

“SIN”  
REDEFINED

Matthew 19: 16-22



# **DEFINE SPIRITUAL MATURITY**

- **Biblical & Theological Knowledge**
- **Commitment to Church Organization**



# DEFINE SPIRITUAL MATURITY

- Outward Behaviors
- The Intensity of Holy Spirit's Work in our Lives



# **DISCIPLESHIP & TRANSFORMATION?**

- Know the Biblical Truth: Memorization
- Study Theological Truth
- Obedience to Biblical Truth
- Spiritual Disciplines: Prayer, Fasting, etc.

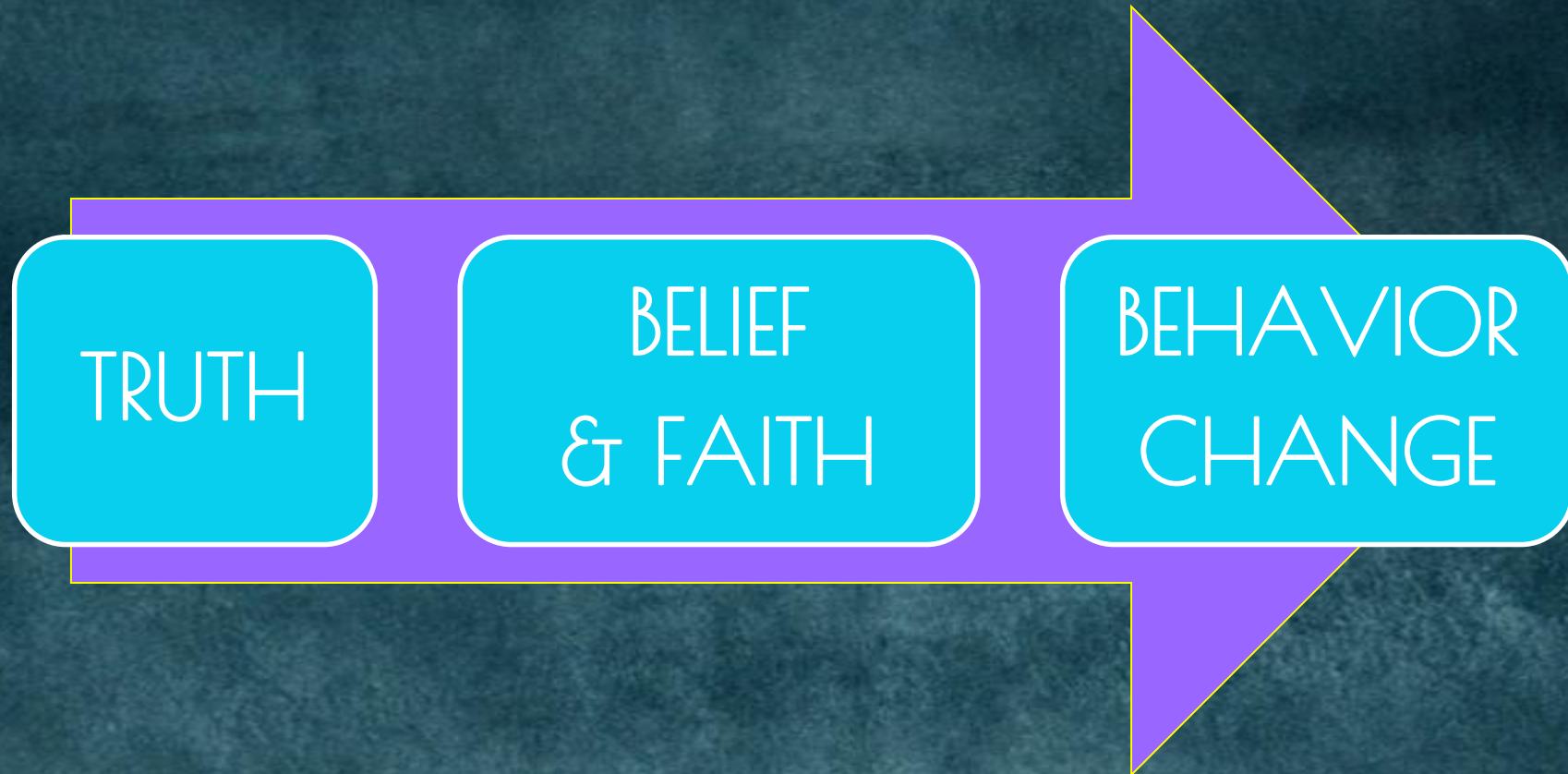


# DISCIPLESHIP & TRANSFORMATION?

- Charismatic Manifestation
- Behavior that fits the Biblical Standard
- Serving people and church: Endure Hardship

