

Organizational Tools for Marriage Counseling



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1st Great Commandment

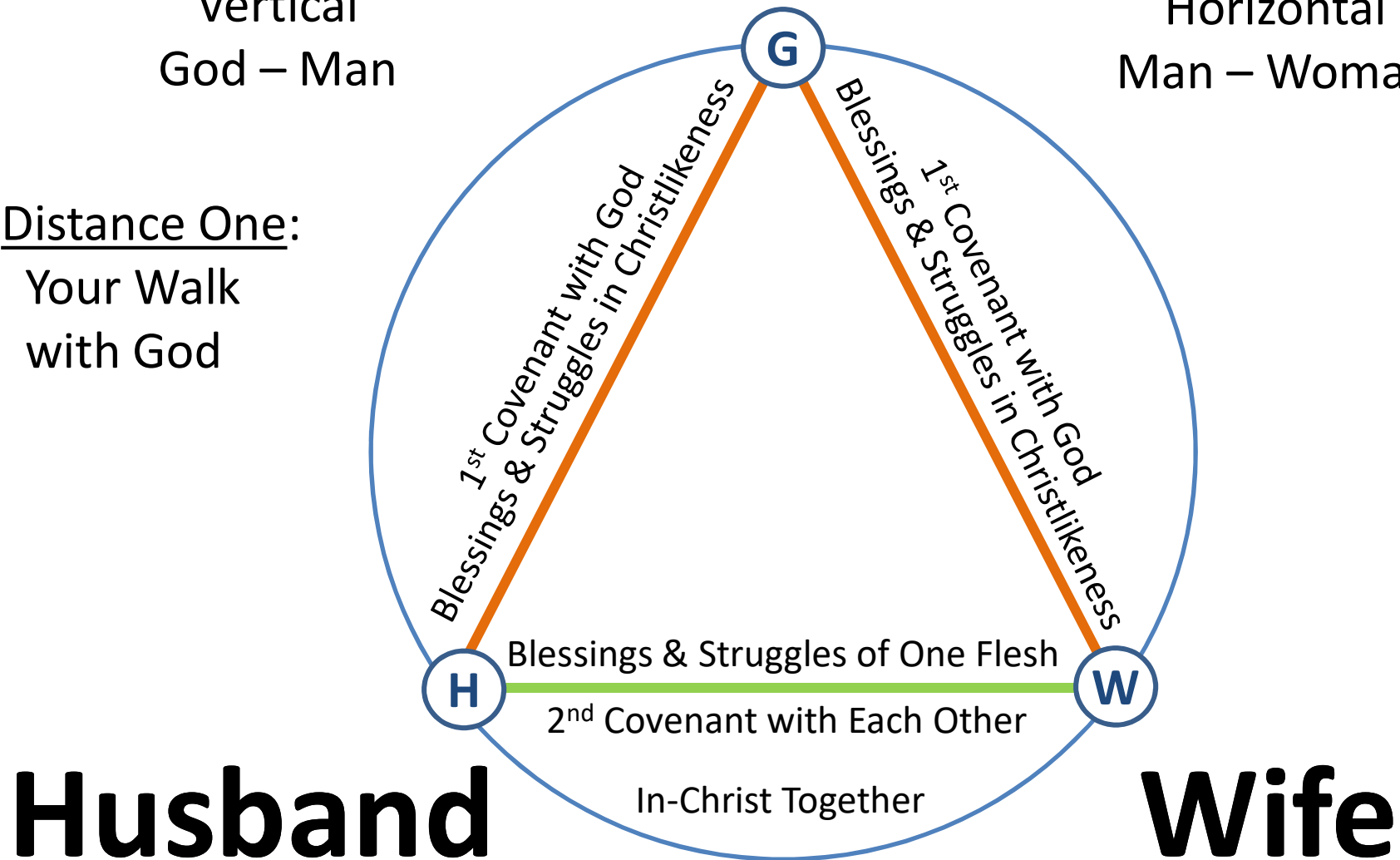
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God – Man

2nd Great Commandment

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Man – Woman

Distance One:

