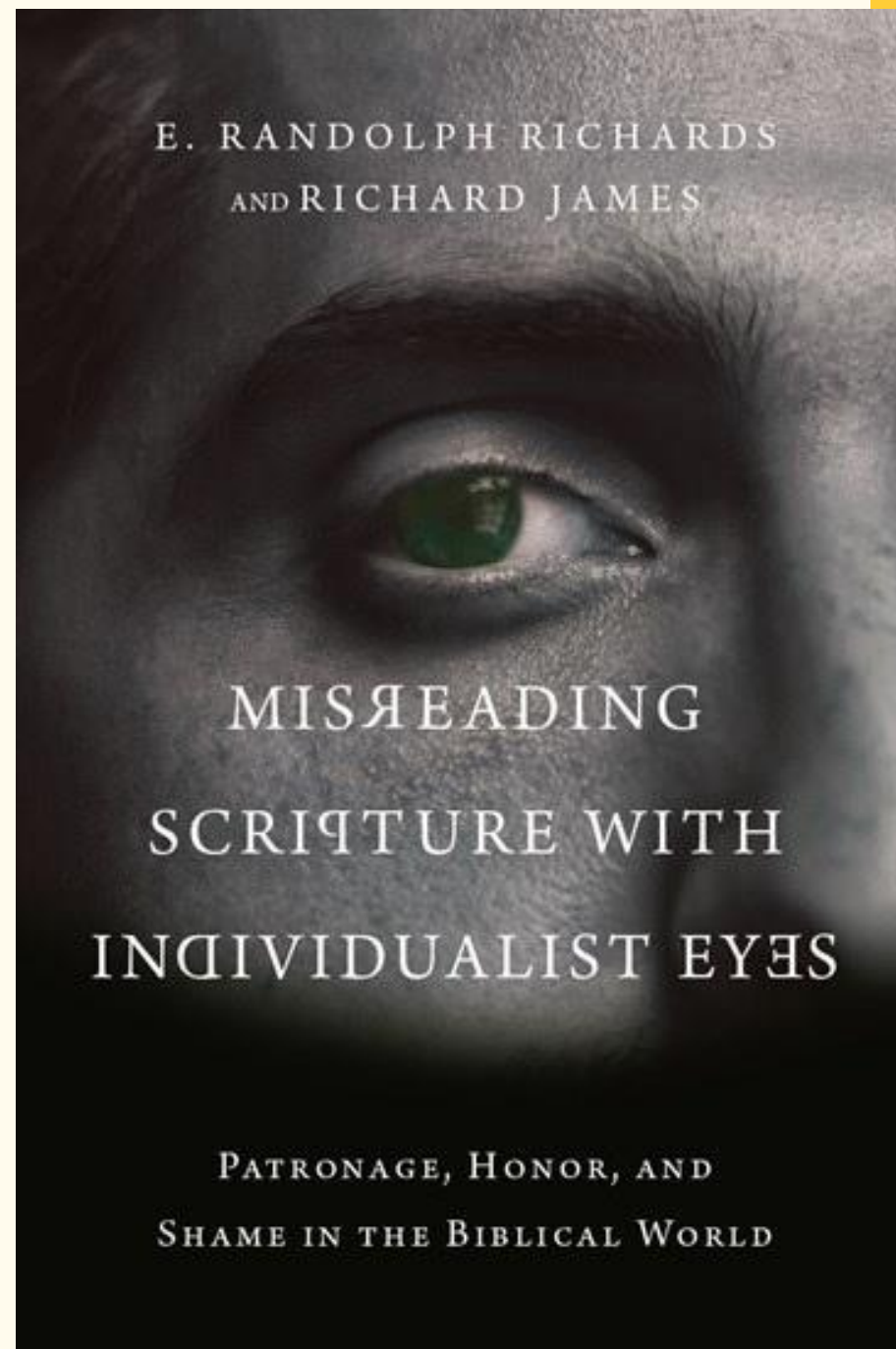


A
Biblical
Study of the
Heart



Community of the Heart

We're Number One!



