

Ephesians Series

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Sufficiency of Grace

Ephesians 4:26–27; 2 Corinthians 12:1–10



EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

#3 Faith-Rest Drill

**“Oh, the joy of trusting Jesus, trusting where we cannot trace;
Leaning hard upon His promise, proving His sufficient grace.”**

~Katie V. Hall



- **Align our lives with God's grace**
- **Align ourselves with the Bible**

What we will see:

- **God's sufficient grace is directly connected to controlling the arrogance problem and learning humility in 2 Cor. 12.**
- **Humility is central to learn obedience to God's authority.**
- **Without learning obedience to God's authority we will always struggle with submission and obedience to human authority.**

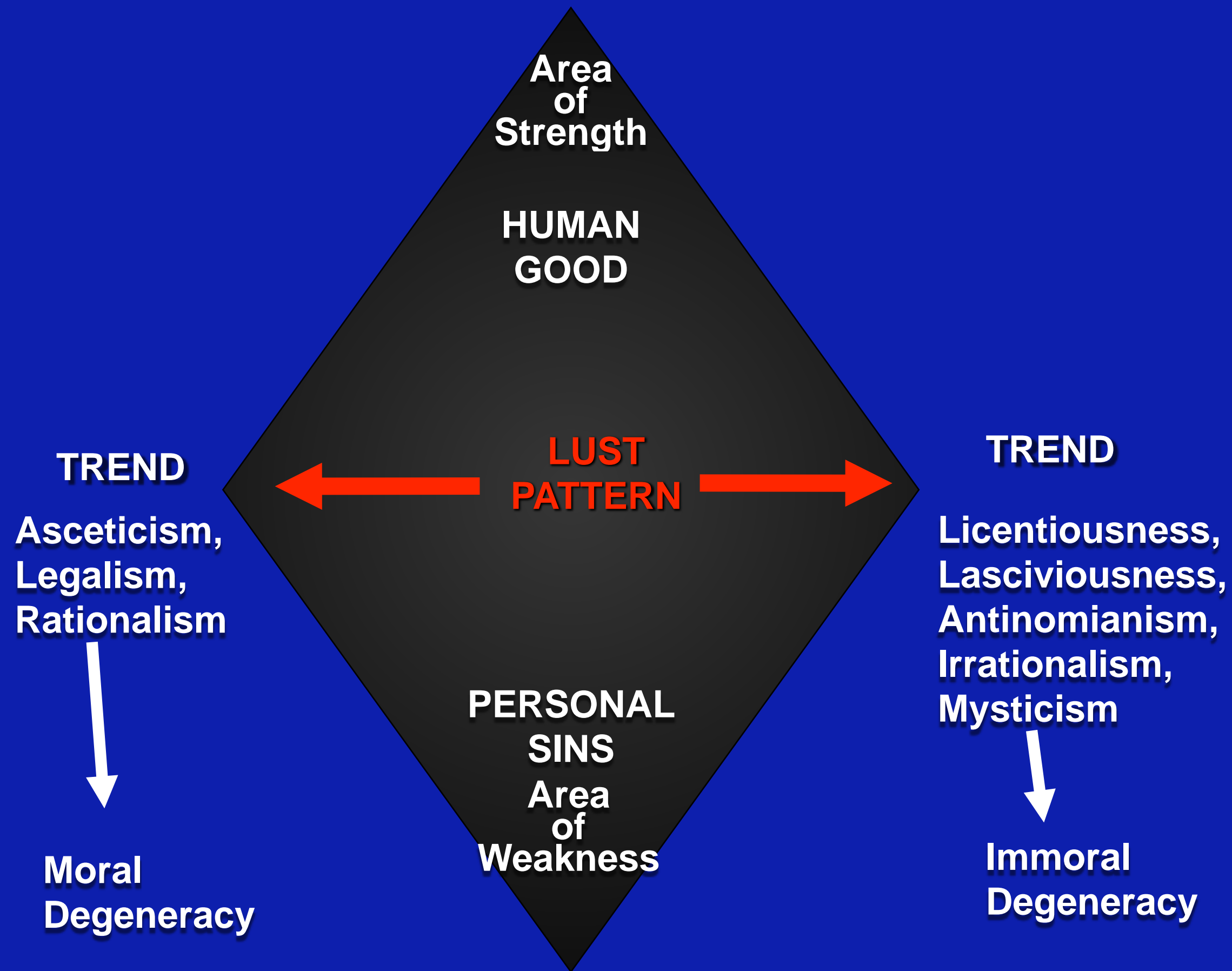
Eph. 4:26, “ ‘Be angry, and do not sin’: do not let the sun go down on your wrath,

