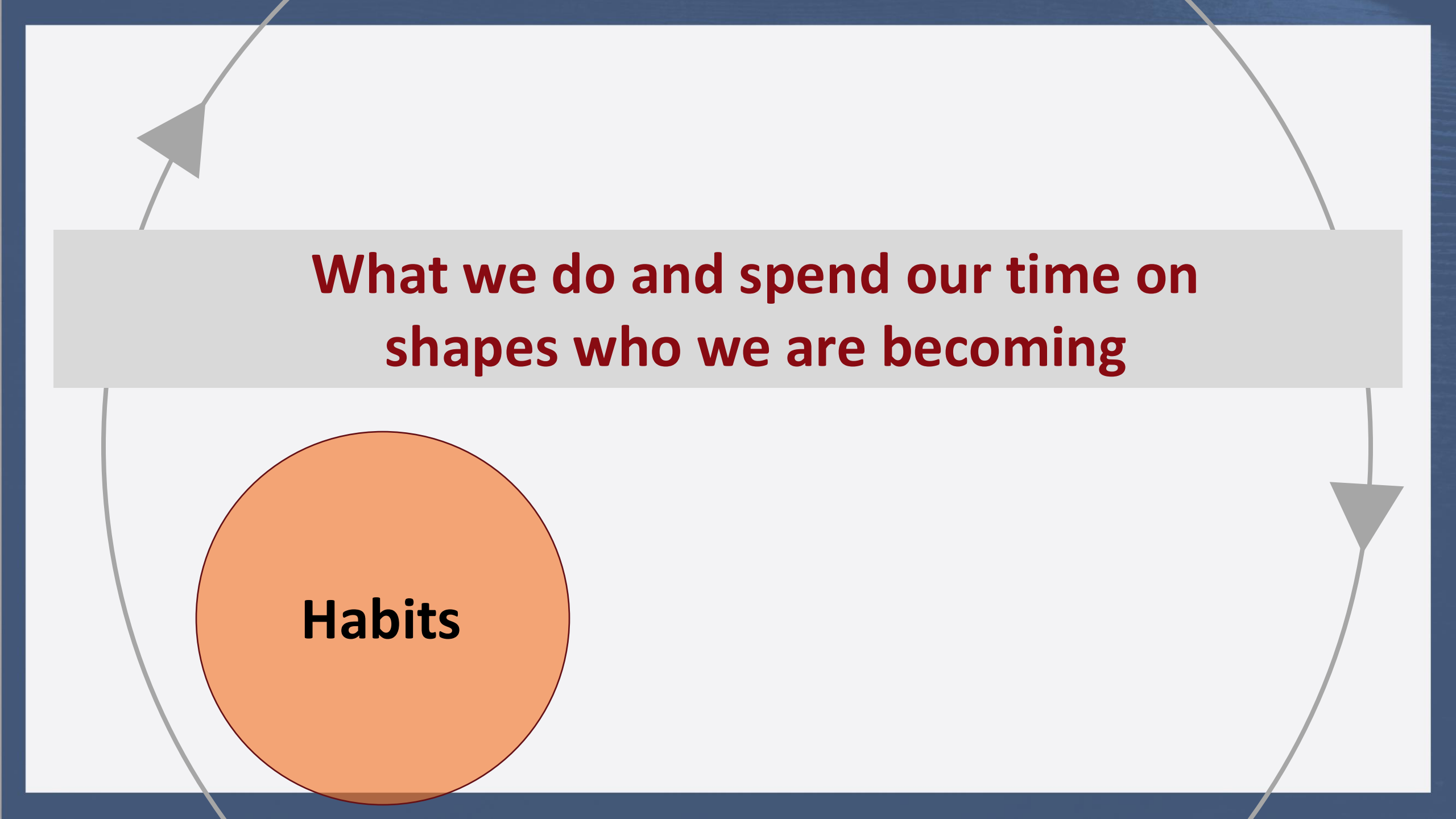


We become like the people we spend time with

Relationships

**The Stories
We Believe**

**The stories we believe and focus on
shape us into the person we become**



**What we do and spend our time on
shapes who we are becoming**

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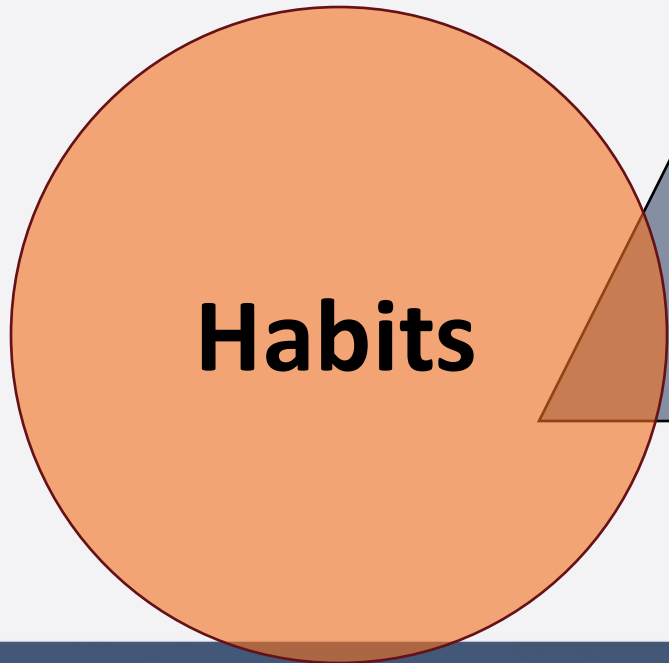
