

DTS 2022: Session 5

Why DTS...





“Tunnel of the Funnel!”

God's Will For Us...

✳ **Bride/pleasing/partnered**

⤴ **Servant/body part/possess'd**

⤴ **Follower/childlike/God rule**

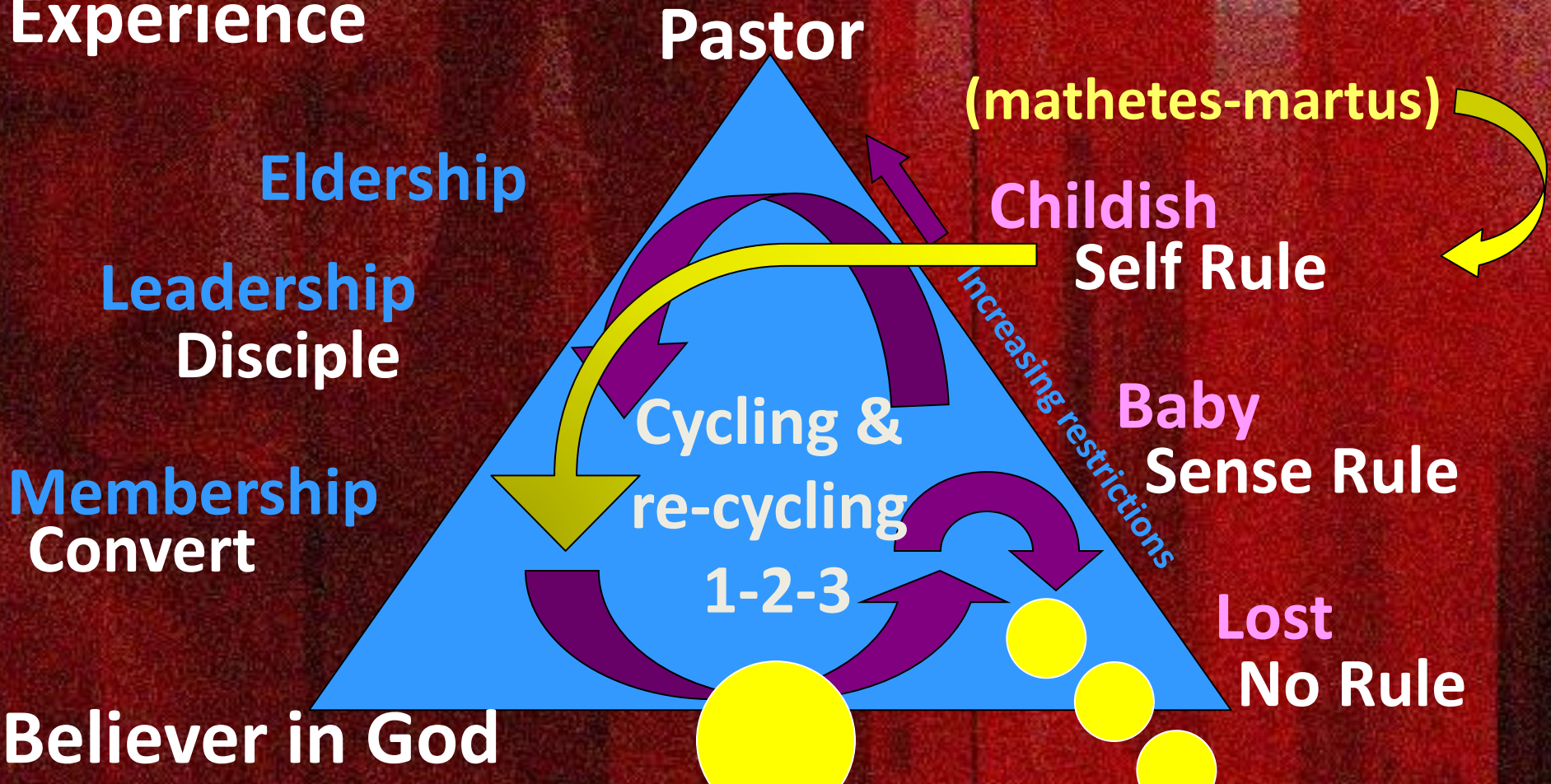
⤴ **Disciple/childish/self rule**

⤴ **Convert/found/sense rule**

⤴ **Believer/lost/no rule**



Typical Church Experience



Traditional Church

Pastor

As facilitator Eph 4.11,12

Eldership

Leadership
Disciple

Membership
Convert

Believer in God

“the straight and narrow way...”