Eph. 4:27, “nor give place to the devil.” [NKJV]

Anger is a Gateway Sin

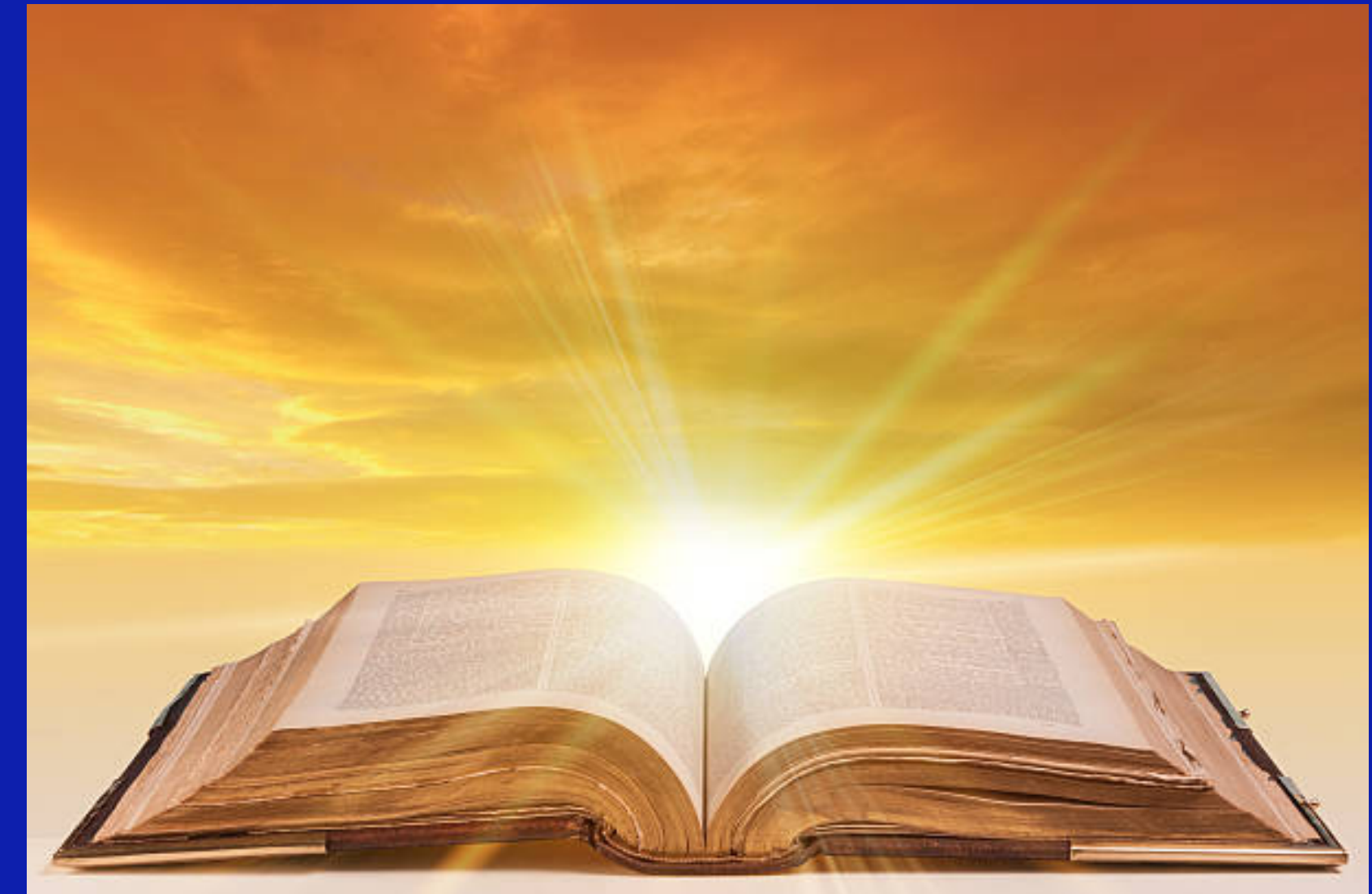


Human Viewpoint Solutions



Prov. 14:12, “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.”