What is done to you and what you do to/for yourself shapes you and has power over you

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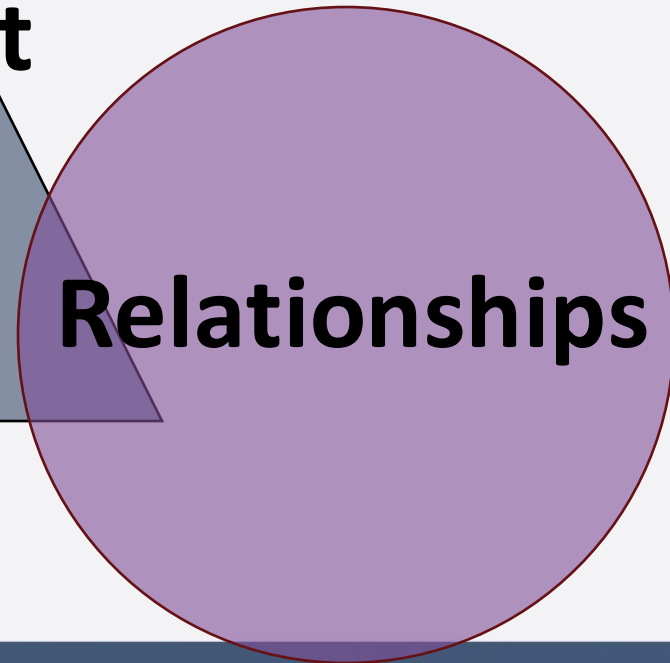
A circular diagram with a grey arrow pointing clockwise from the text 'Spirit In You' to a central grey box containing a quote.

The spirit in you determines who you will be and what you will do regardless of circumstance

