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beyond inspiration to transformation

James Wilhoit

There is nothing “once for all” about formation. It is ceaseless because entropy, sin, the flesh, and our idols never rest in their battle against the human soul and God’s kingdom claims on it.

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I believe this is the most prevalent and tragic misunderstanding that afflicts contemporary Western Christianity. We make a vow to submit our life to Christ but then spend 99 percent of our time excluding him from our awareness. We make him Lord over our life in theory, but we do not make him Lord of the moments that make up our life.

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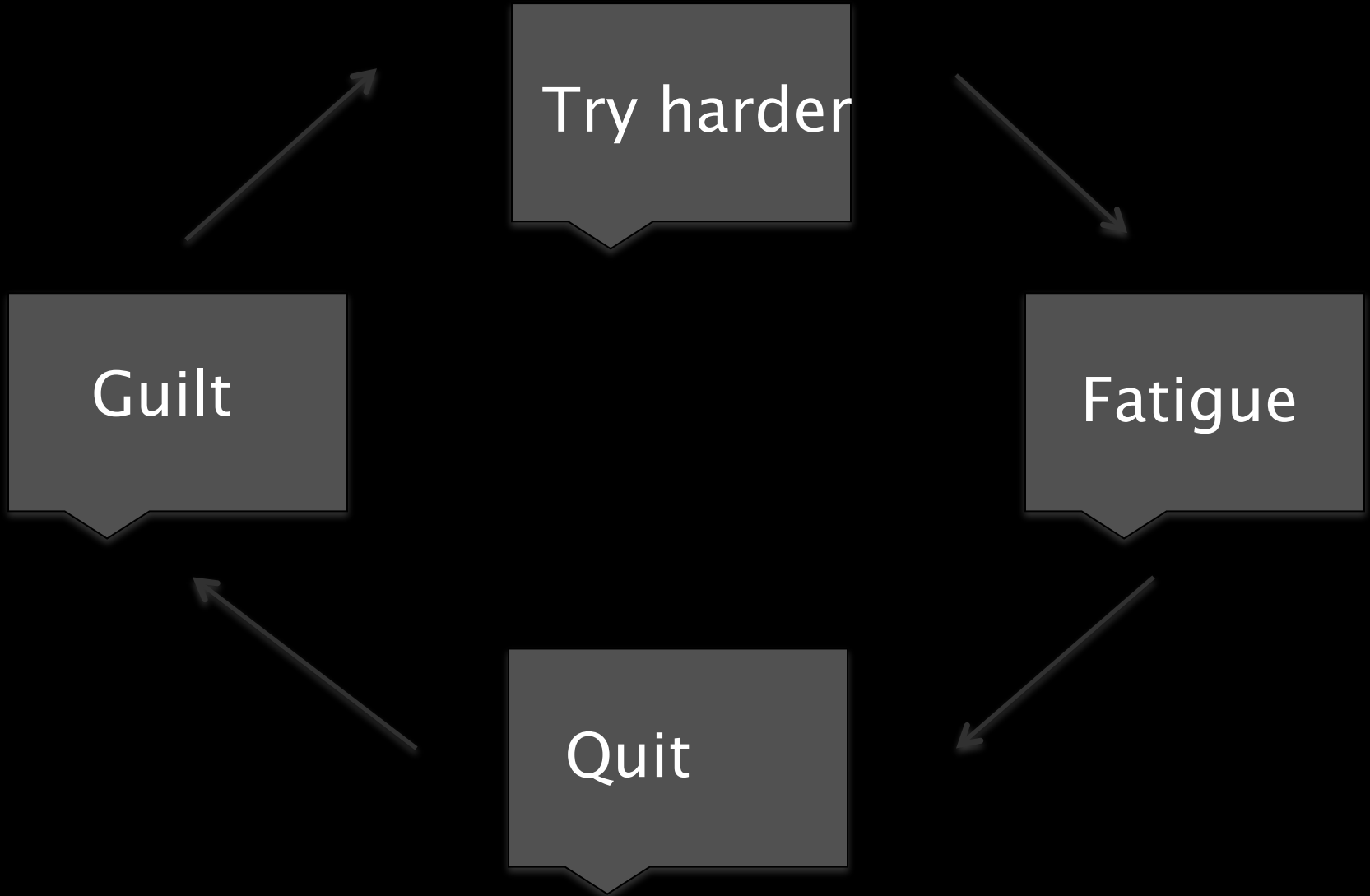
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beyond information to transformation

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Western Christians are massively more informed than Christians at times past. Yet no one would dare to claim that we're more spiritually mature than Christians in the past. To the contrary, all indications are that the core values and lifestyle of most Western Christian differ very little from our pagan neighbors. Despite all our sermons, Bible studies, books, seminars, and conferences, we are, to a large degree, spiritually dead. We don't manifest much of the uniquely beautiful Life of the Kingdom. This clearly isn't a problem created by any lack of information or a problem that can be solved by acquiring more information