Childish
Self Rule

Baby
Sense Rule

Lost
No Rule

Increasing Sanctification
(already decreasing)



Bride

True Love in life
& death

Servant

True Service with a
right heart

Follower

True Submission: Being
where He is, never where
He isn't

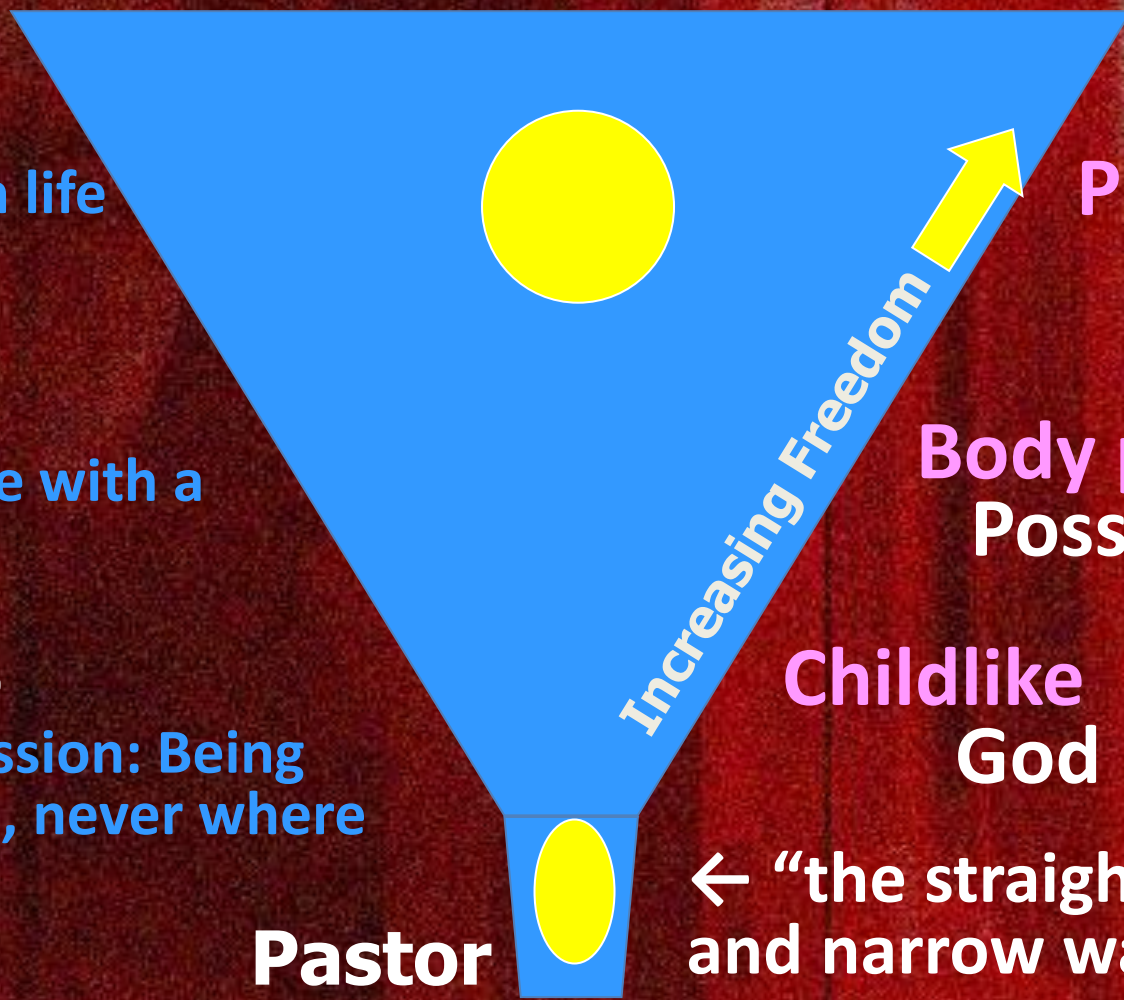
Pastor

**Well
Pleasing
Partner**

**Body part
Possessed**

**Childlike
God Ruled**

← "the straight
and narrow way..."



To the Top...

Preparation
Issues of your service

Breaking
Issues of the Heart

Baggage Drop-off
Issues!

“The
Straight and
narrow
way!”