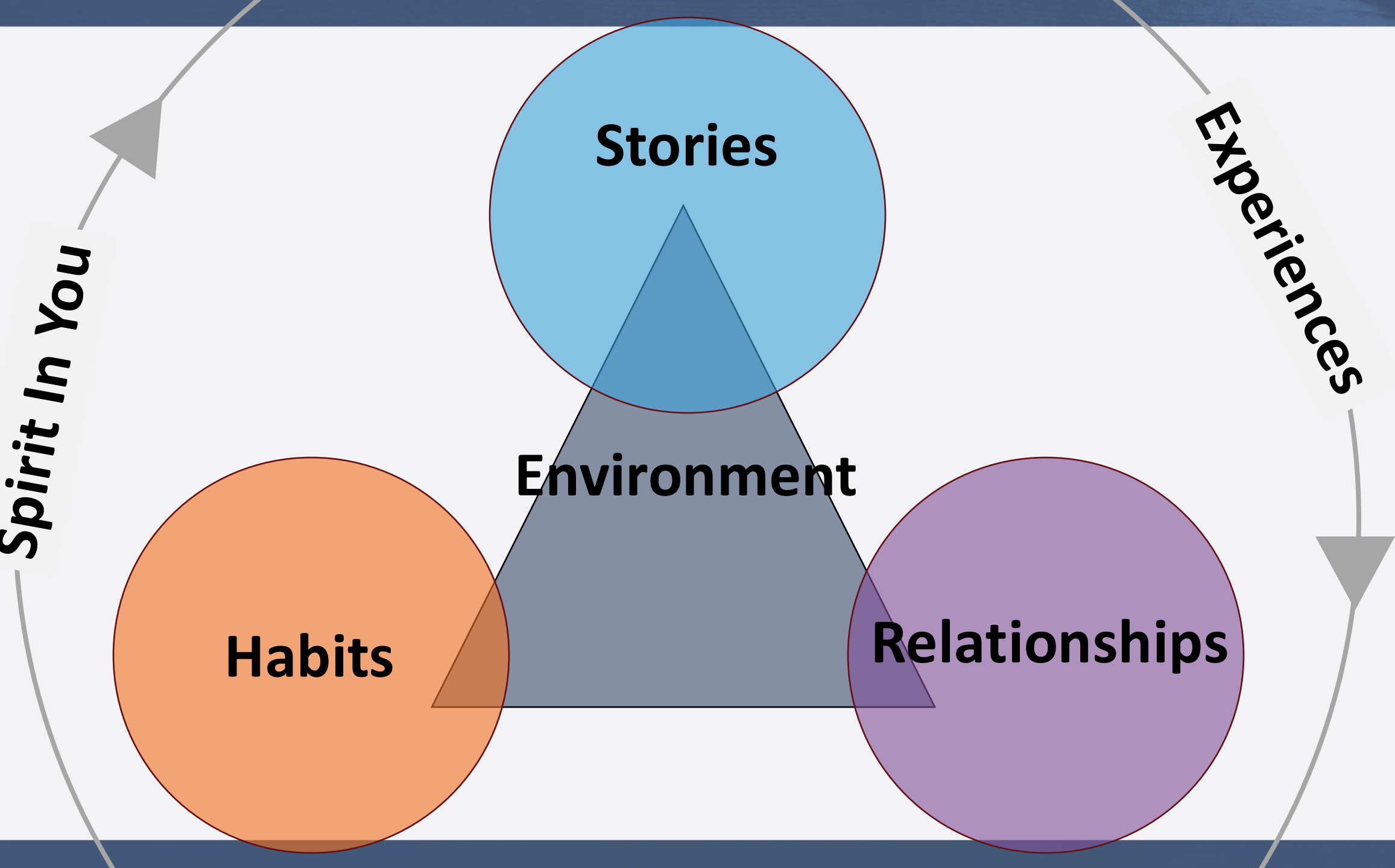
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I AM THE . . .

