



Bold Witnesses

**GOOD NEWS
FOR EVERYTHING**

Am I enough?

Am I pleasing?

Am I purposeful?

Am I secure?

Am I good?

Am I accepted?

Am I meaningful?

Am I okay?

Temptations

Failures

Tragedies

Disappointments

Relationships

Work

School

Jesus died for my sins



Loved



Forgiven

Heaven

**“Do you not know
that all of us who have been baptized
into Christ Jesus were baptized into his
death?”**

Romans 6:3

“For we have been united with him..”

Romans 6:5

“I believe that in the New Testament union with Christ in his death and resurrection is the key category, in terms of which, every aspect of salvation is to be understood.”

J. I. Packer

**“So you also must consider
yourselves...”**

Romans 6:11





“I am joined to him, and what is true of him is true of me, therefore I deduce this about myself.”

Martyn Lloyd-Jones

“What the heart trusts, the mind justifies, the emotions desire, and the will carries out. Everything follows the heart.”

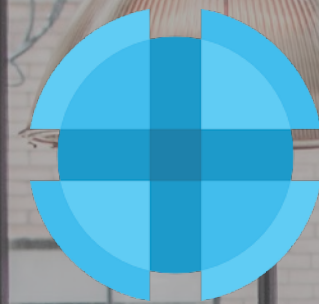
Timothy Keller

**What I am believing in
will always be determining
what I am doing.**

**Repentance is the changing of my
mind about what I am believing.**

3 people

**Who are three people in your life
you'd love to see come to faith in
Jesus?**



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GOOD NEWS FOR EVANGELISM



How can we introduce this to others?

Identify two things:

1. Their deep longings

2. Their current saviours

“If you could say in one word what you want more of in life, what would that be?”

- Happiness
- Money
- Freedom
- Peace
- Joy
- Balance
- Fulfillment
- Confidence
- Stability
- Passion
- Acceptance
- Belonging

3 people

**What are their
deep desires?**

What makes a satisfying saviour?

Unlimited

Unstoppable

Unending

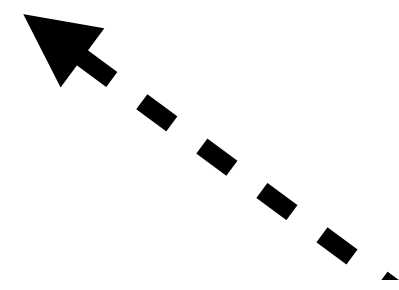
How to Satisfy These Desires

Some common hopes/saviours

- ▶ Romance
- ▶ Children
- ▶ Money
- ▶ Fame
- ▶ Popularity
- ▶ Education
- ▶ Positive thinking
- ▶ Karma
- ▶ Beauty
- ▶ Fitness
- ▶ Social media
- ▶ Friendships
- ▶ Parents
- ▶ Drugs
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- ▶ Sports
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- ▶ Entertainment
- ▶ Comfort
- ▶ Sex
- ▶ Travel
- ▶ Pets
- ▶ Celebrities
- ▶ Charity
- ▶ Yoga
- ▶ Weekends

Peace & Joy

Love, Belonging, Approval, Security, Freedom, Purpose, Meaning



**Unlimited,
Unstoppable,
Unending?**



Requires earning

It can be lost

It can be stolen

Requires protecting

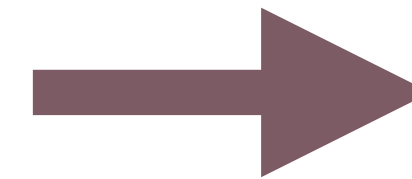
There could always be more

Can't buy everything

You die



Money



Greed

Envy

Fear

Bitterness

Despair



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Unlimited,
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Unending?

They're flawed.
They change over time.
They're as needy as you are.
They can reject you.
They can leave you.
They will die.
You die.

Soul Mate →

*Frustration
Disappointment
Resentment
Infidelity
Shame
Despair*



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It's not secure.
You can lose it.
You can fail to earn success.
It can become a burden.
You can be forgotten.
You have to retire.
You die.