Your Walk
with God



Husband

Wife

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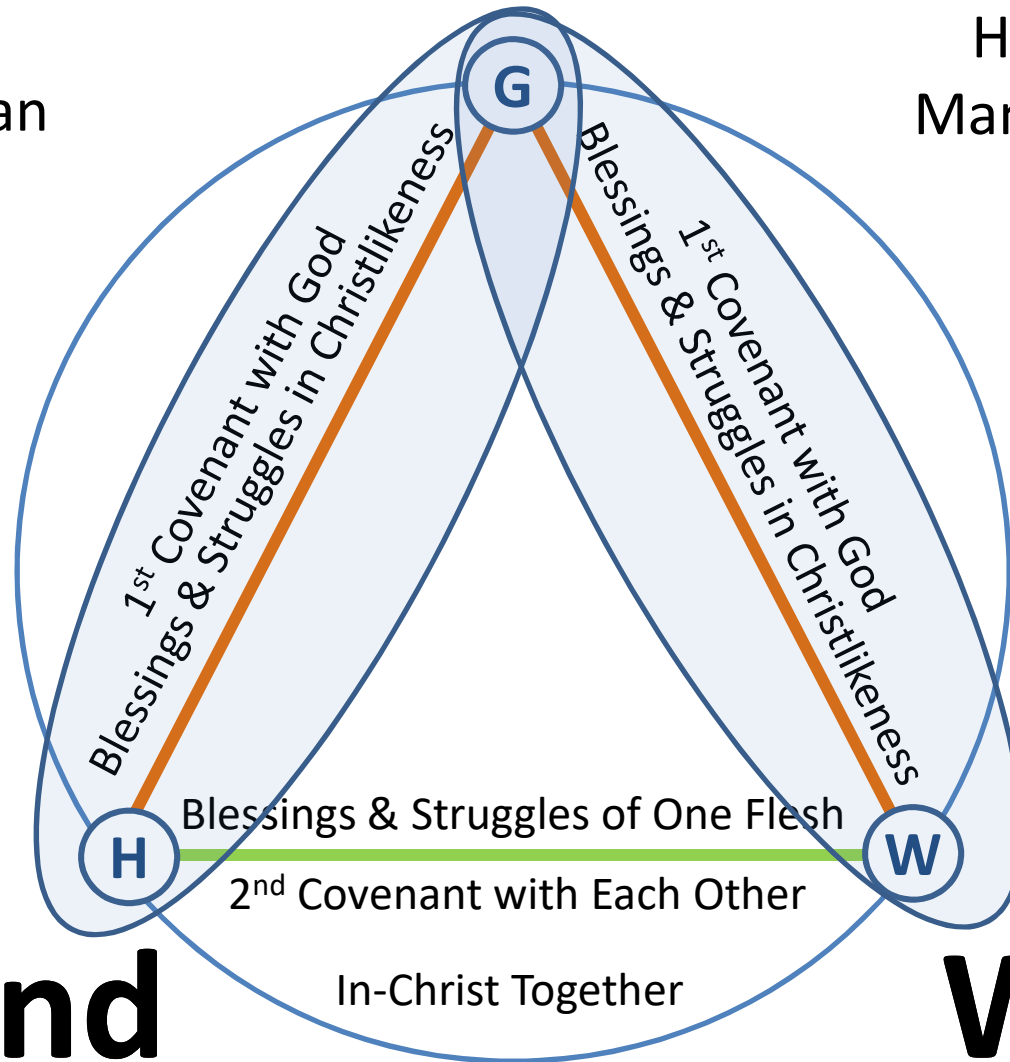
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