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Having the Same Attitude as Jesus

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Lesson 2: An Attitude of Gratitude

Philippians 1:12-30

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Attitude is a settled way of thinking or feeling about someone or something, typically one that is reflected in a person's behavior.

Attitude is a point of view resulting in action.

A Christ-like attitude is a habitual way of thinking that puts Christ at the center of my thoughts, emotions, and actions.

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This passage shows us 4 ways that a Christ-centered attitude will transform our bad attitude.

1. Attitude regarding discomfort
2. Attitude regarding disrespect
3. Attitude regarding other Christians
4. Attitude regarding death.

1. Attitude Regarding Discomfort

Philippians 1:12-13

- A) Paul was experiencing terrible suffering
- B) Paul saw his suffering as a gift from God (1:29)
- C) Paul saw suffering as a means for others to experience spiritual growth.

Remember that attitude is a point of view with action.

Paul was able to have a joyful mindset toward suffering and discomfort because he believed there was something better that would occur because of the suffering!

He believed there was a better end in sight.

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2. Attitude Regarding Disrespect

Philippians 1:14-18 – people in the church are being envious and stirring up strife

- a) They were not supportive of Paul.
- b) They were preaching the true Gospel but with wrong motives.
- c) They had a public voice and influence.
- d) Paul knew about their lack of support and was affected by it.

In the midst of slander, accusation, misrepresentation, and disrespect, Paul kept his focus on the advancement of the Gospel.

Paul followed the example of Jesus by not attempting to force recognition.

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Paul was not excusing or affirming the behavior of these people.

Paul was serious about the sin of quarrelling. 2 Tim 2:23-25, 1 Tim 6:3-5

Christ is serious about the unity of His Church

Paul is an example of a humble Christ-centered person. He feels the pain of the disrespect, but he is not drawn into the controversy. He keeps Christ at the center.

3. Attitude Regarding Death

Philippians 1:19-24

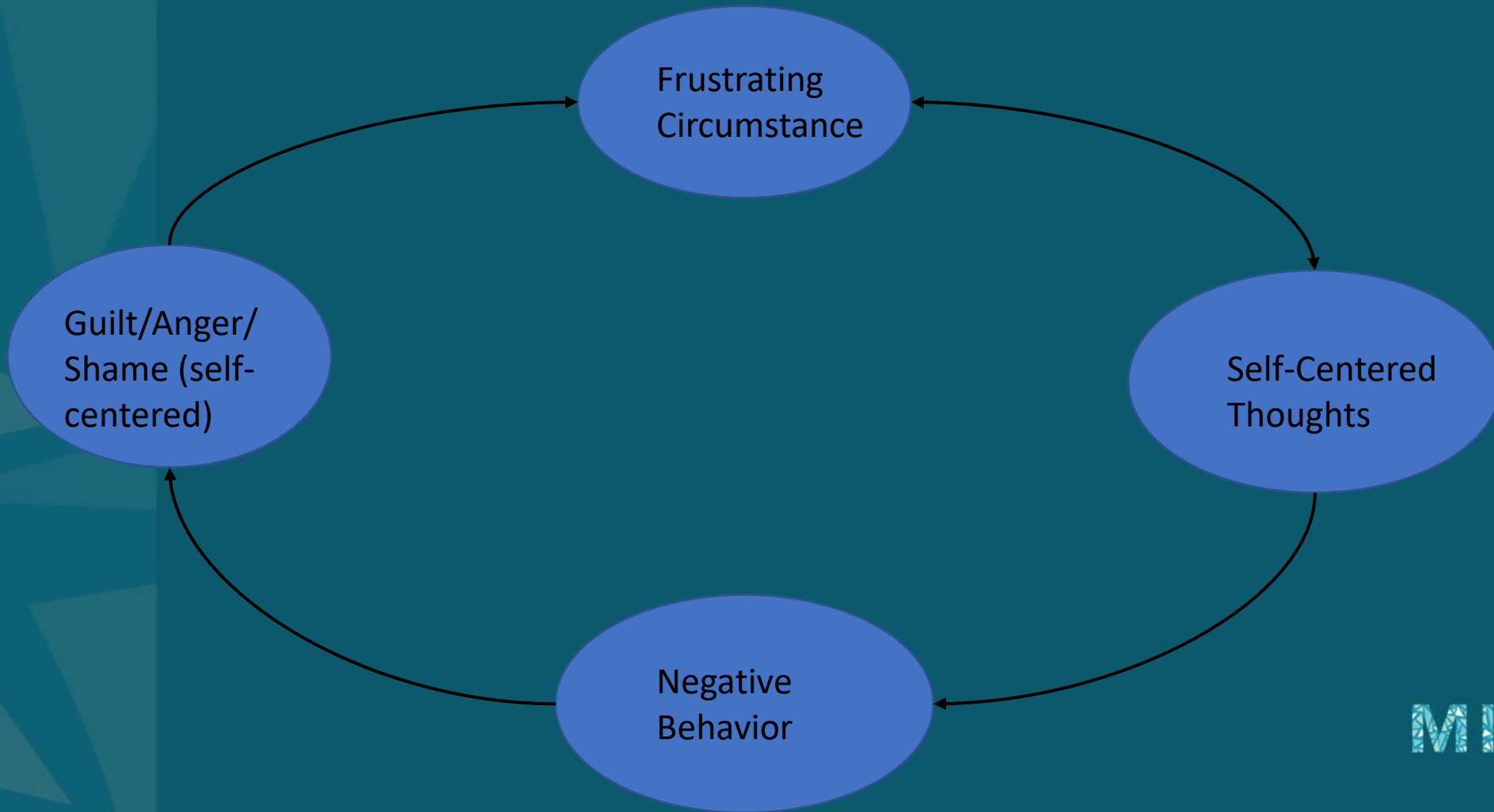
- A) Paul expresses a desire to see God, rather than a fear of death.
 - Paul's point of view was so focused on Christ that a natural progression for him was to depart and be with Christ.
- B) Paul had faith that he would not be ashamed
 - Paul had security in Christ.
 - Paul was assured that Christ would be Glorified regardless of his circumstances.