Career

Anxiety
Compulsiveness
Greed
Neglect of others
Depression
Despair



**“So, every healthy tree bears good fruit,
but the diseased tree bears bad fruit”**

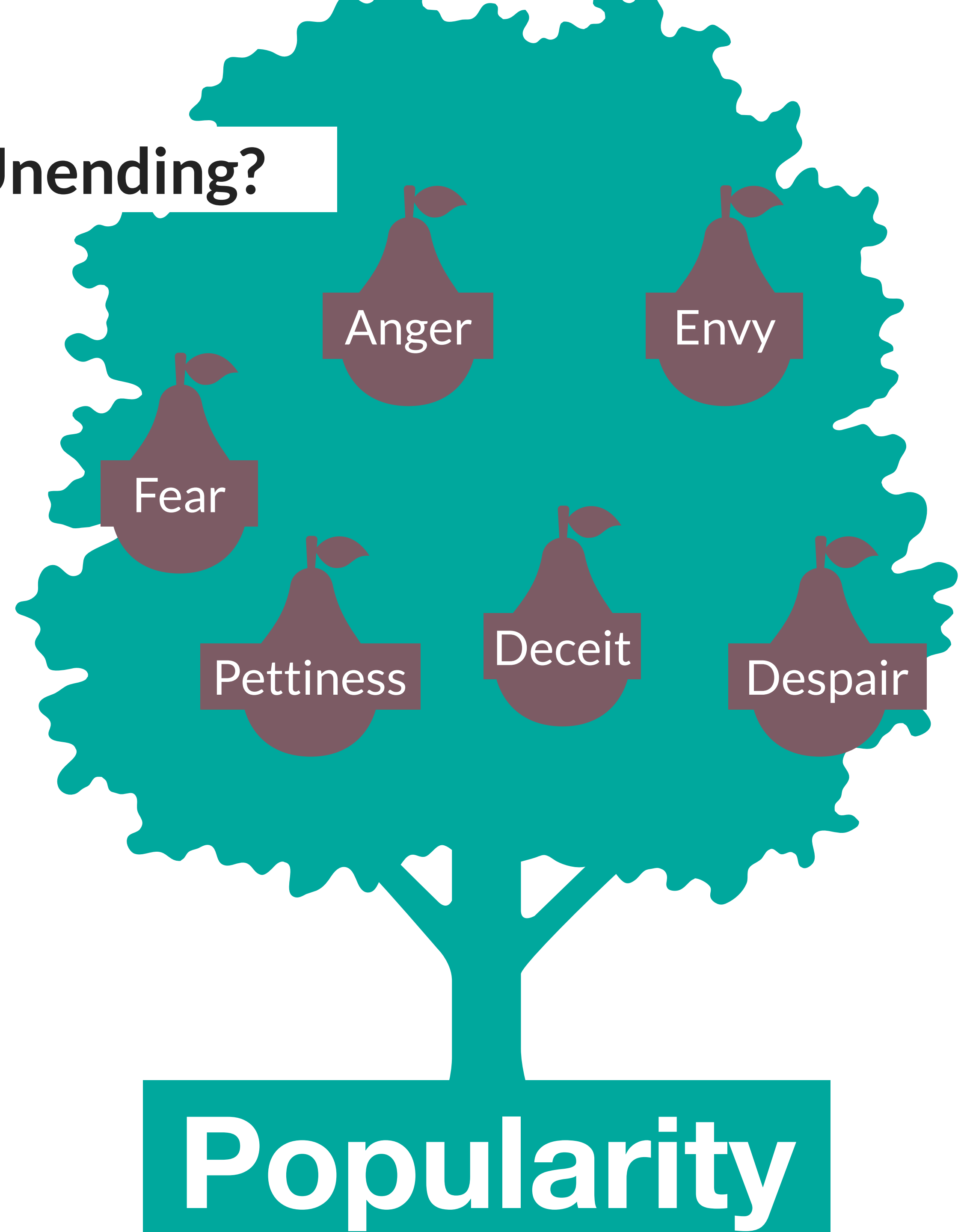
Matthew 7:17

Unlimited, Unstoppable, Unending?

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Love

- It's never secure
- People are unpredictable
- People are foolish
- We always have to maintain it
- It's exhausting
- It's relationally shallow
- There's always someone more popular
- Or someone threatening our popularity
- You get forgotten
- We die

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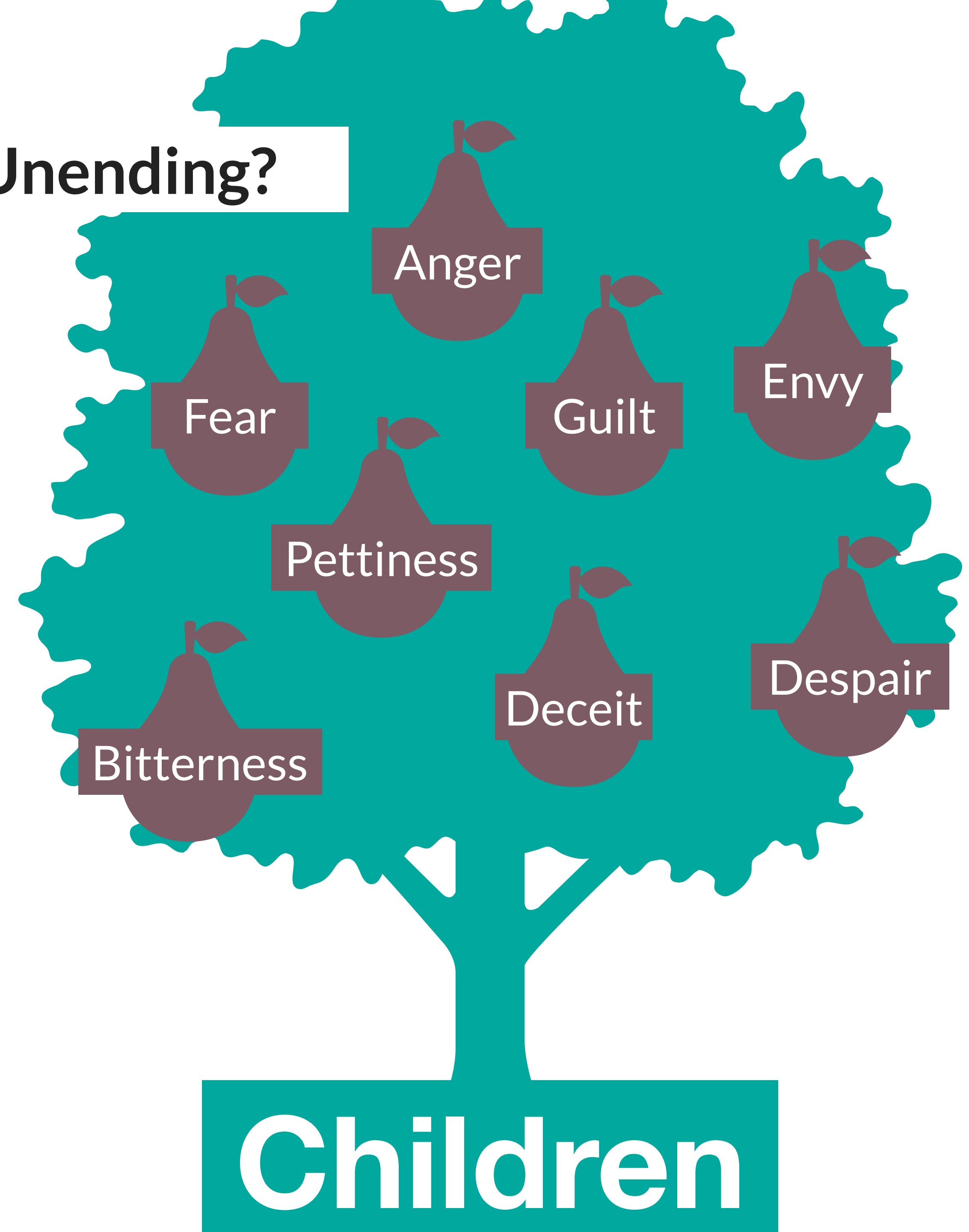
Popularity