Mark 1 vs. 14-15

14 After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 15 “The time has come,” he said. “The Kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

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KINGDOM OF GOD

Rule and Reign of God

REPENT

BELIEVE

discerning the season you are in

accountability

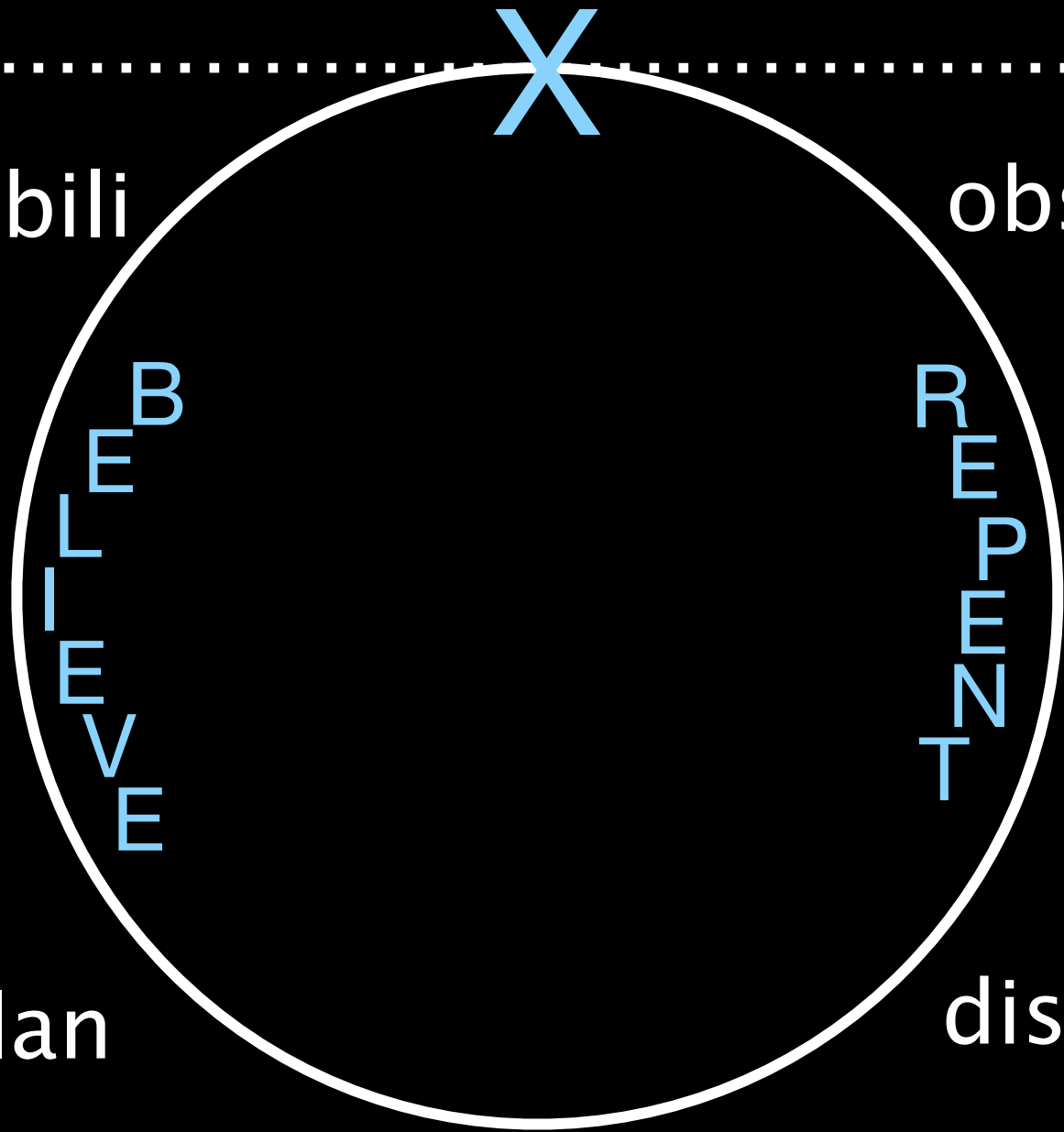
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He sees you

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Speaks to you

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Hears you

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You are pleasing to Him

A Place to Begin...

- When did you sense God's presence most strongly?
- What season are you are in?
- What did you read in God's word that stood out to you or spoke to you this week?
- What was the most beautiful thing you saw this week?
- What words from all of your conversations carried the most weight?
- When did you feel most hurt?
- What doors and opportunities are present in your life right now?
- Did you feel the prompting of the Spirit? Did you obey?

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