Divine Viewpoint Solutions



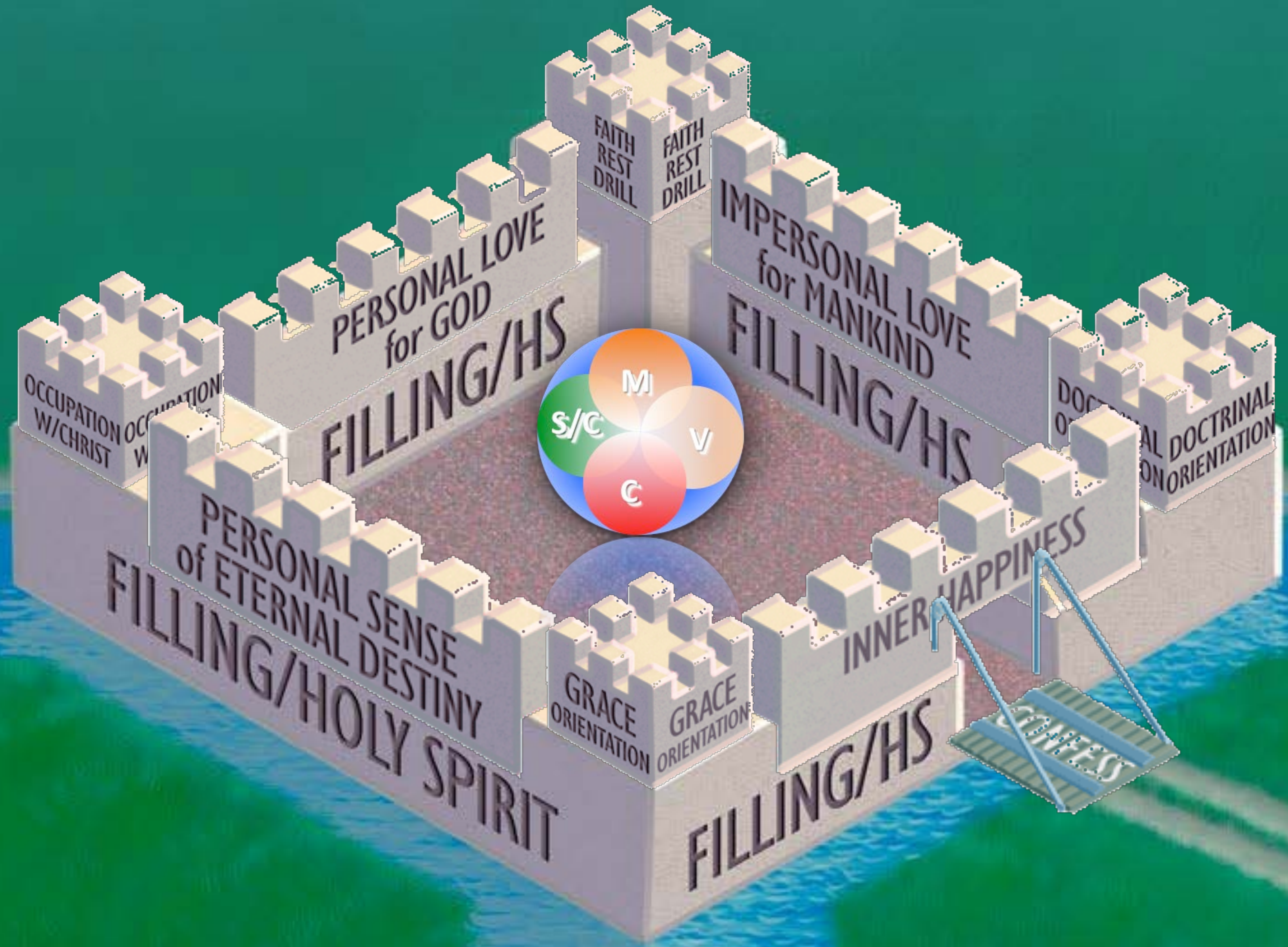
Psa. 119:50, “This is my comfort in my affliction, for Your Word has given me life.”