Unlimited, Unstoppable, Unending?

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- They are imperfect.
- They are unpredictable.
- They will hurt you.
- They will let you down.
- They may reject you.
- They may leave you.
- They can be hurt.
- They can be stolen.
- They can die.
- You will die.

• You will die.

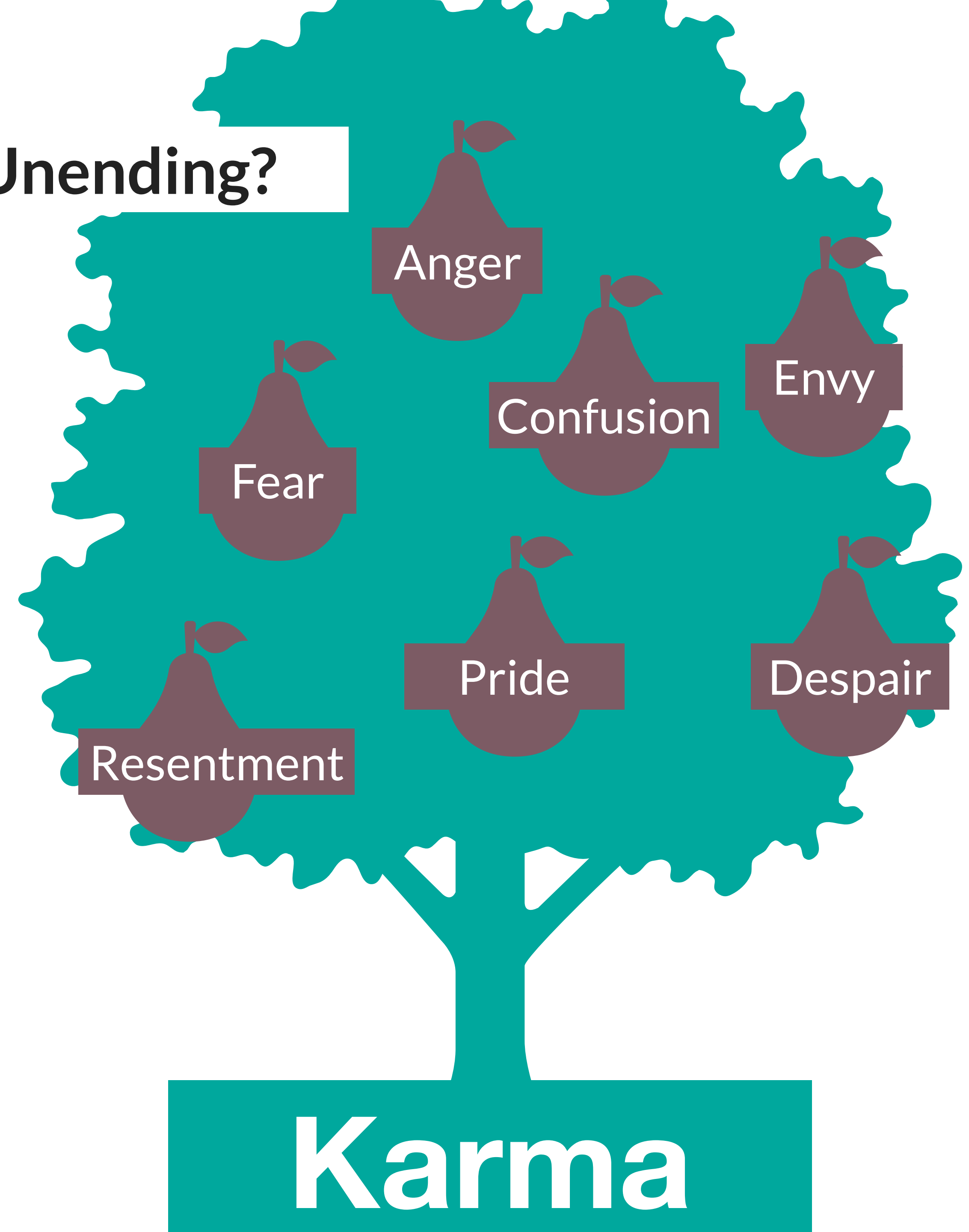


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- It's not secure.
- It can turn against us at anytime.
- We earn everything.
- We can fail.
- It's results are random.
- We die.

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3 people

**What saviours/gods have
they put their hopes in?**

Some Common Idols/Saviours

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Peace & Joy

Love, Belonging, Approval, Security, Freedom, Purpose, Meaning

Unlimited,
Unstoppable,
Unending?

YES

Jesus

Showed his love for us
by dying for us, once for all
United to him we share in:
God's love for him
His sonship and inheritance
His righteousness & pleasingness



His secure place at God's righthand
His eternal, resurrection life
His death to sin & victory over darkness
His purpose as his ambassadors
His glory as members of his body
Forever and always.