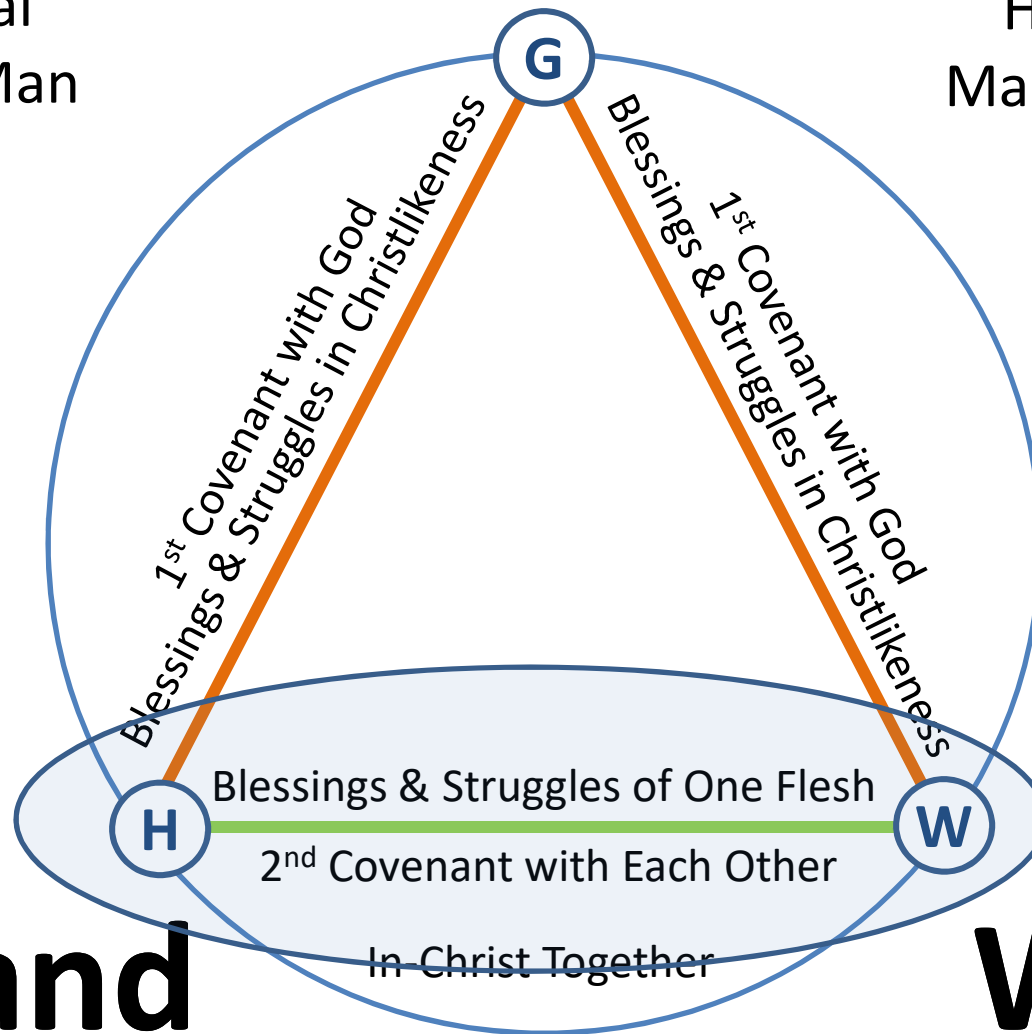
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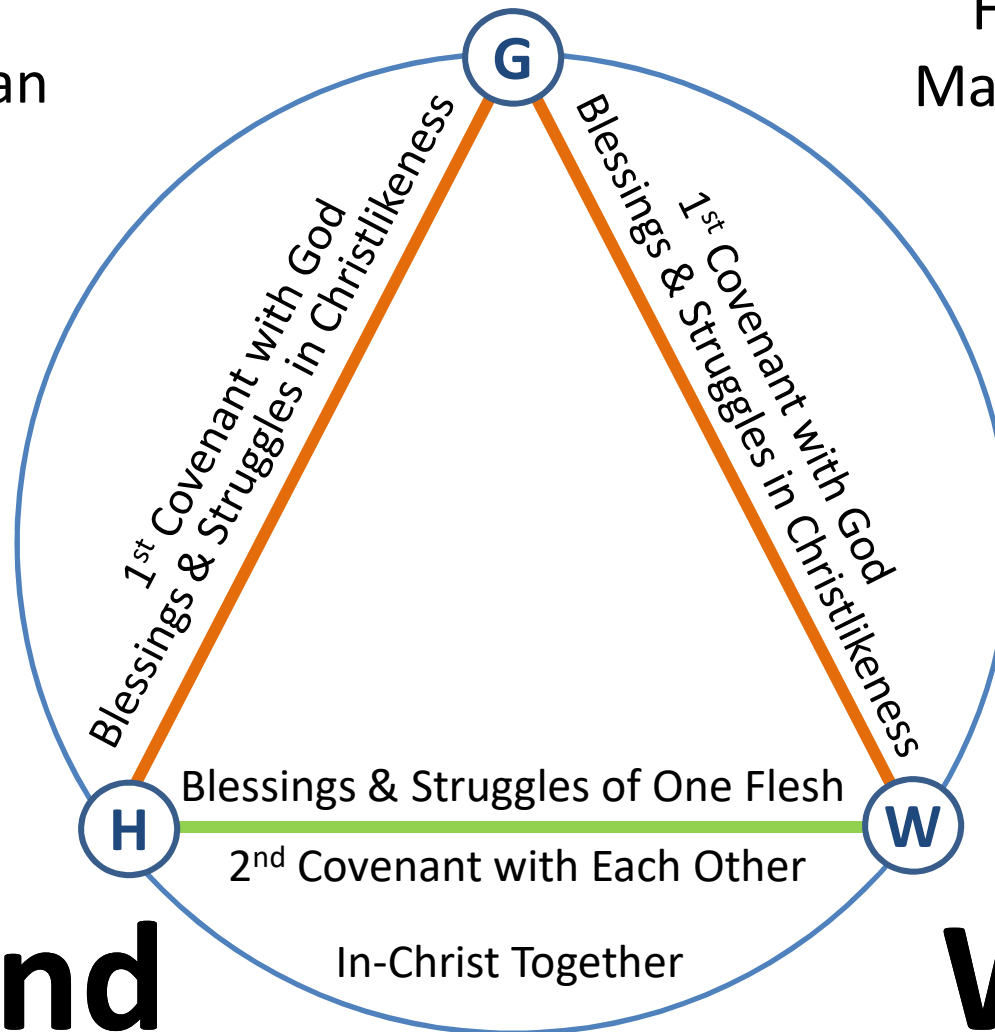