THING YOU NEED THE MOST

Bread of Life

Strength & power to not give up

Light of the World

Freedom from darkness

The Door

The way to a new life

The Good Shepherd

Your guide to healing & victory

The Resurrection

Power over death & failure

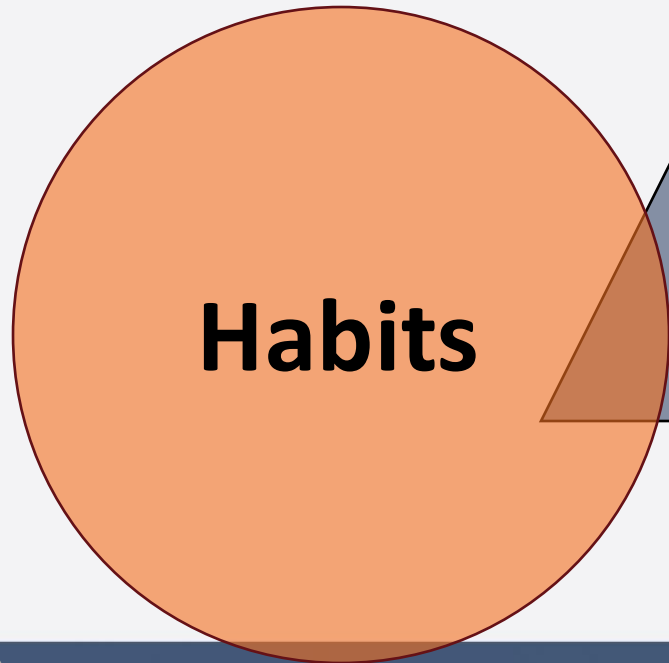
Way, Truth & The Life

The way to good for this world

The True Vine

Life for you and for others

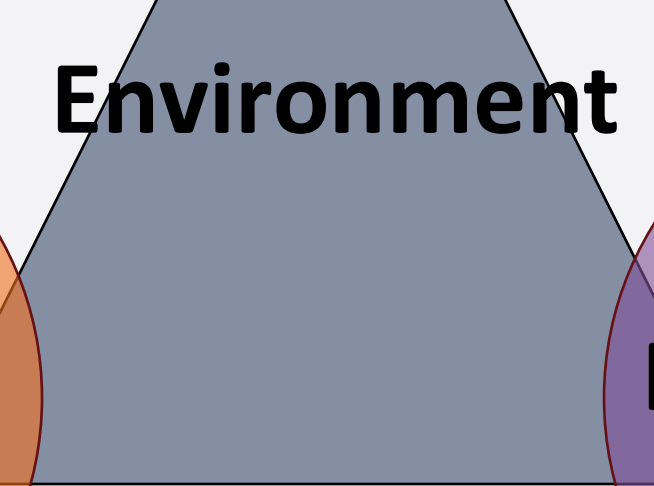
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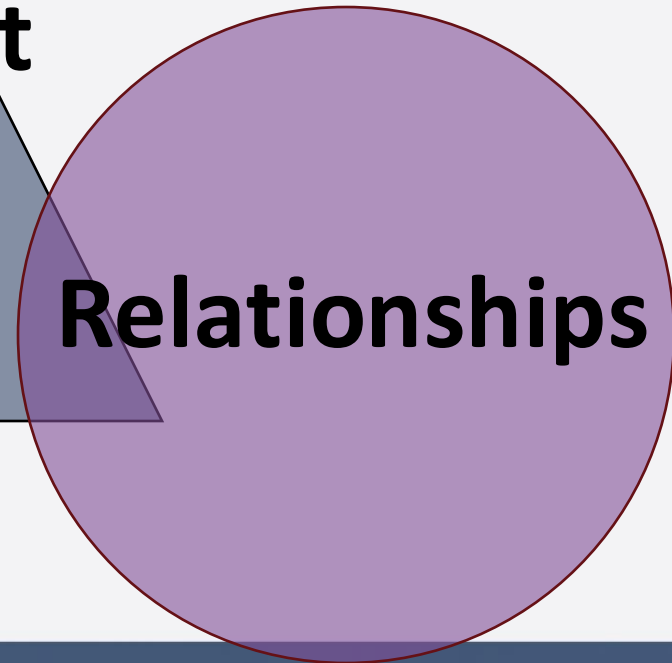
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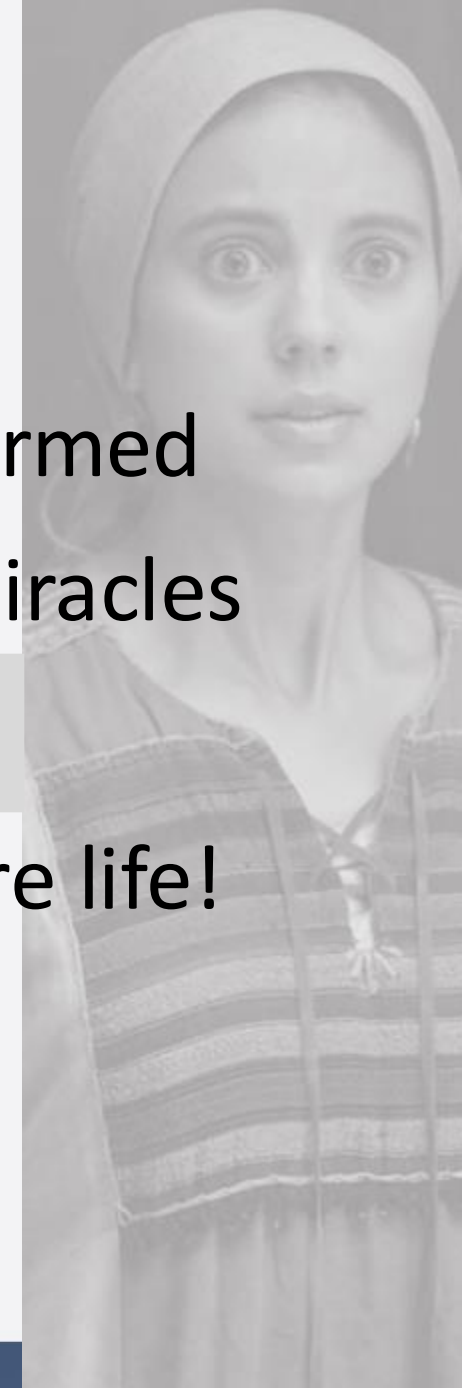