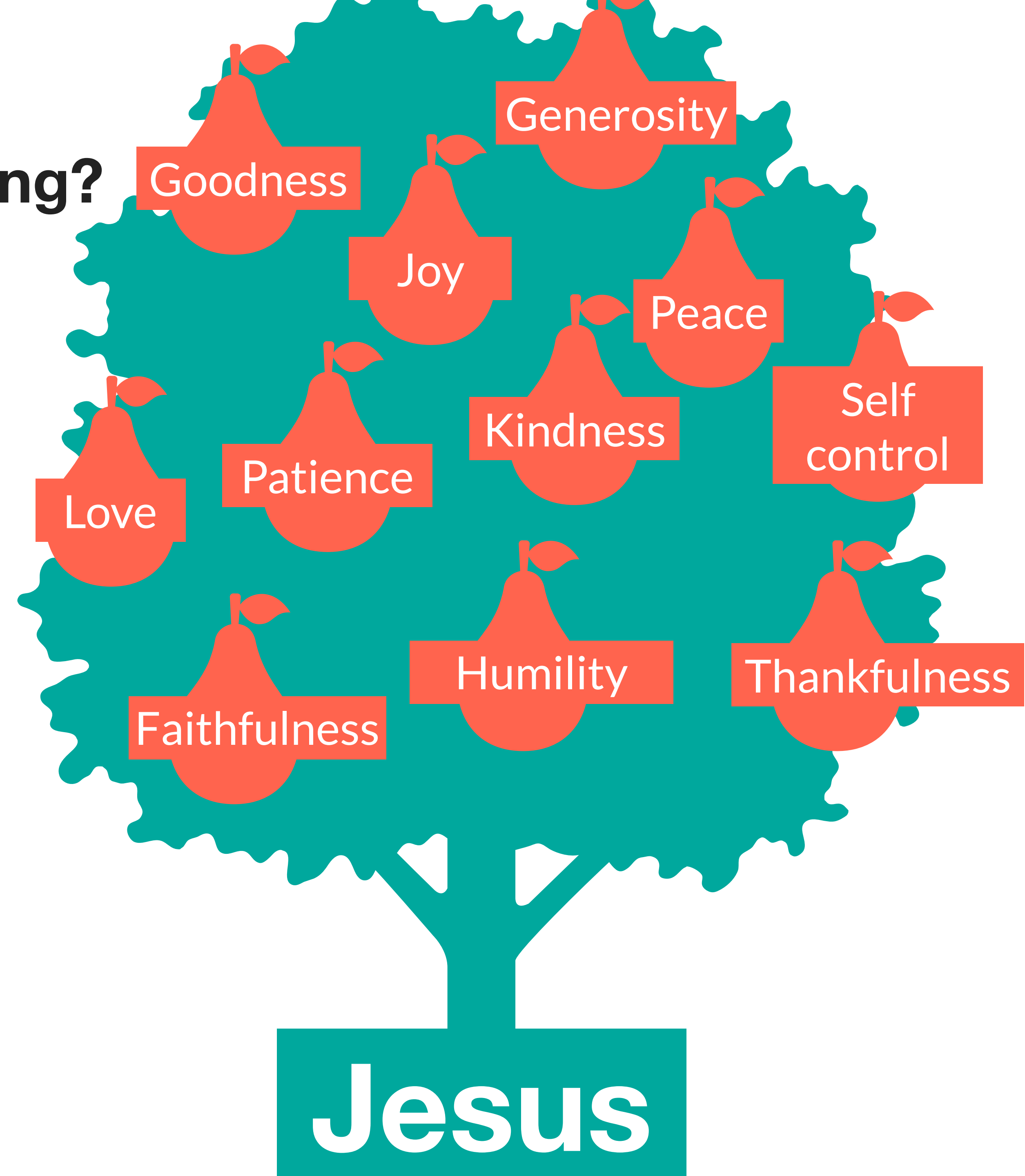
**“Whoever abides in me and I in him, he
it is that bears much fruit”**

John 15:5

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- Total forgiveness
- Complete justification
- Perfect righteousness
- Unescapable love
- Unmerited mercy & grace
- Guaranteed completion
- Eternal life
- Constant presence
- Never ending kindness
- Children & heirs forever
- Ambassadors for him
- Citizens of heaven
- Will rule & reign with him in the New Heaven & the New Earth