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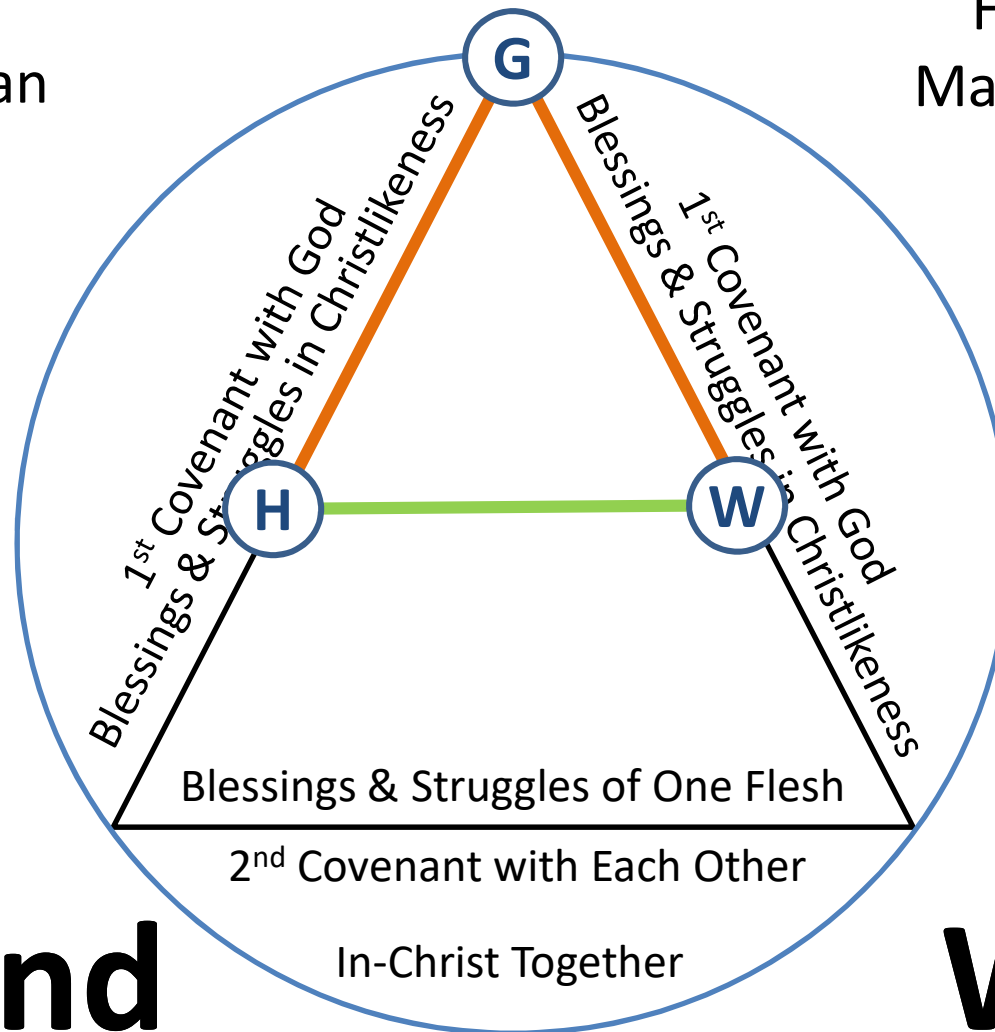
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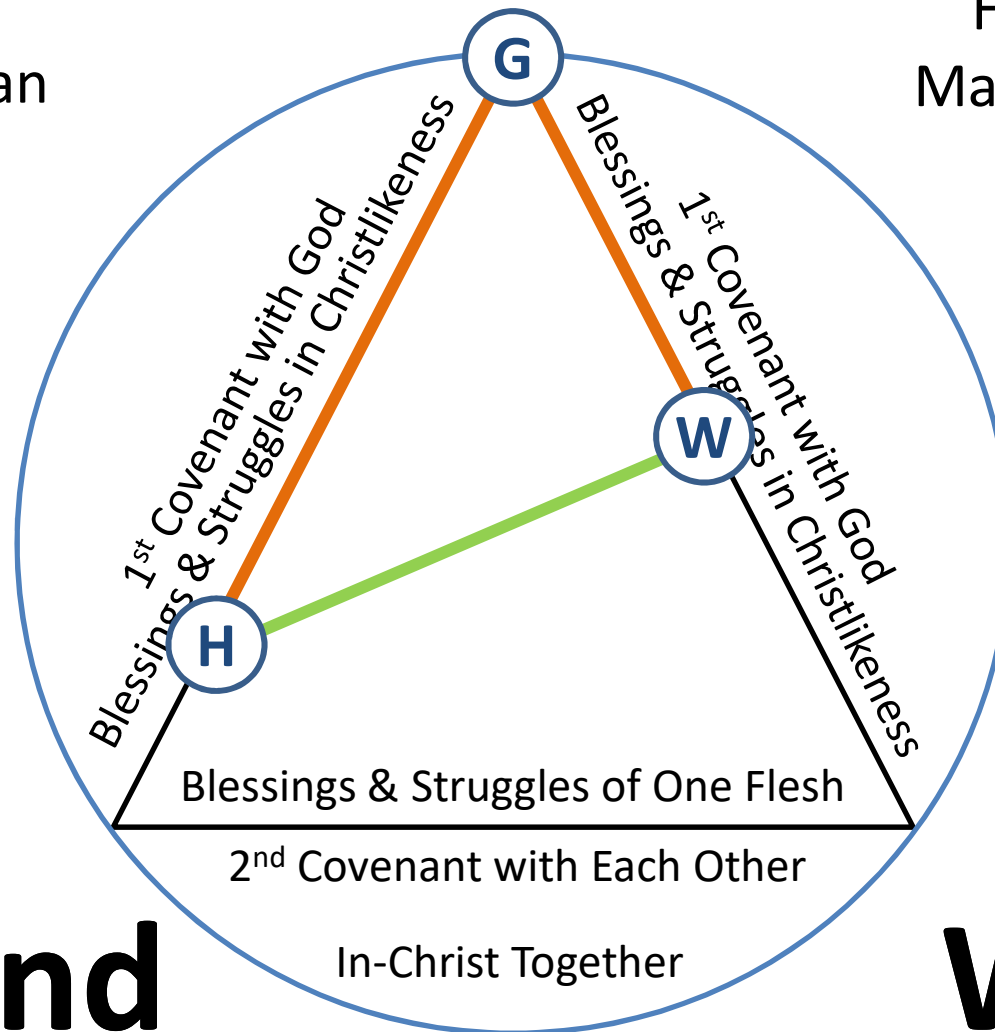