Deut. 30:19, “I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live;”

What the Bible Teaches About

**Spiritual Skills for
LIFE**





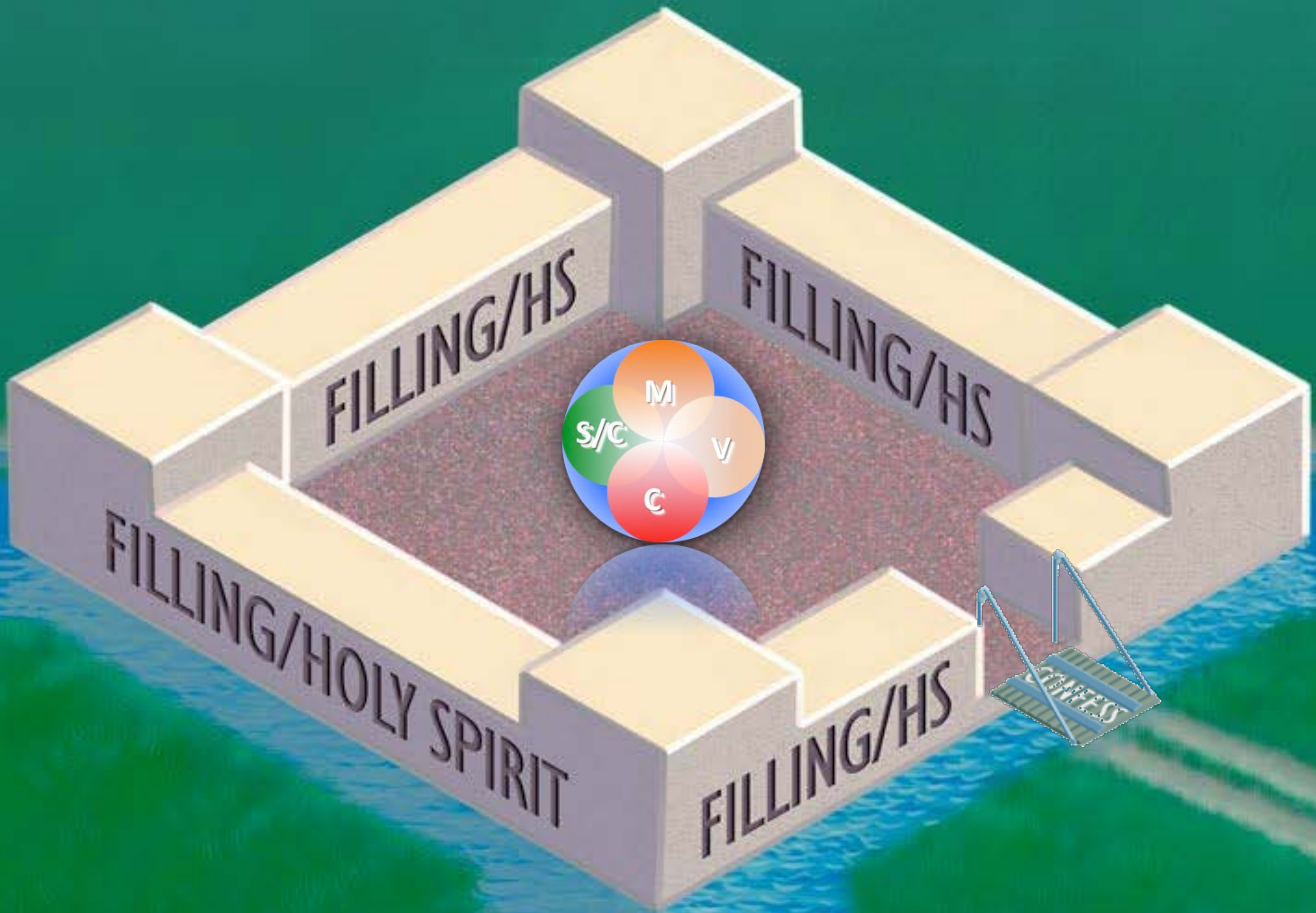
Soul Fortress Principles

Psa. 18:2, “The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.”