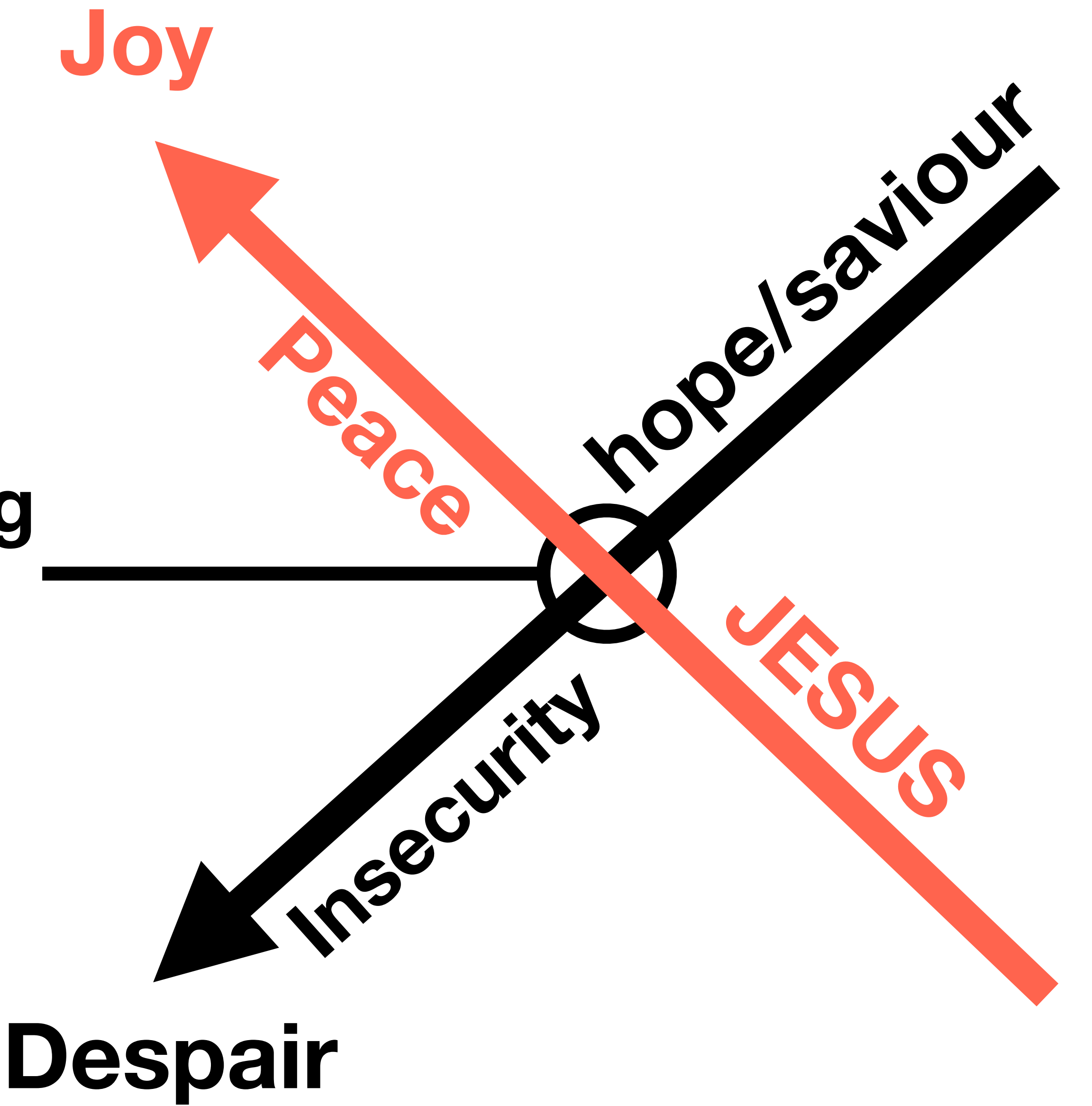


3 people

**How does Jesus
meet/fulfill/eclipse
their desires?**

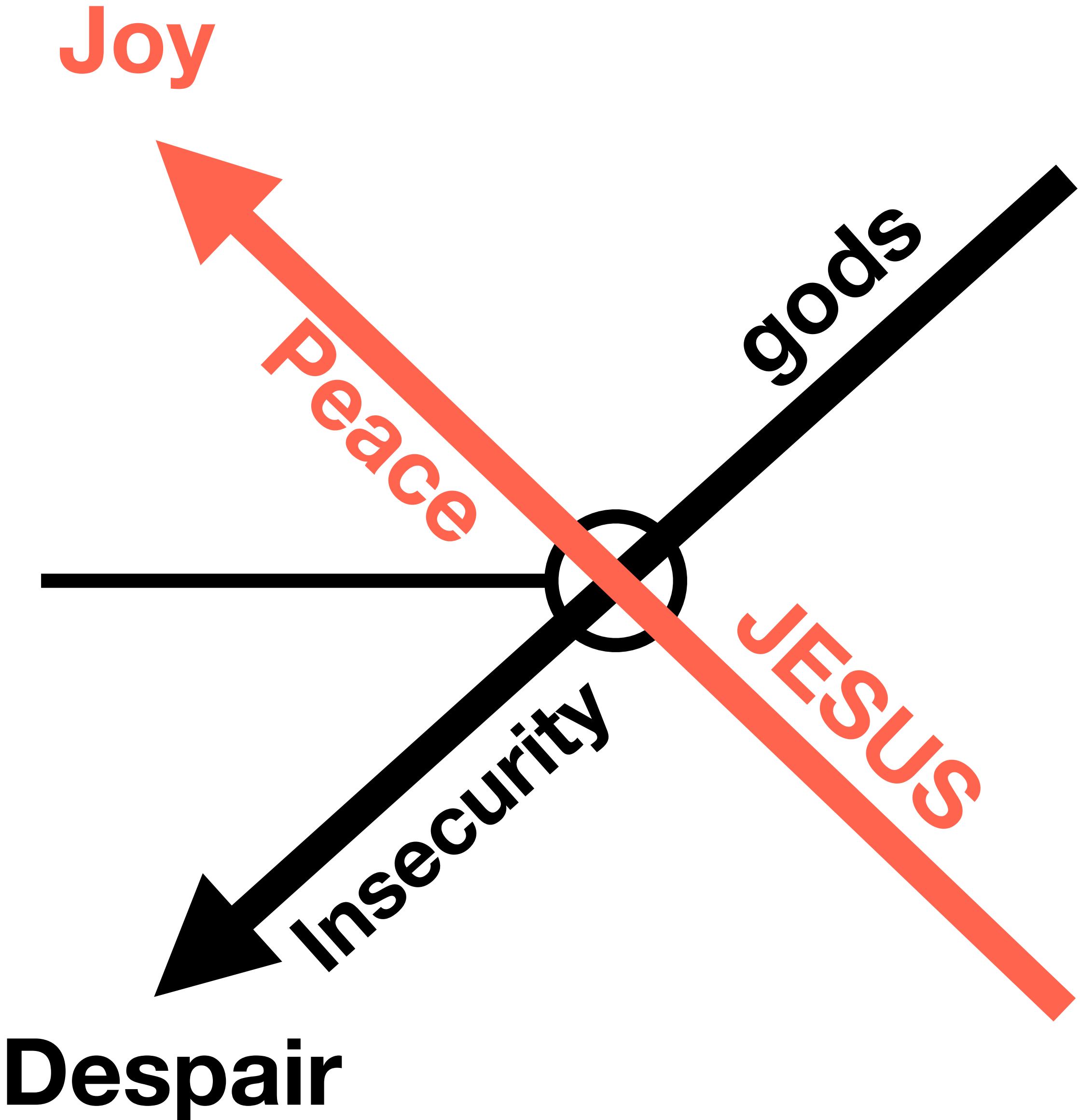
Two Gospels