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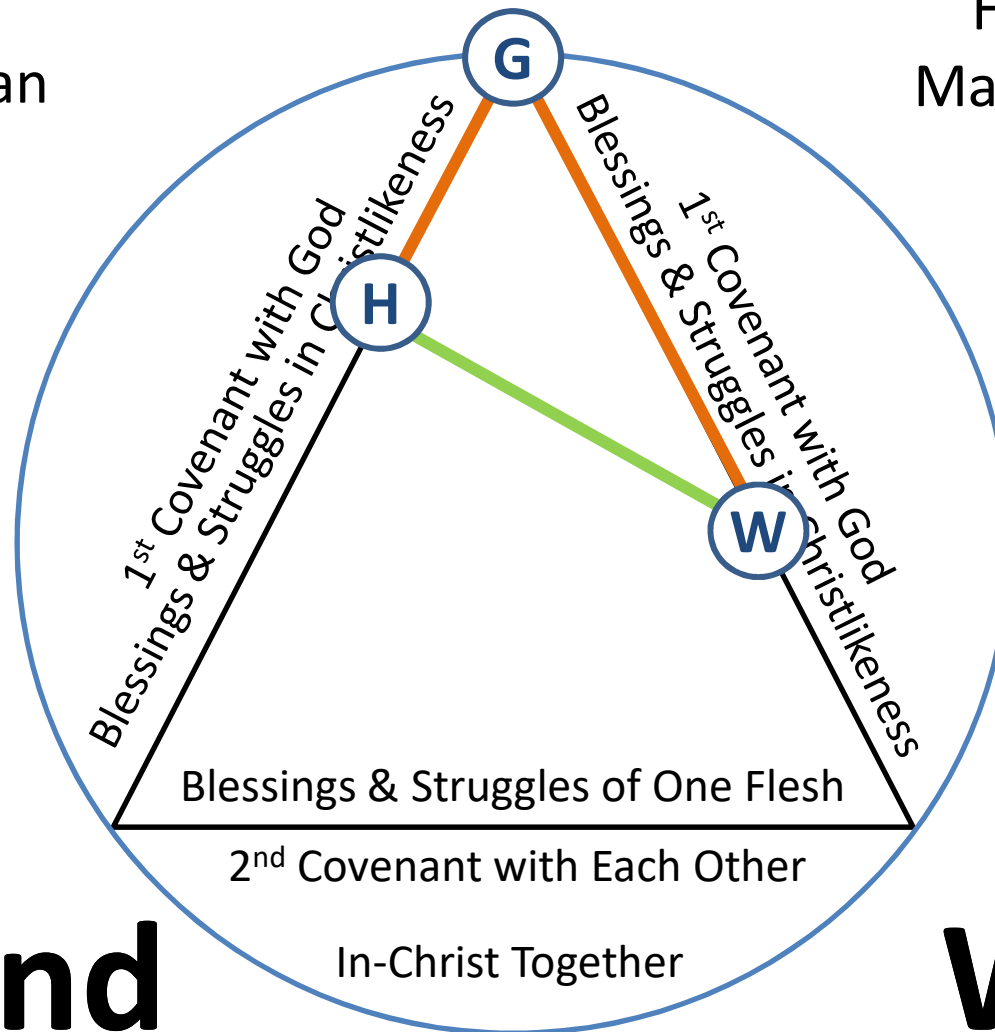
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Matt 22:37-40; Eph 5:31; Gen 2:24