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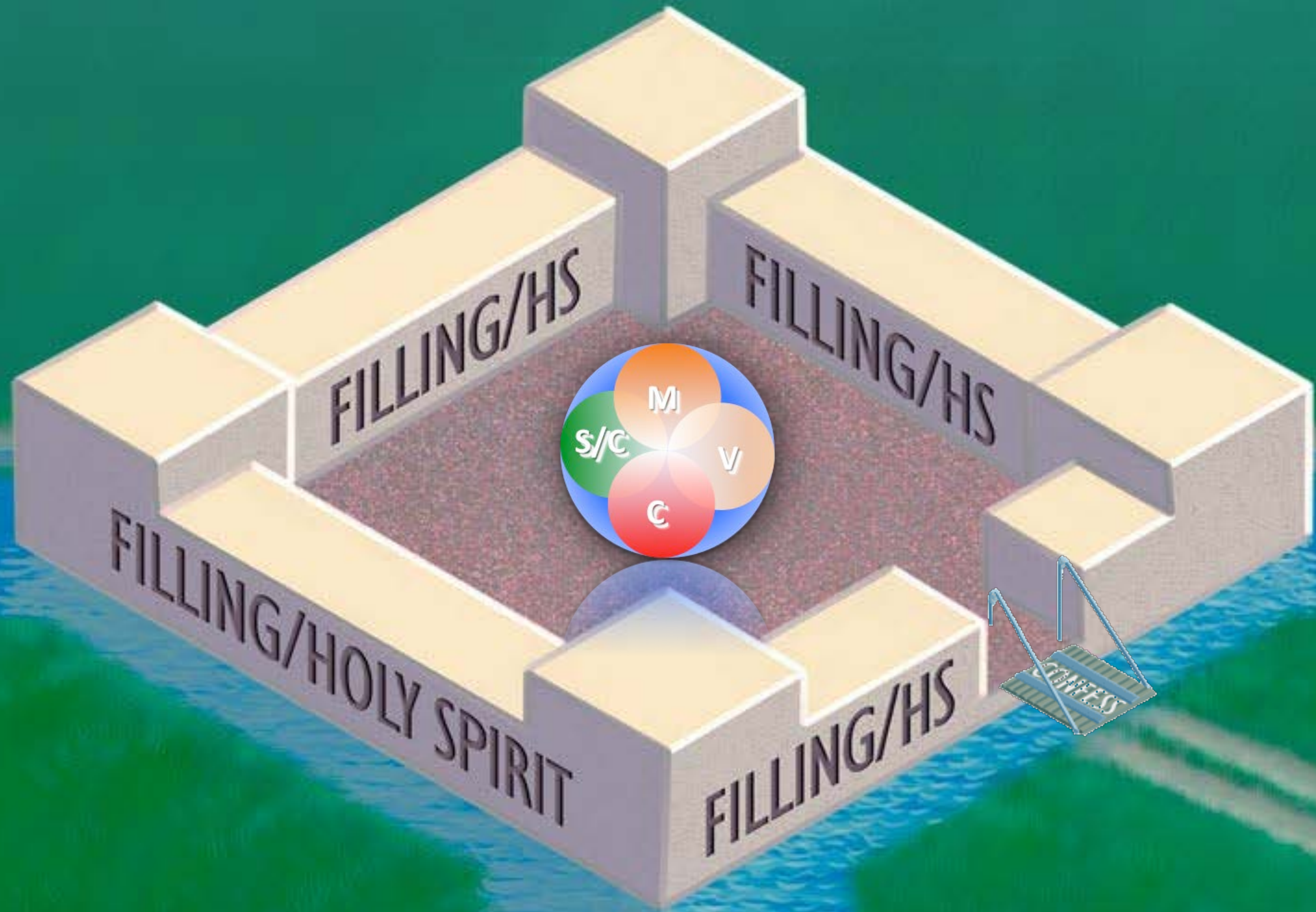
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#1 Confession of Sin

1 John 1:9, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Isa. 43:25, “I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; And I will not remember your sins.” [NKJV]