Intersecting Gospels



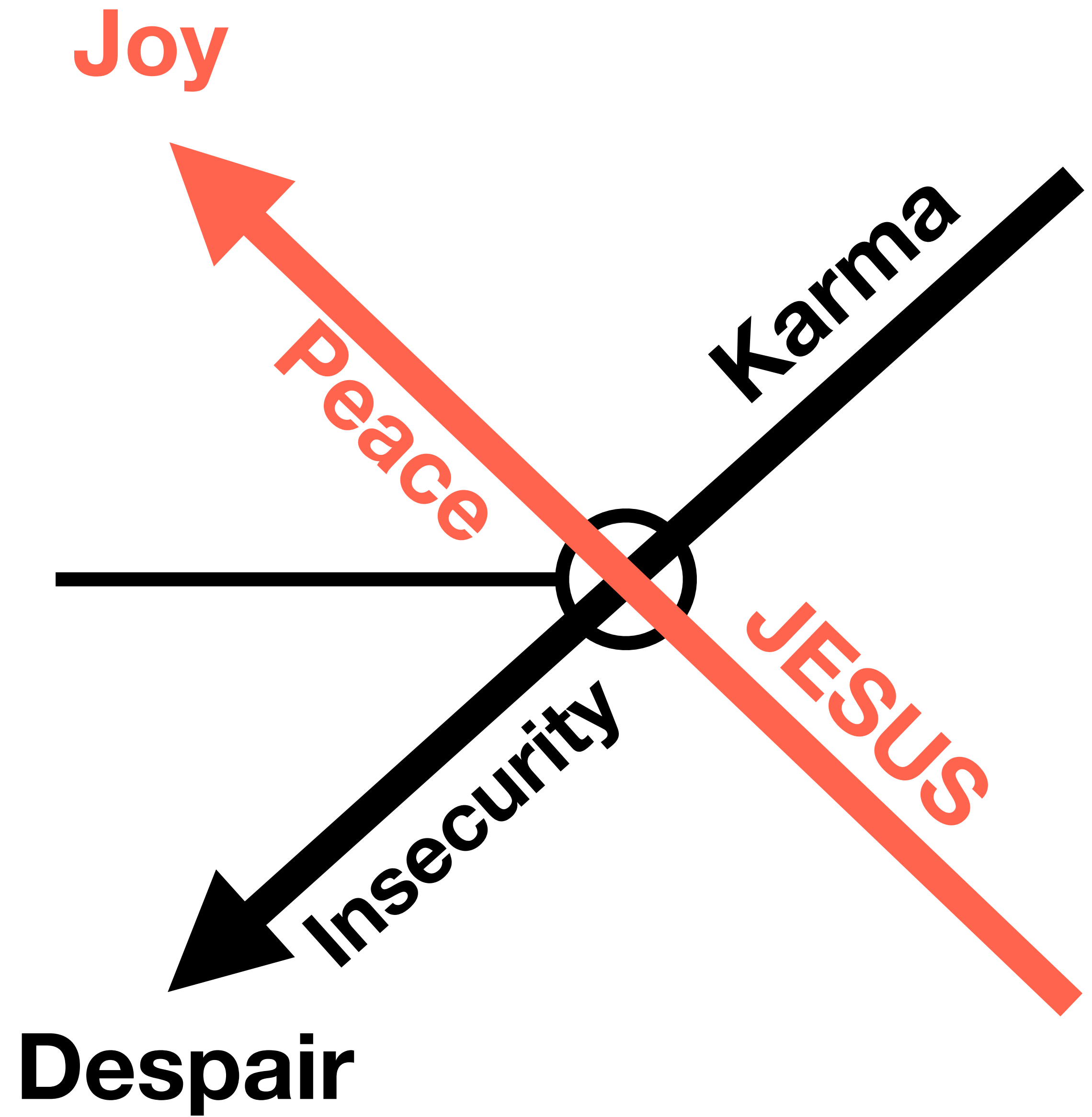
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Something
divine will
save us