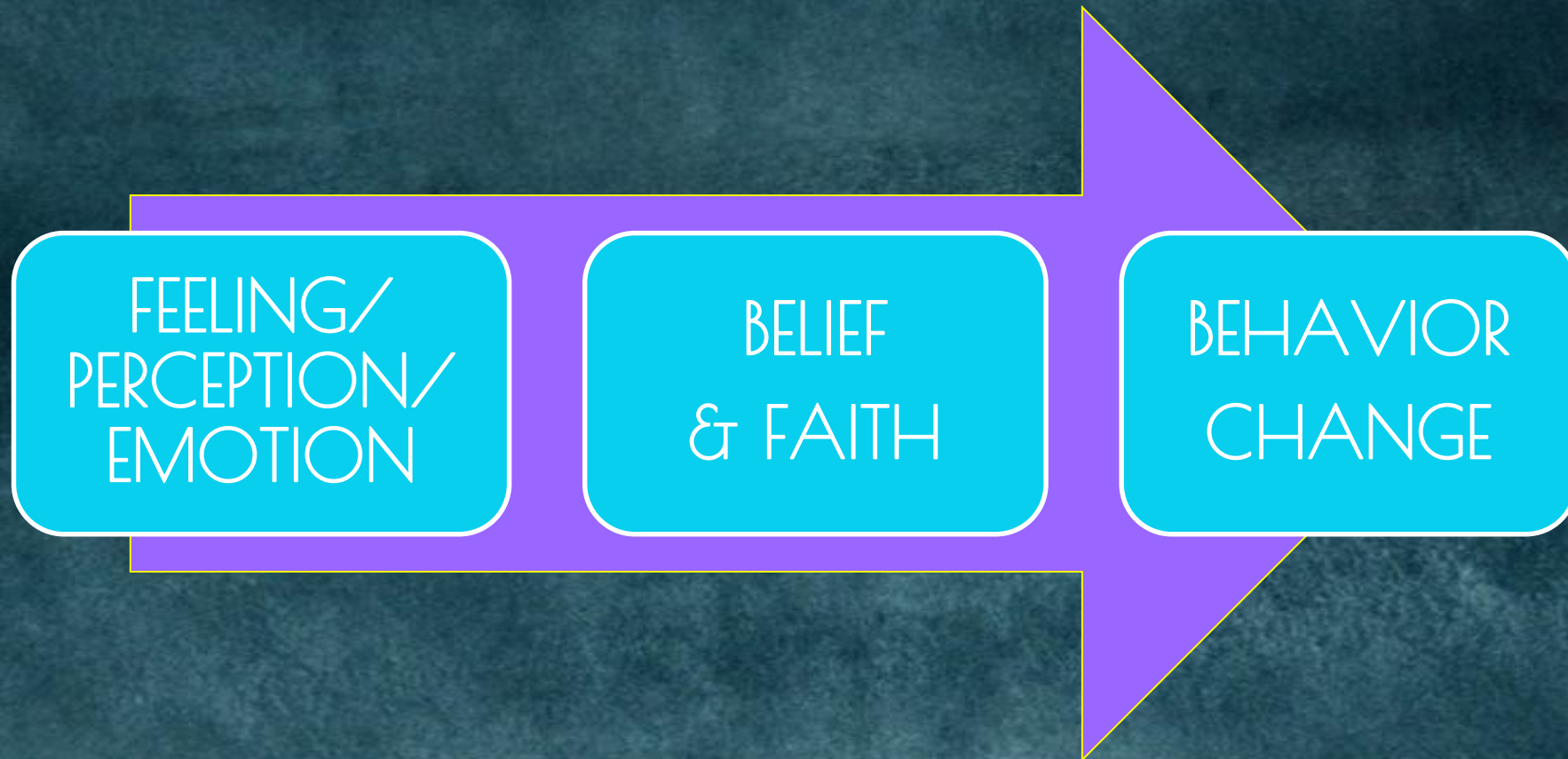
Something is NOT WORKING

# EVANGELICAL MODEL OF CHRISTIAN TRANSFORMATION





# CHARISMATIC MODEL OF CHRISTIAN TRANSFORMATION



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## **SANTIFICATION**

- **Shape our idea of Spiritual Maturity**
- **Shape the Process of Discipleship & points of Emphasis**



## DEFINITION OF SIN

Now a man came up to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?" "Why do you ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, obey the commandments."