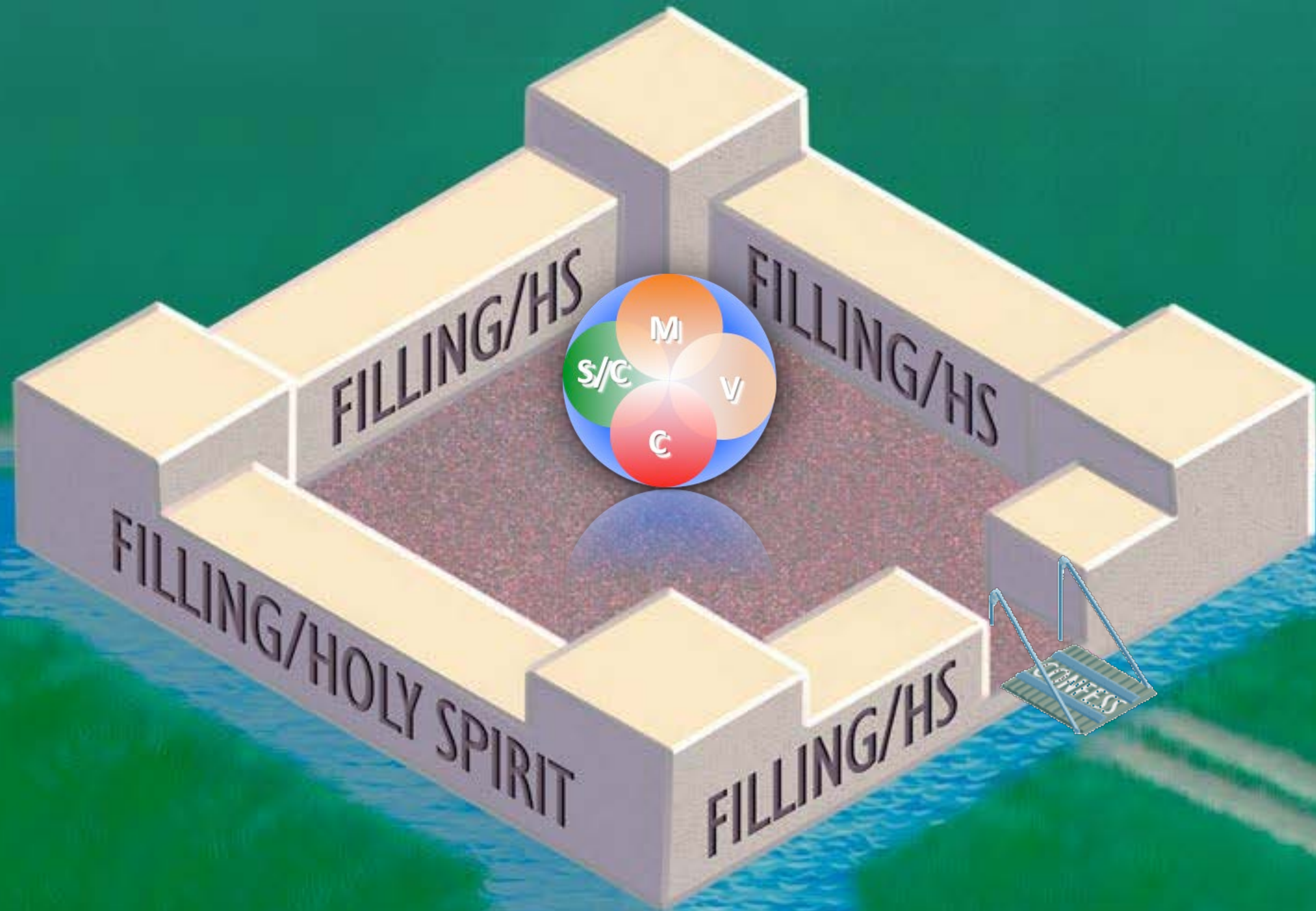


Gal. 5:16, “I say then: Walk by means of the Spirit, and you shall not bring to completion the lust of the flesh.”

Rom. 8:5, “For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.”