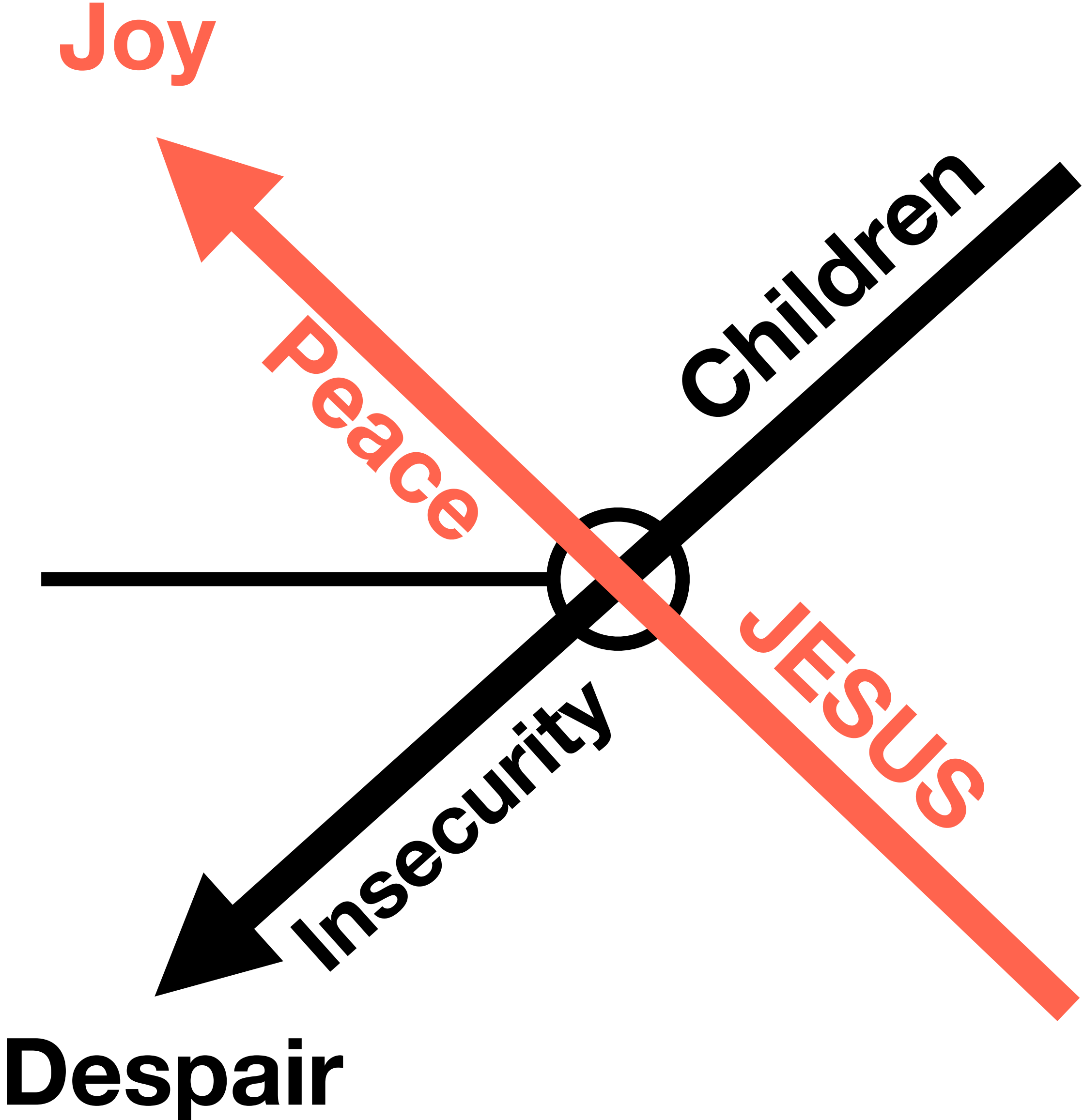
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You get
what you
earn