**MATTHEW 19:16-17**



## DEFINITION OF SIN

"Which ones?" the man inquired. Jesus replied, " 'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, honor your father and mother,' and 'love your neighbor as yourself.' " "All these I have kept," the young man said. "What do I still lack?"

**MATTHEW 19:18-20**



## DEFINITION OF SIN

Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth.

**MATTHEW 19:21-22**



# **RICH YOUNG RULER**

- **Great wealth**
- **Good morals & behaviors**
  - **Honors his parents**
  - **Love his neighbors**
  - **Good reputation**



# "GET/EARN" ETERNAL LIFE BY "DOING"

- (Matt 19) <sup>16</sup> Now a man came up to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good thing **must I do** to **get/obtain** eternal life?"

ATTITUDE: I WILL "EARN" ETERNAL LIFE  
BY MY "GOOD BEHAVIORS"



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## **MATTHEW 19:18-20**

- **The reply the young man want from Jesus**
- **(v. 25) Who then can be save?**
- **The young man is as good as they come**



# DEFINE SIN

'Do not murder,  
Do not commit adultery,  
Do not steal,  
Do not give false testimony,  
Honor your father and mother,' and  
**'Love your neighbor as yourself.'**

- SIN AND TEN COMMANDMENTS
- DID JESUS FORGET THE TEN COMMANDMENTS?

# 10 COMMANDMENTS

1. NO OTHER GODS

2. NO IDOLS

3. DO NOT TAKE LORD'S  
NAME IN VAIN

4. KEEP THE SABBATH

5. HONOR YOUR FATHER  
AND YOUR MOTHER

6. NO MURDER

7. NO ADULTERY

8. DO NOT STEAL

9. DO NOT BEAR  
FALSE WITNESS

10. DO NOT COVET



# THE IDOL OF THE RICH YOUNG MAN

MATTHEW 19:21

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# THE IDOL OF THE RICH YOUNG MAN

## MATTHEW 19:21

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall make no idols.
3. Not take the name of the Lord in vain.
4. Keep the Sabbath day holy.
5. You shall not covet.



# RE-DEFINITION OF SIN: IDOLS

- If Sin is defined only by outside behavior
  - Jesus redefine Sin: Idols
  - The young man's idol: WEALTH

# WHERE/ WHAT IS MY IDOL?

MATTHEW 19:21-22

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**NEGATIVE EMOTION AND IDOL**



# JESUS REDEFINING SIN

- From Behaviors: Stealing, Adultery, Murder, False Testimony, Honoring parents,
- To Uncovering Idols
- The most Dangerous Idols. . . . God's Gifts
  - Families, relationships, work, ministry, truth, house, talent, Bible, Theology, Christian Living

**NEGATIVE FEELINGS AND IDOLS**

# OBTAINING ETERNAL LIFE

MATTHEW 19:17

"Why do you ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good."

- Has nothing to do with "Good Works"
- Has Everything to do with the "Good One"
- Relationship with the Good One is the key