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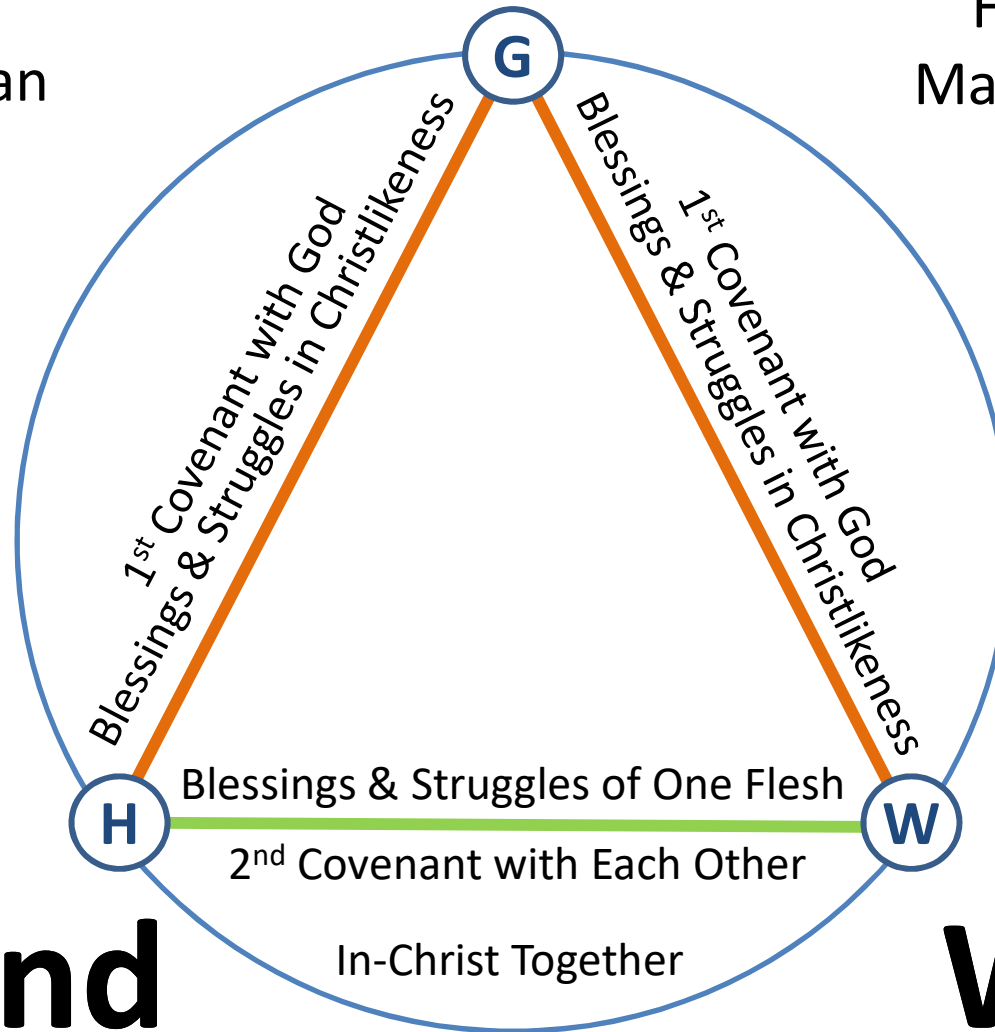
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Your Daily Walk
Matters &
Requires
Covenant
Faithfulness