**E. Randolph Richards and
Richard James,
*Misreading Scripture
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Patronage, Honor and
Shame in the Biblical
World*
(InterVarsity, 2020).**



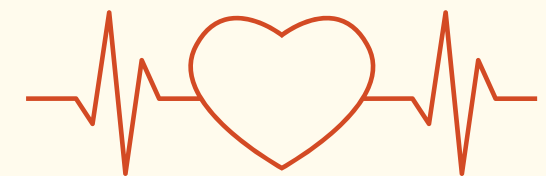


The plural, one God...

GENESIS 1:1— "IN THE BEGINNING GOD (PL.) CREATED (SING.) THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH."

WHO LOVES.

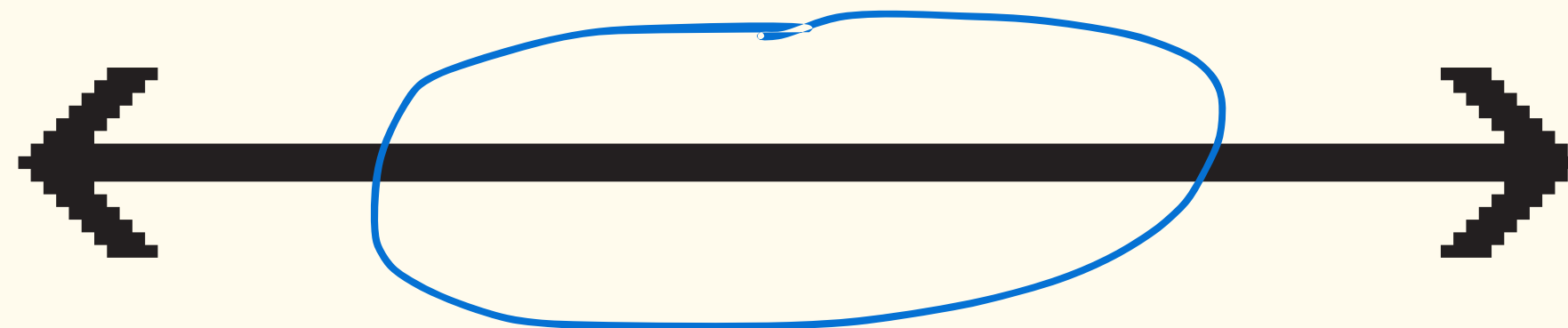
JOHN 17:24— "YOU LOVED ME BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD."
—JESUS, TO HIS HEAVENLY FATHER



'Healthy' persons...

Individual

Group





Our identity comes from **OTHERS***

Example: What is a man, what is a woman?

***PS: Like God's own identity does.**






“A person is the residue of
relationships.”

–John Zizioulas





Not “good” to be alone... **(Genesis 2:18)**

Biblical images of Christian life:

**The body (1 Cor 12:12-31),
the temple (Eph 2:20-22),
one bride of Christ (Eph 5:25–33)
and family/household of God ()**



The Body: The Vertical Dimension

“One hundred pianos all tuned to the same fork are automatically tuned to each other.”