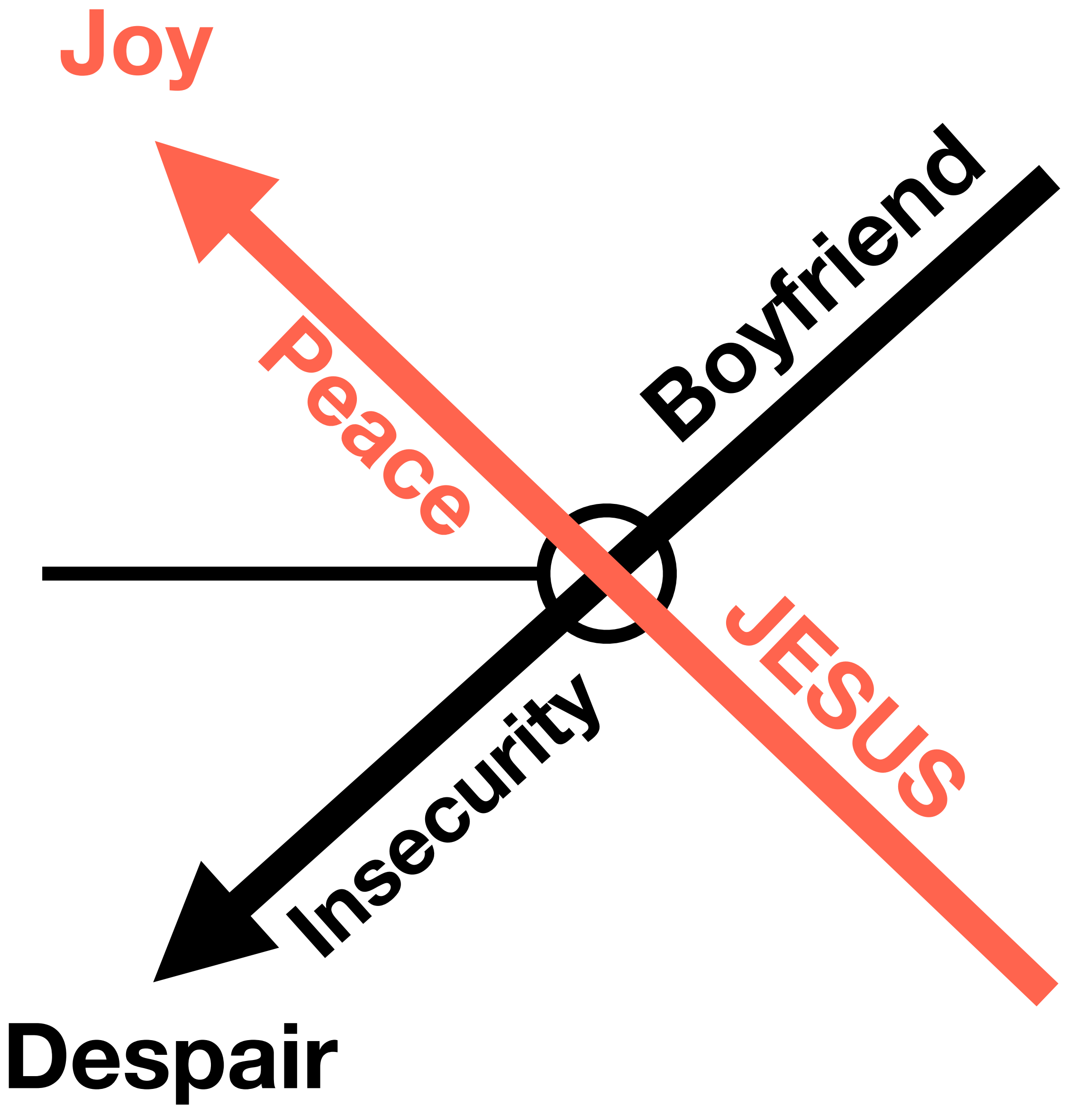
Two Gospels

Deeds
define me



Two Gospels

Someone determines our identity

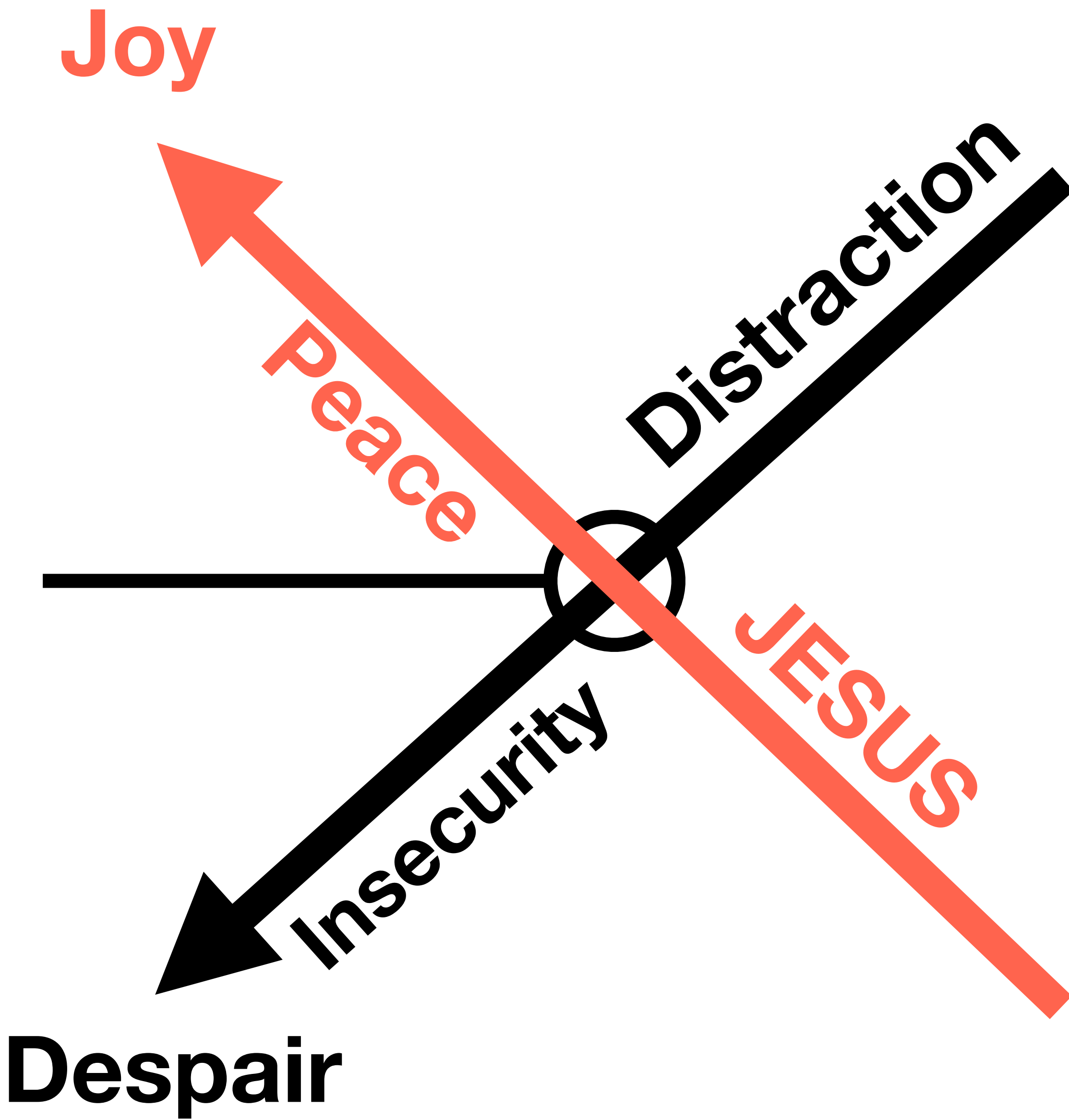


Breakup

Despair

Two Gospels

Dealing
with death



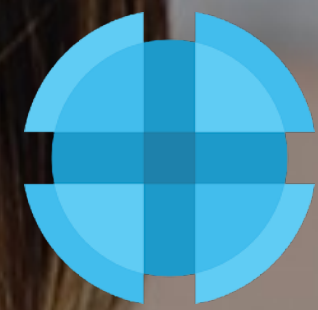
Miscarriage



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How could you begin a gospel-conversation with them?

- **Affirm their God-given desires**
- **Consider their idols and gospels**
- **See where the good news of Jesus intersects with them**



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