From the Bottom...

Matthew 7:13,14

- “Enter through the narrow gate... Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leads unto life, and few there be that find it.”

Matthew 7:13,14

- **Determine to find and enter the narrow gate - off the broad way - to walk the compressed path - that leads to the fullest nature of the God-planned life... Few there are who find it!**

**Ways: broad &
compressed!**

**Gates:
wide &
narrow!**

**Wills: self &
God's**

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**Groups:
many &
few!**

**Outcomes:
destruction &
life!**

When Jesus tells us

- It's a narrow door... a narrow gate... a way made compressed... and few find it...
 - He's tipping us off on how to identify it!
 - "I want you all to make it to abundant life so I'm telling you what to look for!"
 - "I set before you Narrow and Wide ways; choose Narrow!" **Deut 30.19**

Jesus is...

- **Preparing us!**

- **For the test of wills that is coming!**

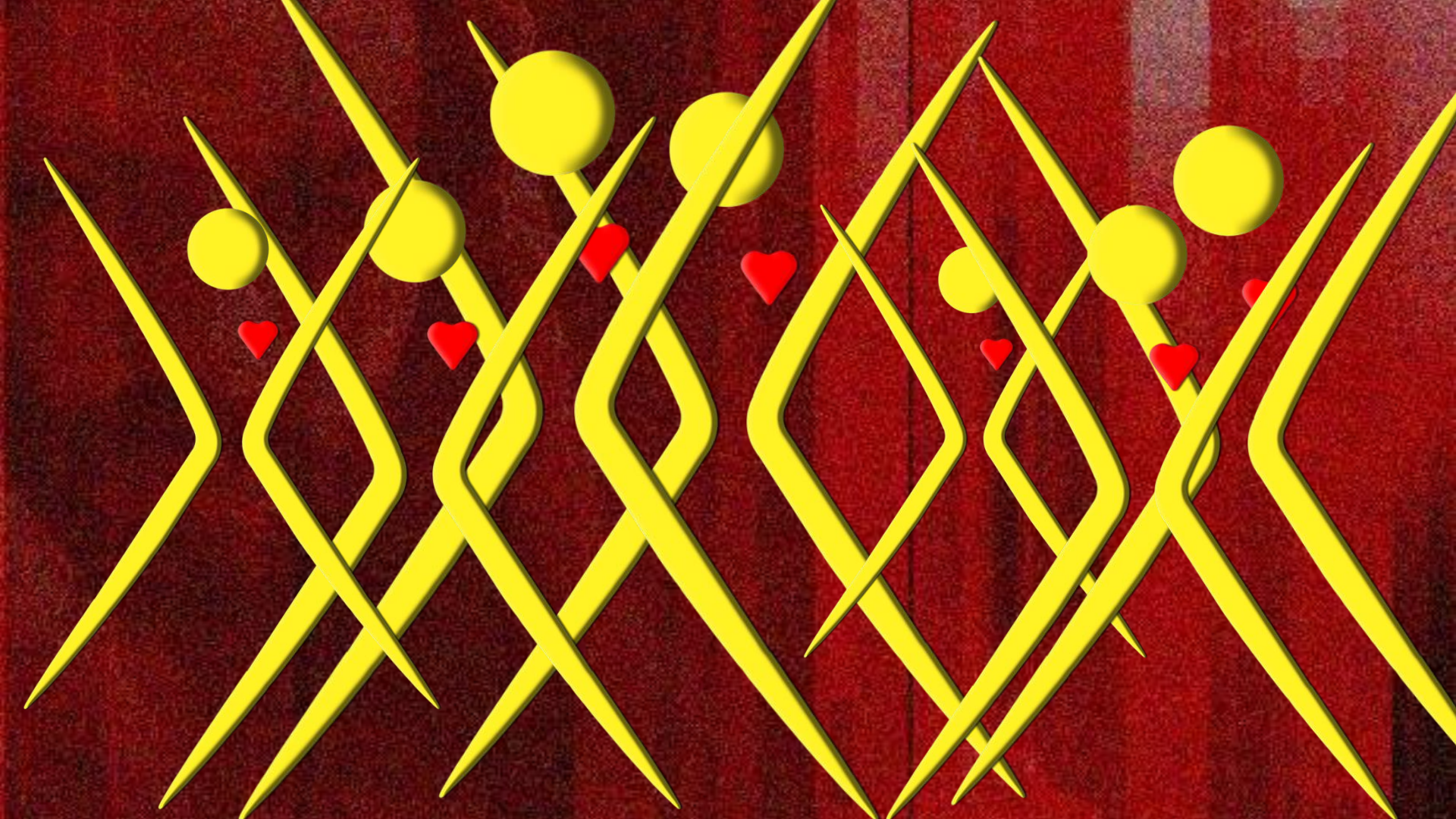
- **Purpose, *now*, to enter into life...**

- **So when you have to make your choice...
you choose rightly!**

Jesus is...