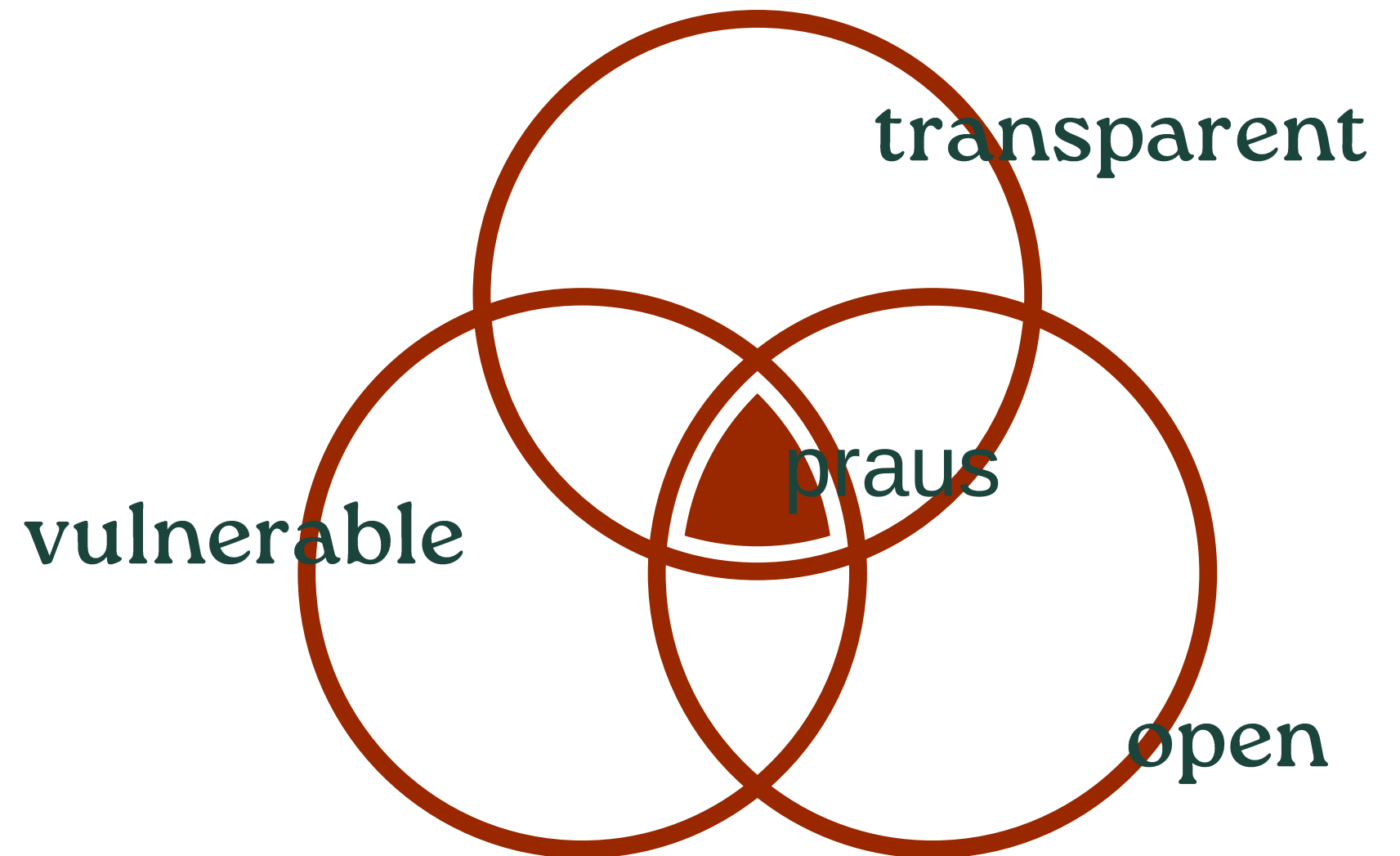
-A.W. Tozer



A humble heart...