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The Great Race – Managing Conflict in the Family

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Situation



All kinds of
responses
(say and do)

Outer Man

Inner Man

Interpret

Feelings
Affections
Thinking

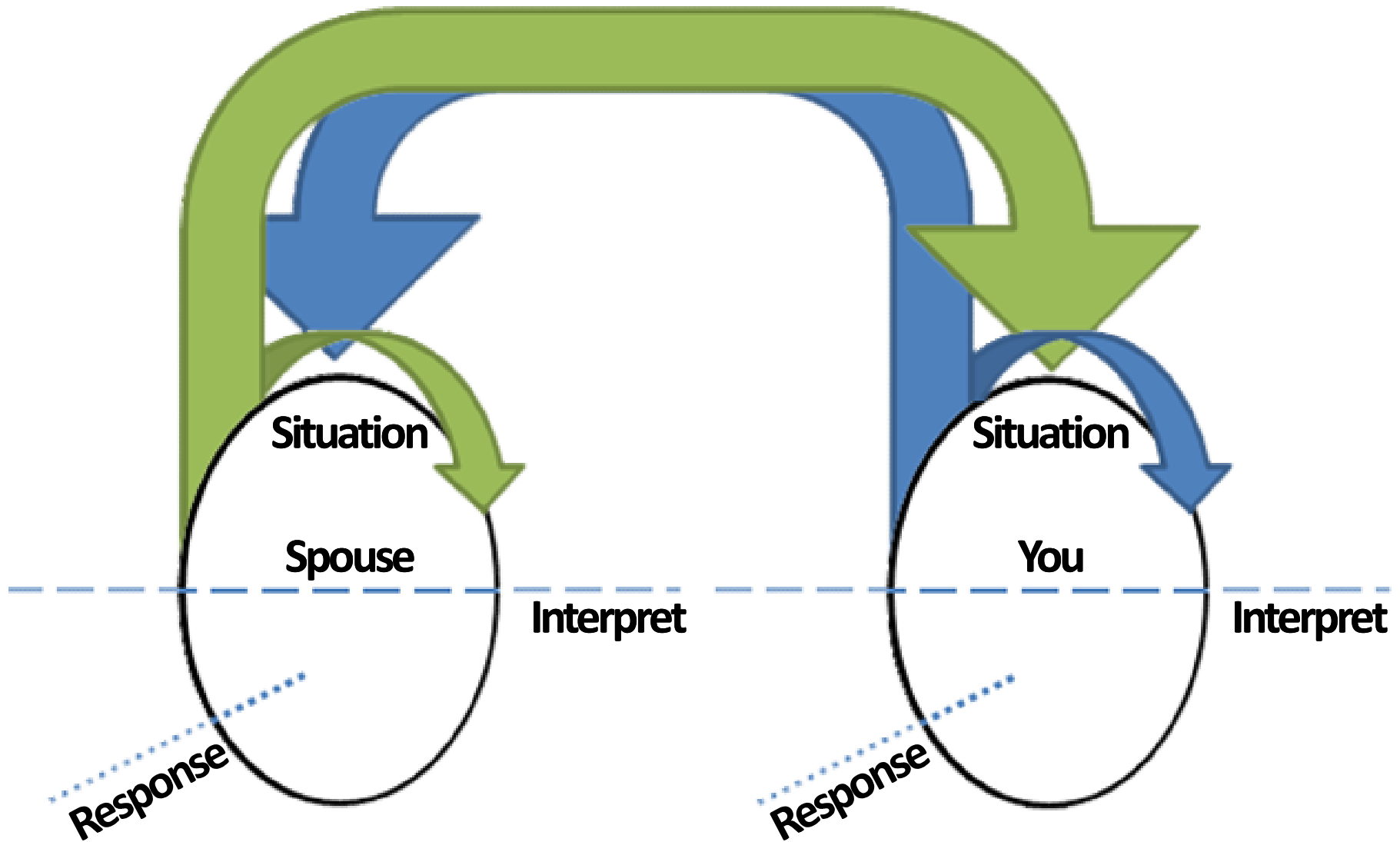
Response

You think.

You desire.

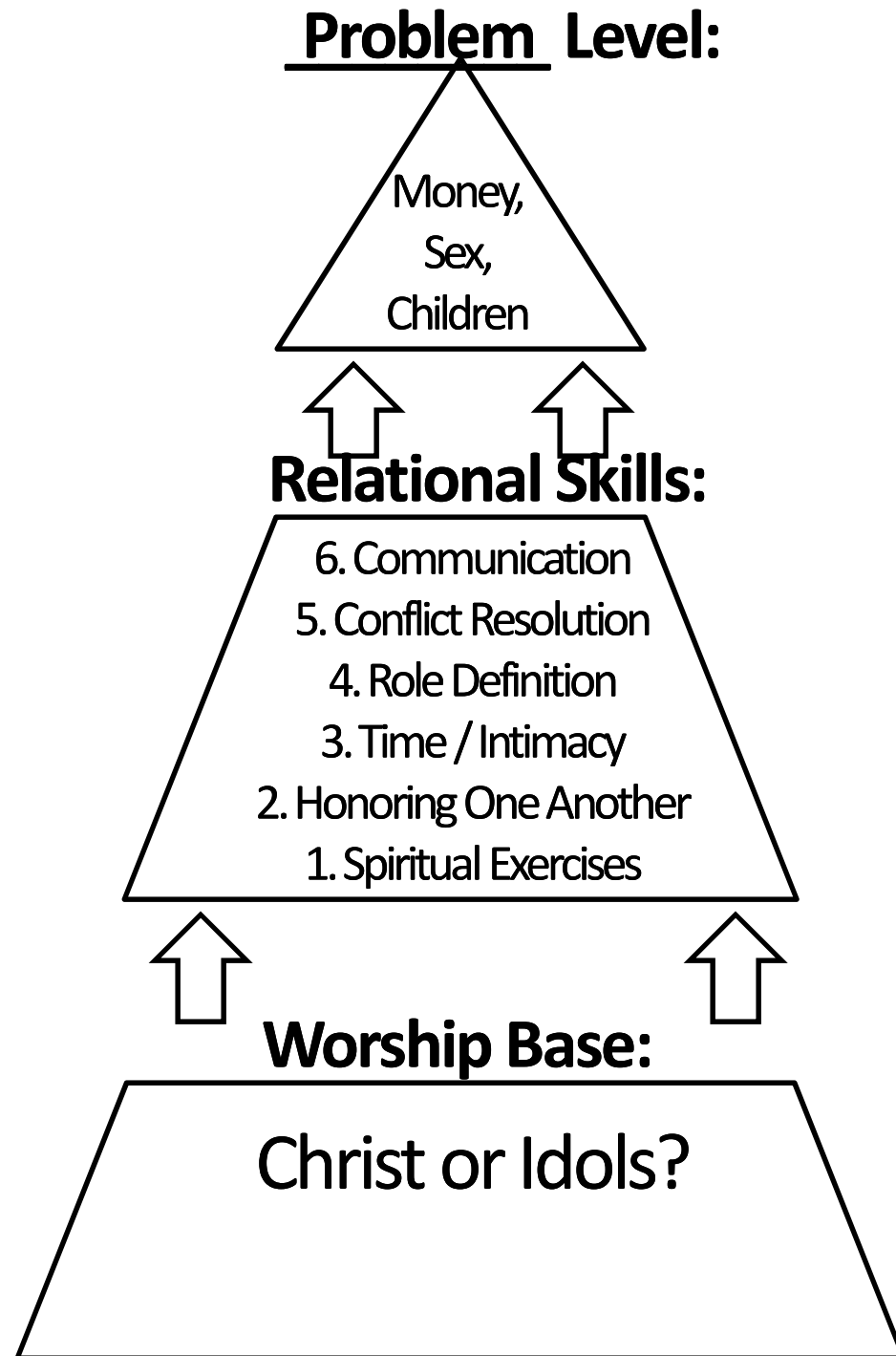
You love.