4. Attitude Regarding Other Christians

Phil 1:27-29

- A) The Church's Christian growth was more valuable than Paul's comfort.
- B) Paul loved his Christian family
- C) The unity of the Church gave him encouragement and support.
- D) Paul's imprisonment gave the Church boldness and confidence (vs 14)
- E) The Church's prayers for Paul were powerful (vs 19).

A bad attitude, left alone, will spiral into sinful behavior.



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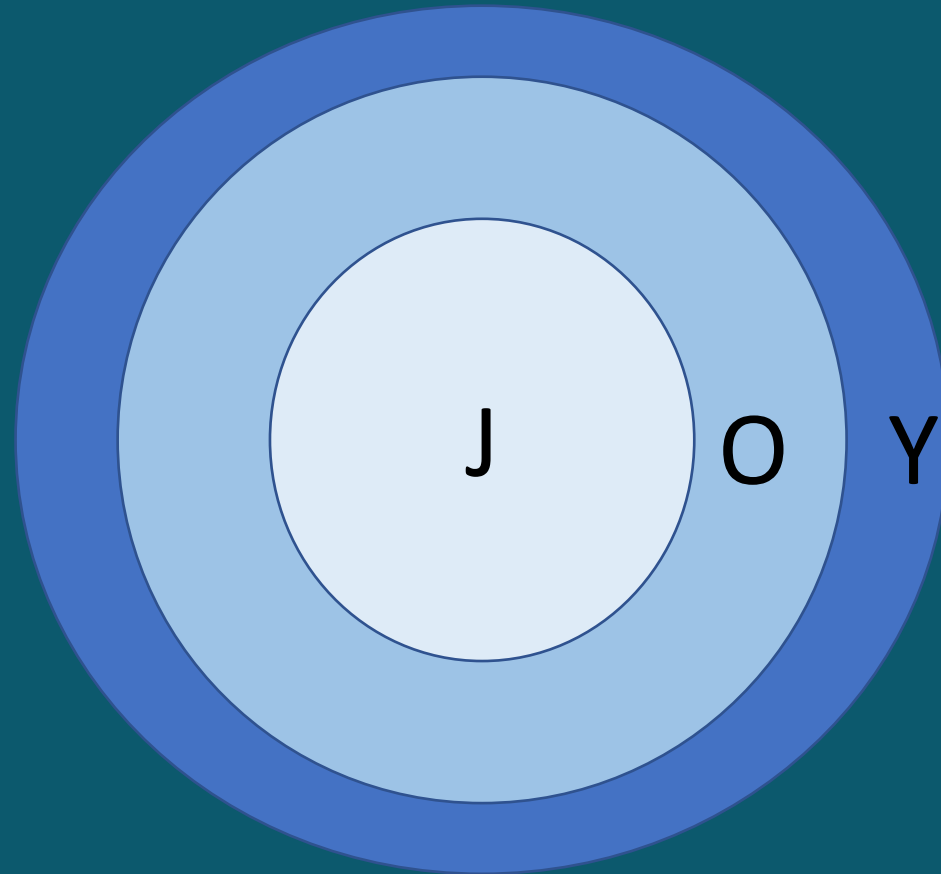
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