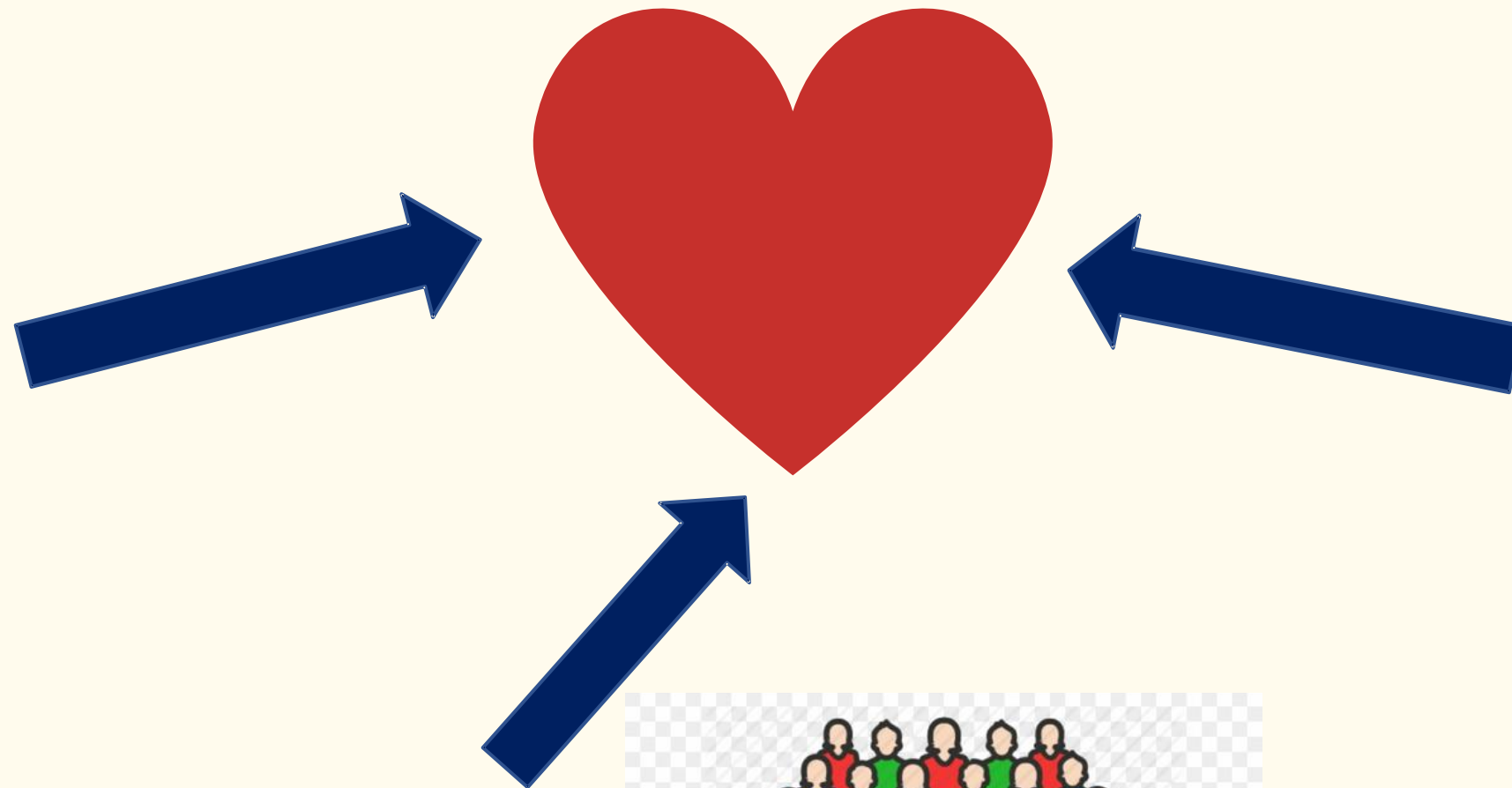
Jesus: “Take my yoke and learn from me, for I am praus and humble of heart” (Matt 11:29).

