

PathWay Fellowship



How God Speaks

Part 12!

Root of our Unbelief and Wrong Belief

- Fear,
- Selfishness, and
- Pride.

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- Deep inside you are afraid that God is not going to answer you or at least He is not going to answer you in time.
- You are afraid that God does not really understand how serious this decision is for your life and how He needs to move now or else everything will just fall apart.
- You are afraid from the outset that you will look like a fool and start out so earnestly in your desire to seek God and then give in and opt for your own way.
- You might be embarrassed over the fact that you have asked others to pray for you and they keep asking you what God says and all you can say is “nothing.”

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- You are afraid because your friends, family, and co-workers pressure you to make a decision and think it is ridiculous to wait on a God who rarely, if ever, talks.
- You are afraid that He is not going to let you do what you really want to do.
- You are afraid that His will is not going to be something you like and might even include suffering or separation from relationships, things, or behaviors that you really enjoy and really love.
- All you really want is to be happy and based on what you have seen in others who have traveled the narrow path, they don't seem very happy.

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- You are afraid of the consequences of obedience not only to you but to those who are in your life and the potential conflict that might ensue in your relationships.
- You are more focused on what you want and have lost sight of God's overall plan not just for you but for others.
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- You are convinced that God has given you a brain so that you can use it; in fact you tell yourself that you honor and complement God by using your brain as long as you are not doing anything “bad.”
- You convince yourself that this decision is really not that important and is not so critical that you have to wait on the voice of God; you will save that for more serious issues.

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- You tell yourself that it is obvious by the way God is acting that He does not really care about the details of your life.

Hebrews 11:6

Without faith it is impossible to please Him

John 15:4-8

Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful apart from me. “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. Anyone who parts from me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. But if you stay joined to me and my words remain in you, you may ask any request you like, and it will be granted! My true disciples produce much fruit. This brings great glory to my Father.

2 Corinthians 10:3-6

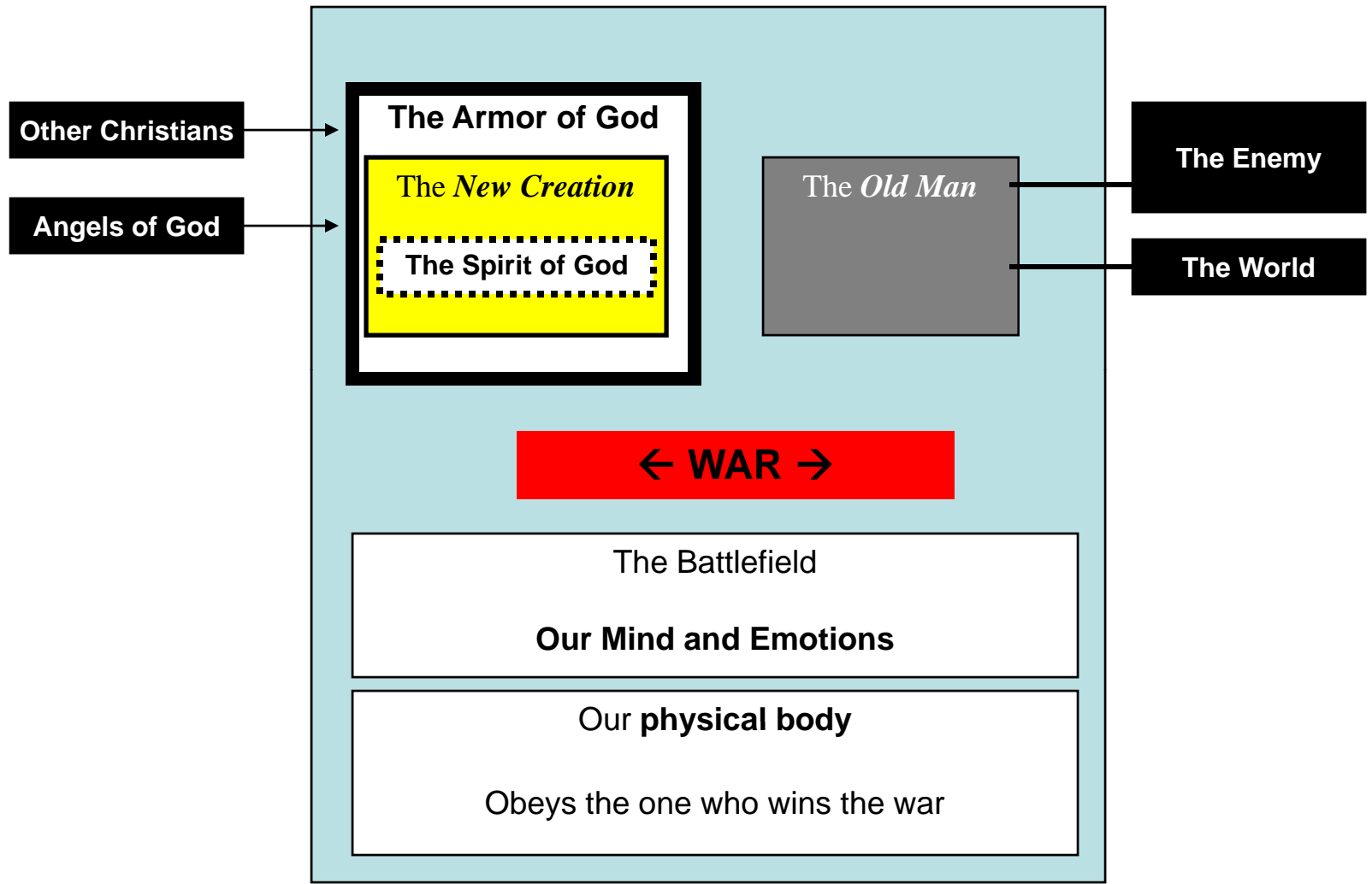
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The Truth

- God does love you.
- God cares about every detail of your life.
- God wants you to find His will.
- God will not resent you asking Him for the wisdom that you need for your life.
- God wants you to seek Him with your whole heart and continue to search for Him as you would for lost treasure.
- God wants you to tune your ears to His voice and concentrate on insight and understanding.