Mary's Life Before Jesus

- 1. Environment** | Bethany: “House Of The Poor”
- 2. Relationships** | Loss of parents, unmarried, sick brother
- 3. Stories** | Suffering of Israel, Messiah, Rome oppression
- 4. Habits (What She Does)** | She fears & survives
- 5. Experiences** | Death, sickness, hardships, powerless
- 6. Spirit** | She is humble and hungry for God

Mary's Life After Believing In Jesus

1. **Environment** | The Kingdom of God
2. **Relationships** | She knows Christ, siblings transformed
3. **Stories** | The Resurrection, Jesus' Teachings, & Miracles
4. **HABITS** | SHE GIVES EVERYTHING TO HIM
5. **Experiences** | Jesus' hope, authority, his Words are life!
6. **Spirit** | She is filled with living water & light



Mary is no longer telling herself
(nor believes in the power of)
the stories of her past.

The only story she can think of
(the only story she believes & has power in her life)
is the story of King Jesus.

When Mary **changes the story she tells herself** (what she chooses to believe) she changes the life she lives.

She is no longer:

- trapped by poverty
- powerless as an illiterate woman
- dependent on pleasing others
- forgotten by history

“When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. I tell you the truth, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, **what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.**”

Matthew 26:12-13



Why don't I change?

**Because trying new habits
but believing old stories doesn't work**

*But these [stories] are written that you may
believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and
that **by believing you may have life** in his name
John 20:31*

This isn't self help:

Just tell yourself a better story
about yourself.

This is God help:

Tell yourself THE better story
about Jesus!!!