The Praus Venn-diagram:



The Body: The Horizontal Dimension

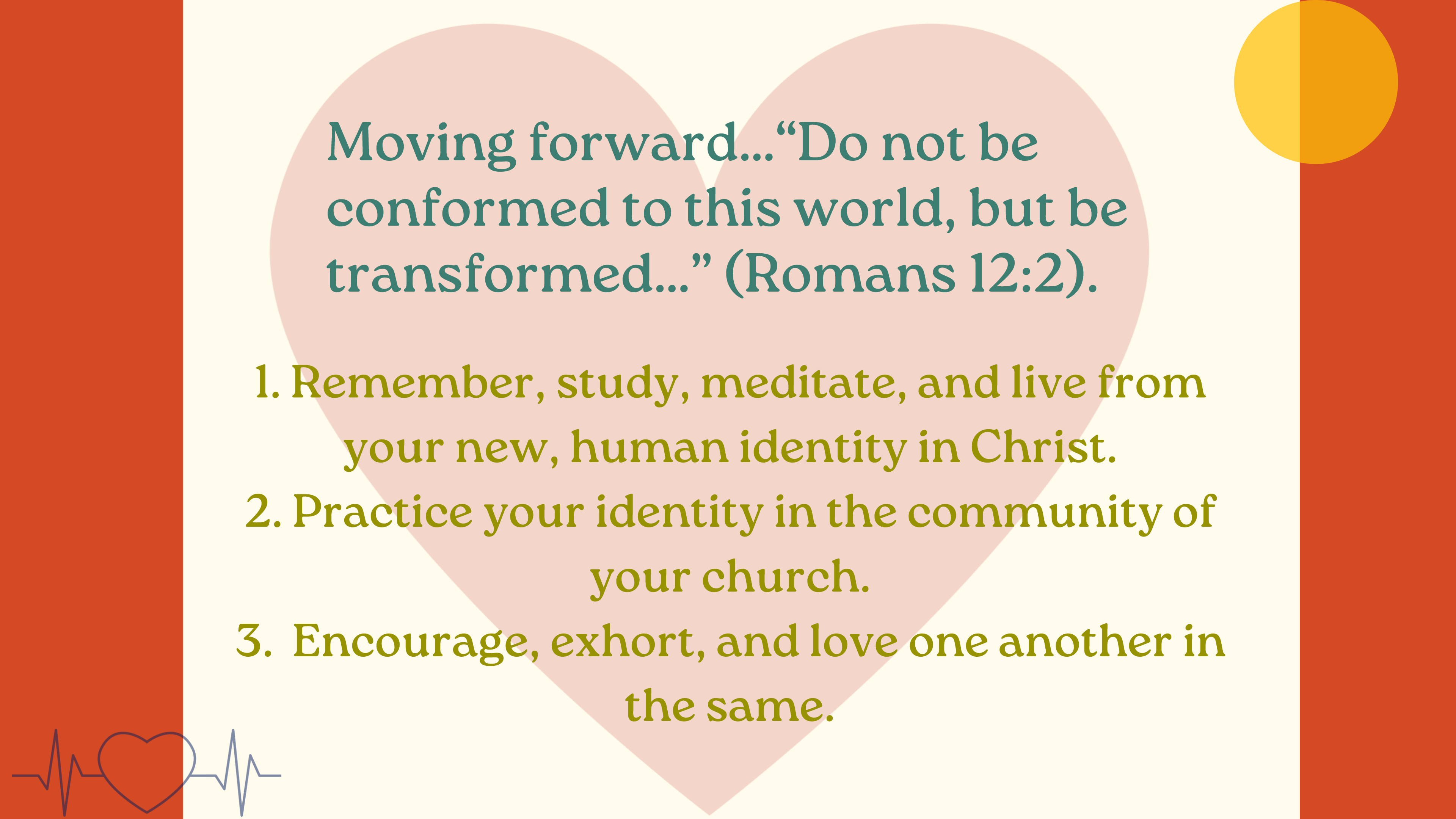
Mind



Emotions

Actions





Moving forward...“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed...” (Romans 12:2).

- 1. Remember, study, meditate, and live from your new, human identity in Christ.**
- 2. Practice your identity in the community of your church.**
- 3. Encourage, exhort, and love one another in the same.**