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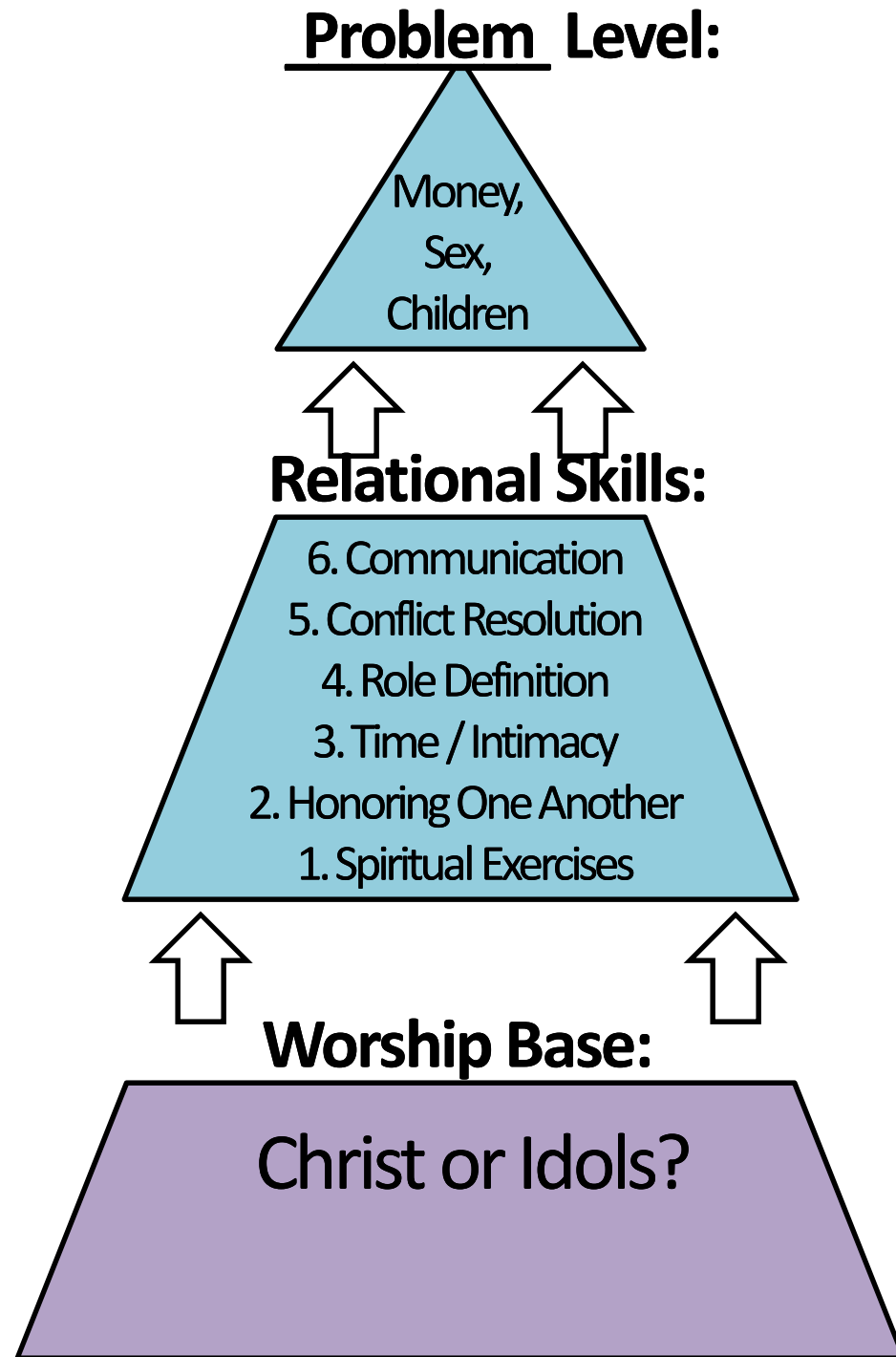


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Reconciliation Agenda for Married Couples

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Dealing Honestly with Expectations

1. Step One: *Confession and Forgiveness*
(Dealing with the Past)
2. Step Two: *Trusting and Entrusting*
(Building a Foundation for the Future)
3. Step Three: *Uprooting and Planting*
(Making the Process Specific)
4. Step Four: *Love Your Neighbor as Yourself*
(Establishing a Biblical Style of Relating)
5. Step Five: *If Your Brother Sins Against You*
(Dealing Biblically with Difficulty)
6. Step Six: *Watch and Pray*
(Reconciliation Accomplished, Maintained and Protected)

Being Committed to the Process

Short-Term and Long-Term Goals

Category	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years
Children						
Education						
Finances						
Vocational						
Vehicles						
Property						
Vacation						

Four questions to evaluate short-term and long-term goals:

- 1) What is my general focus?
- 2) Is there a conflict of agenda?
- 3) Is it consistent vertically?
- 4) Is it consistent horizontally?