Eph. 5:18, “And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,” [NKJV]

Eph. 5:18, “And do not be drunk by using wine as a means of spirituality, which is a total waste, but be filled by means of the Spirit.” [RD]



#3 Faith-Rest Drill

The believer trusts God to fulfill His promises, relies upon biblical principles, and thinks through doctrinal rationales, resulting in a relaxed mental attitude because God is taking care of the situation.

- Grab a verse or part of a verse**
- Mix it with faith, trusting in God**
- Do what it says to do (mental attitude, communication, behavior)**
- Relax in God's provision and oversight**

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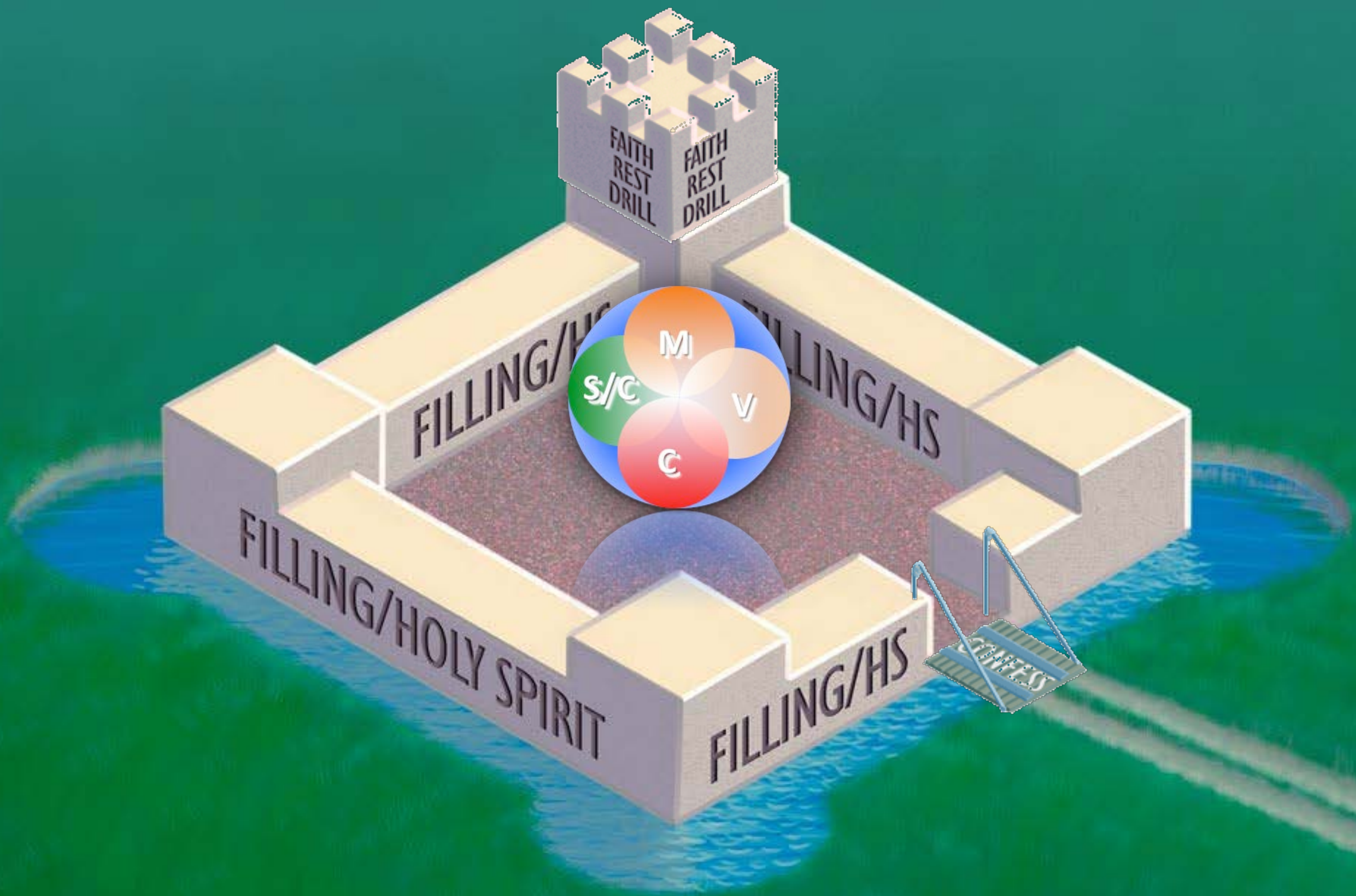
Psa. 56:3, “Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You.