# DISCIPLESHIP: MATURATION PROCESS

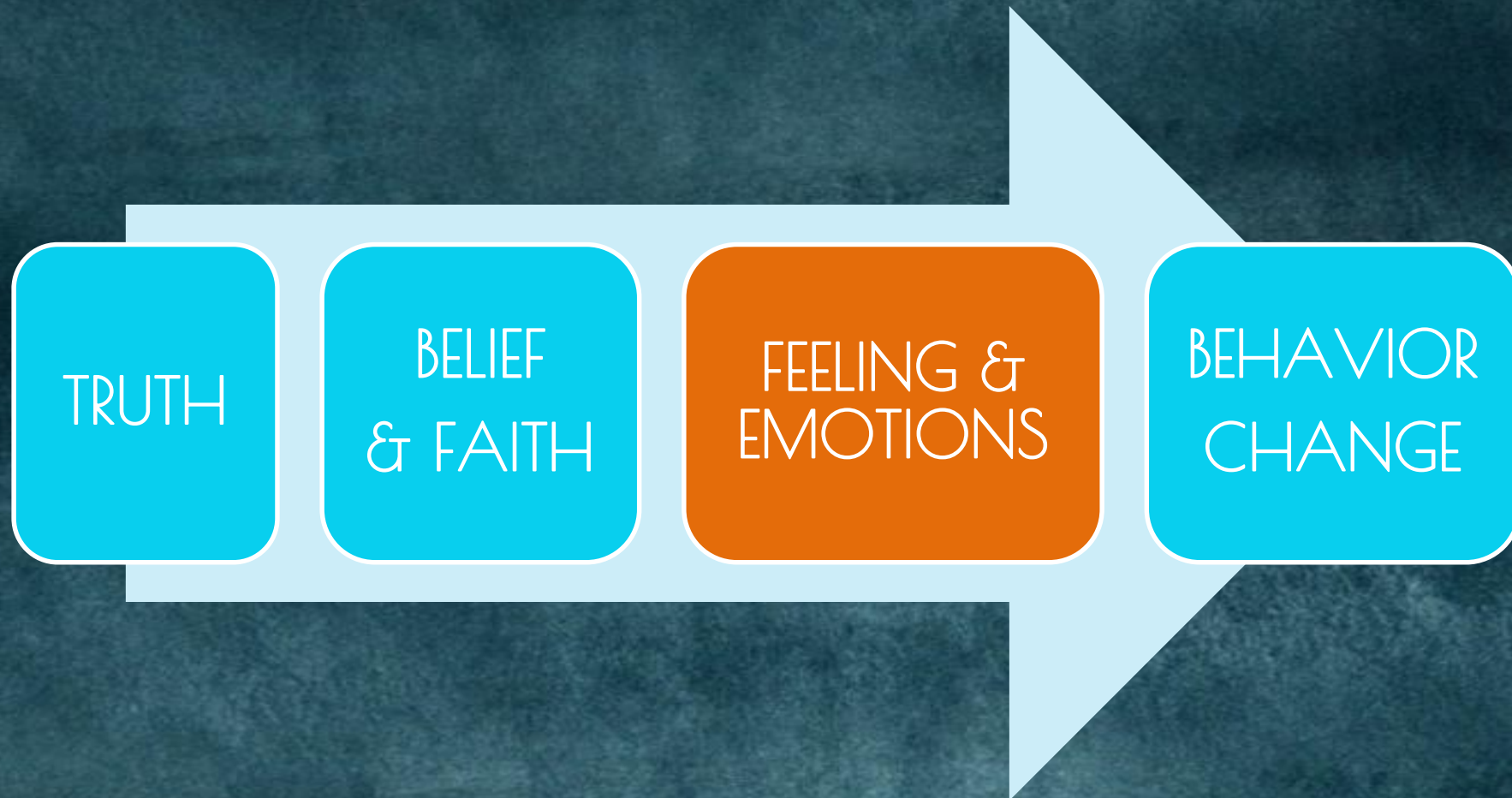
- **Biblical & Theological Knowledge**
- **Commitment to Church and Serve**
- **Good Morals, Pray and Read the Bible**
- **Focus on our relationship with God**
- **Uncover our Idols through our negative emotions**

# WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

- **Know the Truth**
- **Memorization, Study**
- **Service motivated by guilt, shame, & obligation**
- **Behavior that fits the standard**
- **Experience Truth**
- **Integration of God's Love**
- **Service motivated by vision, desiring to experience God**
- **Fruit of the Spirit – Positive emotions**



# Model of Christian Transformation



# YOUR EMOTIONS IN DISCIPLESHIP

**“Emotions do not authenticate truth, but emotions do authenticate our understanding and integration of truth.”**

- **To experience Truth/ God's Love**
- **To uncover our idols through negative emotions**



# IF WE DO NOT REDEFINE SIN


- Focus on outward behavior, but not the inner reality and relationship
  - We develop an attitude of “Earning” / “Deserving” – Eternal life



# IF WE DO NOT REDEFINE SIN

- Neglect the role of Emotions play in discipleship
- Hidden Idols/ Sins that entangles us without resolution





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