The Truth

- God wants to open the windows of His wisdom and His understanding and gladly pour them into your life.
- God wants you to remain in Him and bear much fruit.
- God will use silence as a means to try your faith and give you an opportunity to choose to live in a state of ongoing confession and repentance.
- God's silence does not mean that you are free to be Lord of your own life. Rather, you must let Him retain that position and that title and you must let Him be my ultimate *priority* and *authority* for you are not able to fill that role.



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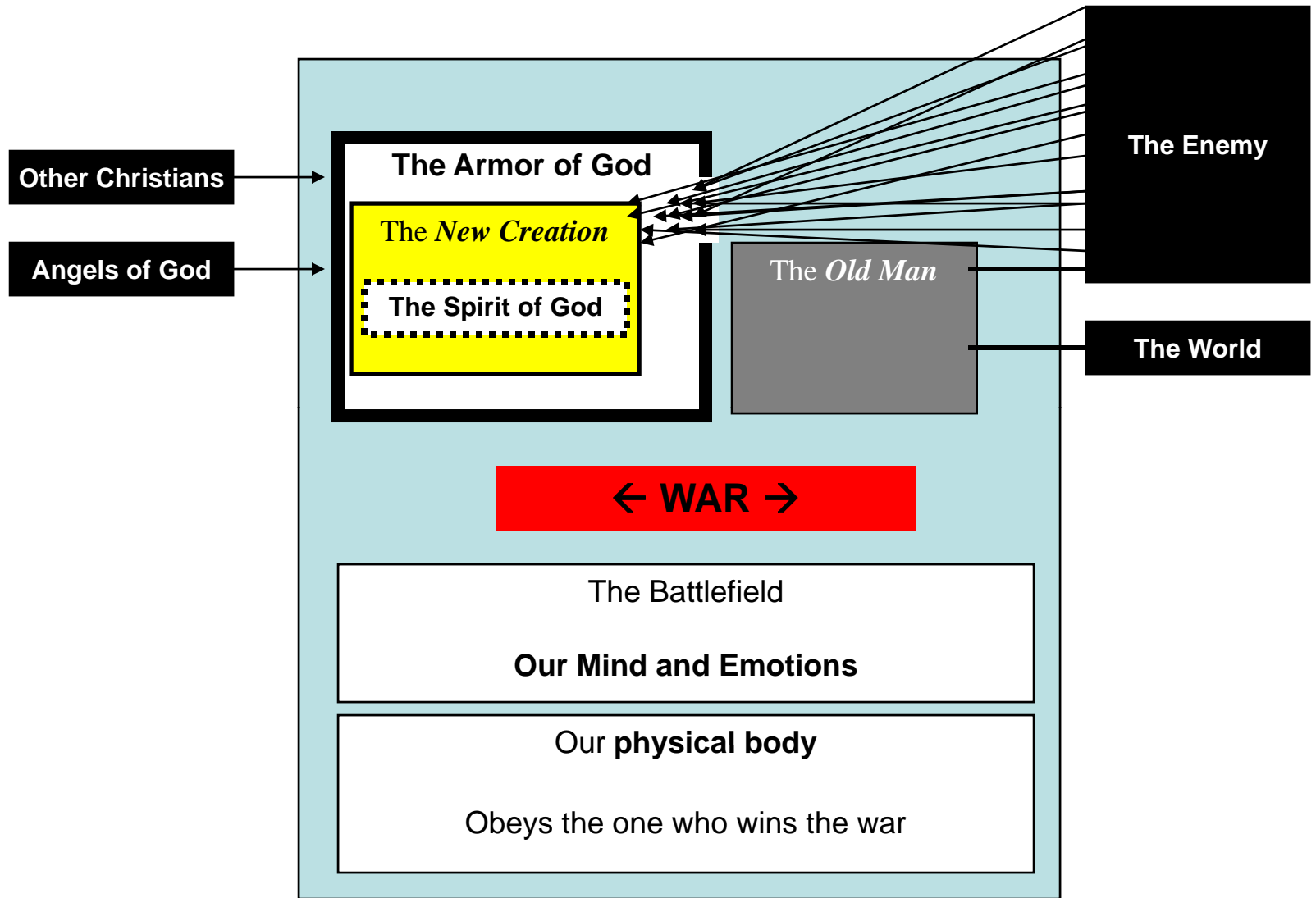
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Ephesians 6:12

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

1 Peter 5:8

Be careful! Watch out for attacks from the Devil, our great enemy. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for some victim to devour.



Romans 8:12

So dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation whatsoever to do what your sinful nature urges you to do.

Jeremiah 6:16

So now the LORD says, "Stop right where you are! Look for the old, godly way, and walk in it. Travel its path, and you will find rest for your souls.

Psalm 37:23-24

The steps of the godly are directed by the LORD. He delights in every detail of their lives. Though they stumble, they will not fall, for the LORD holds them by the hand.

Psalm 147:11

The Lord favors those who fear Him, those who wait for His loving kindness.