“you may have life in His name”

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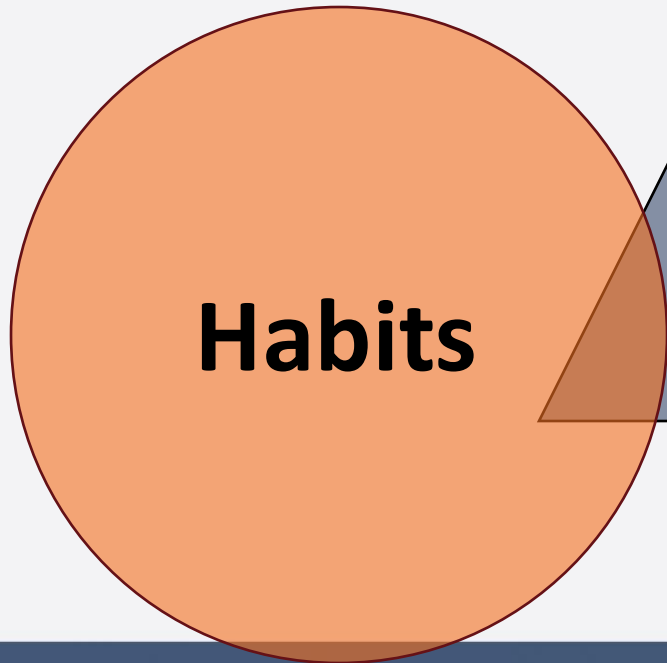
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Because only giving Jesus parts of your life keeps feeding the old.

*If a house is divided against itself,
that house cannot stand. (Mk. 3:25)*

*anyone who loves his son or daughter more
than me is not worthy of me. (Mt. 10:37)*

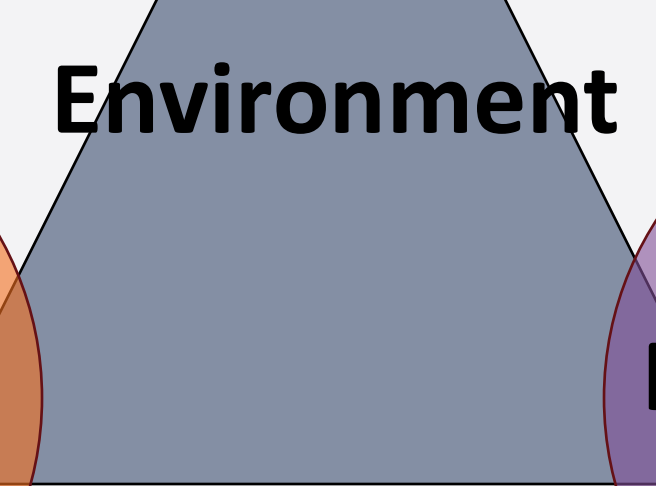
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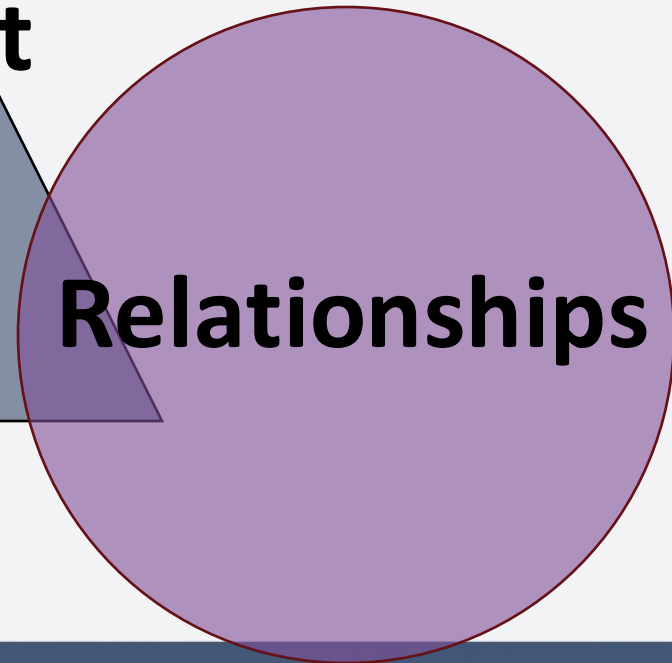
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Why don't I change?

Because without the right (God's) Spirit in you, you will never have the power to keep Jesus as King in every area.

if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you. (Rm 8:11)

He believed The Father's Story despite His fears
He gave The Father every part of Himself for us
He endured by the power of the Holy Spirit!