Psa. 56:4, “In God (I will praise His word), in God I have put my trust; I will not fear. What can flesh do to me?”

Psa. 56:11, “In God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?”

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Heb. 4:2, “For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.”



#4 Grace Orientation

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- Conforming or aligning our thinking toward people, situations, and events with God's grace policy.**
- Grace means that God has freely given us everything we need on the basis of who He is and what Christ did on the cross.**
- Grace orientation involves humility, is the basis for loving others, treat others in kindness and graciousness, and also involves the development of our spiritual gifts (grace gifts).**

#4 Grace Orientation

- **Grace means that God has already freely given to us everything we need (prosperity and adversity tests) to advance to spiritual maturity.**
- **Grace means that our relationship to God is not based on our merit, activities, or actions.**

#4 Grace Orientation

2 Pet. 1:3, “seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

2 Pet. 1:4, “For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.”

#4 Grace Orientation

Three areas of Grace

1. Grace before salvation: Common grace

Matt. 5:44, “But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,

Matt. 5:45, “that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.”

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2. Grace at salvation: the sufficiency of the cross

Eph. 2:8, “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,

Eph. 2:9, “not of works, lest anyone should boast.”

John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

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3. Grace after salvation: the sufficiency of Scripture, the sufficiency of grace

2 Pet. 3:18, “but grow [by means of] the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

#4 Grace Orientation

2 Cor. 12:9, “And He has said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.’ ” [NASB]

#4 Grace Orientation

2 Tim. 2:1, “You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.”

2 Pet. 3:18, “but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

#4 Grace Orientation

- **God's sufficient grace is directly connected to controlling the arrogance problem and learning humility in 2 Cor. 12.**

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2 Cor. 12:1, “It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord:

2 Cor. 12:2, “I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven.

2 Cor. 12:3, “And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—

2 Cor. 12:4, “how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.” [NKJV]

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2 Cor. 12:5, “Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities.

2 Cor. 12:6, “For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me.

2 Cor. 12:7, “And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.” [NKJV]

ὑπεραίρω *hyperairō* 1 sing pres mid subj “to lift or raise up over something; middle: to lift oneself up, be exalted, be haughty” NET: “so I would not become arrogant”

#4 Grace Orientation

2 Cor. 12:8, “Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.

2 Cor. 12:9, “And He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

2 Cor. 12:10, “Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” [NKJV]

ἀρκέω (arkeō), be enough, suffice, be adequate

#4 Grace Orientation

- **Humility is central to learn obedience to God's authority.**

Php. 2:8, “And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.”

Php. 2:9, “Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,” [NKJV]

#4 Grace Orientation

Php. 2:10, “that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

Php. 2:11, “and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” [NKJV]

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- **Without learning obedience to God's authority we will always struggle with submission and obedience to human authority.**

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**James 4:6, “But He gives more grace. Therefore He says:
‘God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’**

**James 4:7, “Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he
will flee from you.”**

#4 Grace Orientation

The Problem

Rom. 8:7, “Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.”

#4 Grace Orientation

Rom. 13:1, “Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.”

Titus 3:1, “Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work,”

#4 Grace Orientation

1 Pet. 2:13, “Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake, whether to the king as supreme,

1 Pet. 2:14, “or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good.

1 Pet. 2:15, “For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men—”

#4 Grace Orientation

Eph. 1:22, “And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church,”

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Eph. 5:22, “Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

Eph. 5:23, “For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

Eph. 5:24, “Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.”

#4 Grace Orientation

Col. 3:20, “Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.”

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1 Pet. 2:18, “Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh.

1 Pet. 2:19, “For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully.”

#4 Grace Orientation

1 Pet. 5:5, “Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for ‘God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’

1 Pet. 5:6, “Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

1 Pet. 5:7, “by casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.”

#4 Grace Orientation

Eph. 4:31, “Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.

Eph. 4:32, “And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, graciously forgiving [*charizomai*] one another, even as God in Christ graciously forgave you.”