- **Offering us the way which no evil or trial can overcome!**
 - **The life He lived...**
 - **The path where God meets with man...**
 - **Giving us the power to overcome all things!**

**And after finding the way and
choosing to enter, there is
nothing left but a life of true
worship... and the ministry
that it means!**



Q's?



MC: Two Standard Faith

- If you say, *“Don’t worry about your finances, God will take you through.”*
 - But then you lose heart, peace, hope when you lose your job/have \$\$\$ problems...
 - Mouthpiece, but not a vessel!
- *And it’s worse if the only thing that fixes you is getting another job/money!*
 - Living by circumstances, *not faith!*

MC: Two Standard Faith

- If you say, *“Be healed and full of faith.”*
 - But then you fall apart when you get sick...
 - Mouthpiece, not vessel!
- *Speak the Word whether or not it’s happening for you... it’s still true...*
 - But if you are struggling with unbelief... ask God to help your unbelief!
 - ***HE WILL!***

MC: Two Standard Faith

- If you say, *“Be strong and full of courage.”*
 - But then you go limp when people/events go against you and things get hard...
 - Mouthpiece, but not a vessel
- *But the peace that goes beyond your understanding is still true... if you can only believe!*

**The difference between being a
convert and a Christ-follower
is a level of *believing*... and
sometimes we don't know who's
who until there's a challenge!**

Proverbs 24.10

- “If you faint in the day of your trouble, your strength is small!”
- “If you falter in the day of distress, how small is your strength! –Lexicon
- “If you prove unable to help yourself or others in a day of adversity, where did your strength go?”

Q's?



MC: The John Mark Principle

- **Acts 12.25** “And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they fulfilled their relief mission and took with them John whose surname was Mark.”

MC: The John Mark Principle

- **Acts 13.2-5** “The Holy Ghost said, “separate Barnabas and Saul for the work that I have for them. And when they all fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them they sent them away... and they had John with them.”

MC: The John Mark Principle

- **Acts 13.6-13**

- Hindered by the sorcerer, the false prophet, Barjesus...

- Paul pronounces judgment on him and he goes blind...

- When the ministry goes Xtreme – John Mark bails out! *Failure to Launch!*

MC: The John Mark Principle

- **The ministry then goes into Hyper-Xtreme**
 - Paul preaches to the Jews and the Gentiles are saved (rad!)
 - Now whole city wants to hear
 - Confrontations/healings/panic/a stoning/
a resurrection/churches starting up/
religious arguing...

MC: The John Mark Principle

- **Acts 15.36** “And Paul said to Barnabas, let’s do it again! And Barney said, “Yes, and let’s take John Mark.” And Paul said, “no way, because when we tried to put weight down on him last time he cratered!” And the contention was so hot between them, they split up...

14 years later...

MC: The John Mark Principle

- **2 Tim 4.11** “Be sure to get Mark, and bring him with you for *he is profitable to me for the ministry.*”
 - w/Paul during 1st Roman imprisonment...
 - Wrote the Gospel; for Roman (Gentile) readers, book of Jesus ‘servant w/power...’
 - Founded the church at Alexandria...
 - Known as “the helper of others!”

MC: The John Mark Principle

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- **Col 4.10** “Mark, cousin of Barnabas sends greetings (You’ve received instructions, if he comes, welcome him)
- **Philemon 1.24** “My fellow-laborer”

8 Lessons from 'John Mark'

- Not all failures have to be tolerated... *by you!*
- Not all failures have to be restored... *by you!*
- All failures are restorable!
- We need to look for restoration!
- God has someone prepared to restore all failures!
- The Holy Spirit works w/all our "variables!"

8 Lessons from 'John Mark'

- Never judge a matter too soon, because you just don't know what God is going to do with the people around you!
- You keep on working and let Him sort it out! *Get a long-time concept!*

Q's?



**Snapshots of Jesus
from John's gospel!**

