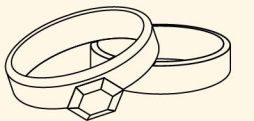




# Marriage On A Mission

God's eternal purpose  
for Christian marriages



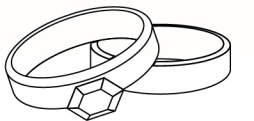
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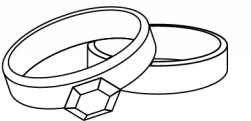
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We should value and work toward Christlikeness in ourselves, our spouses, and our marriages above all else.



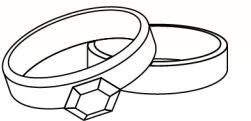
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We should understand where we and our spouses are in their spiritual growth and learn to encourage continued growth.

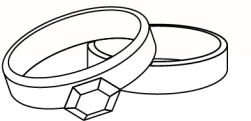


# Review

Our marriages should be characterized by the fruit of the Spirit and not the things of this world.



# Why?



# Ephesians 5:22-33

*22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.*



# Ephesians 5:22-33

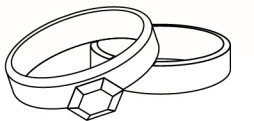
*24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.*





# Ephesians 5:22-33

*25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, 26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,*



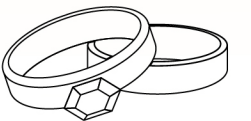
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*27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.*



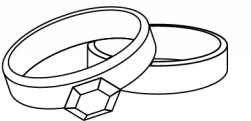
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*28 In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.*



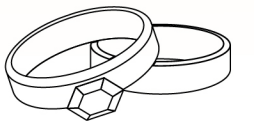
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*29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, <sup>30</sup> because we are members of his body.*



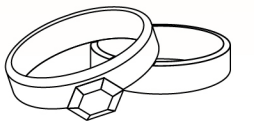
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*31 “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.*



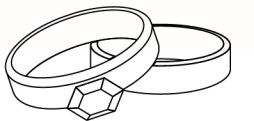
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*<sup>32</sup> This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup> However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.*



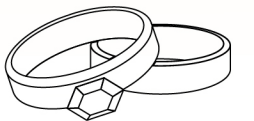
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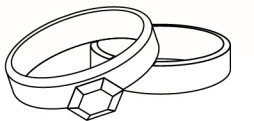
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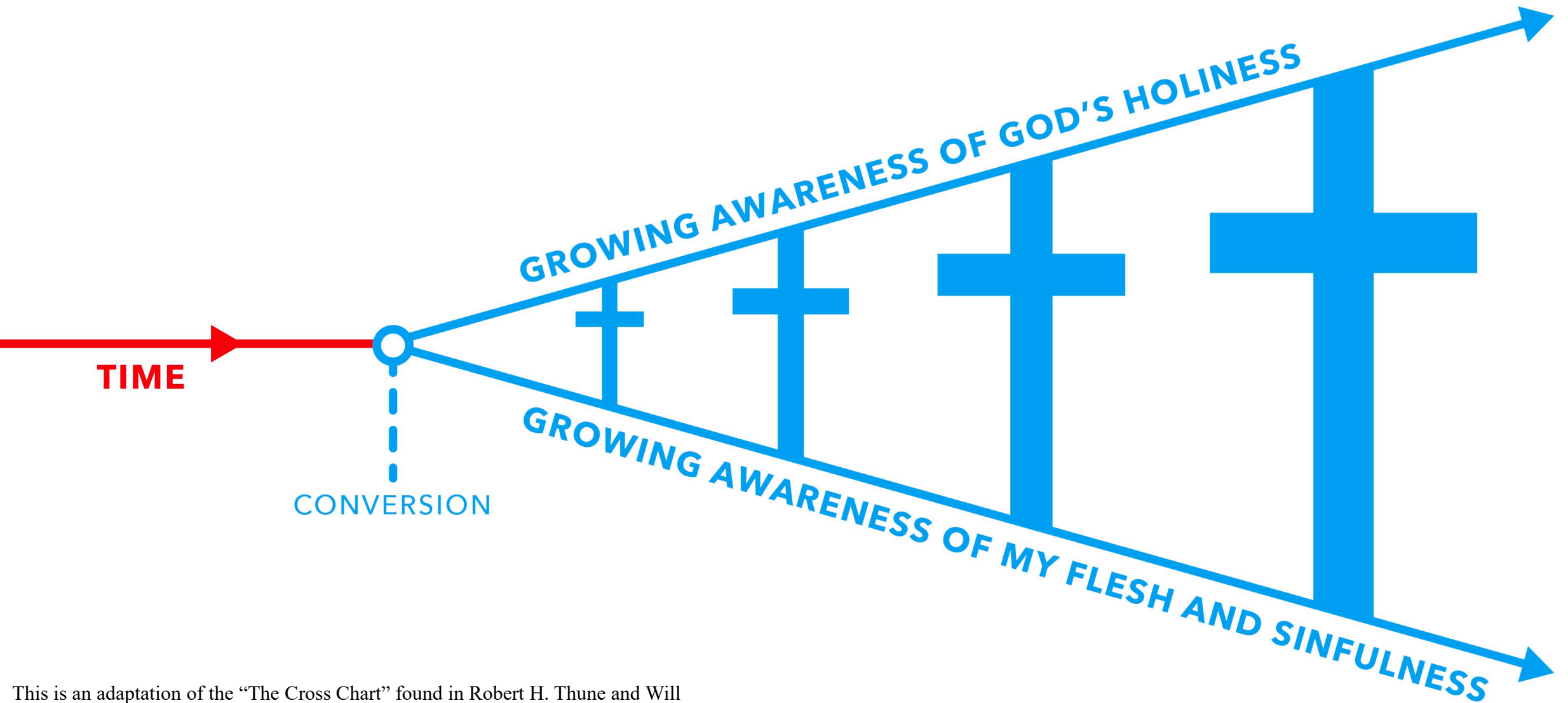


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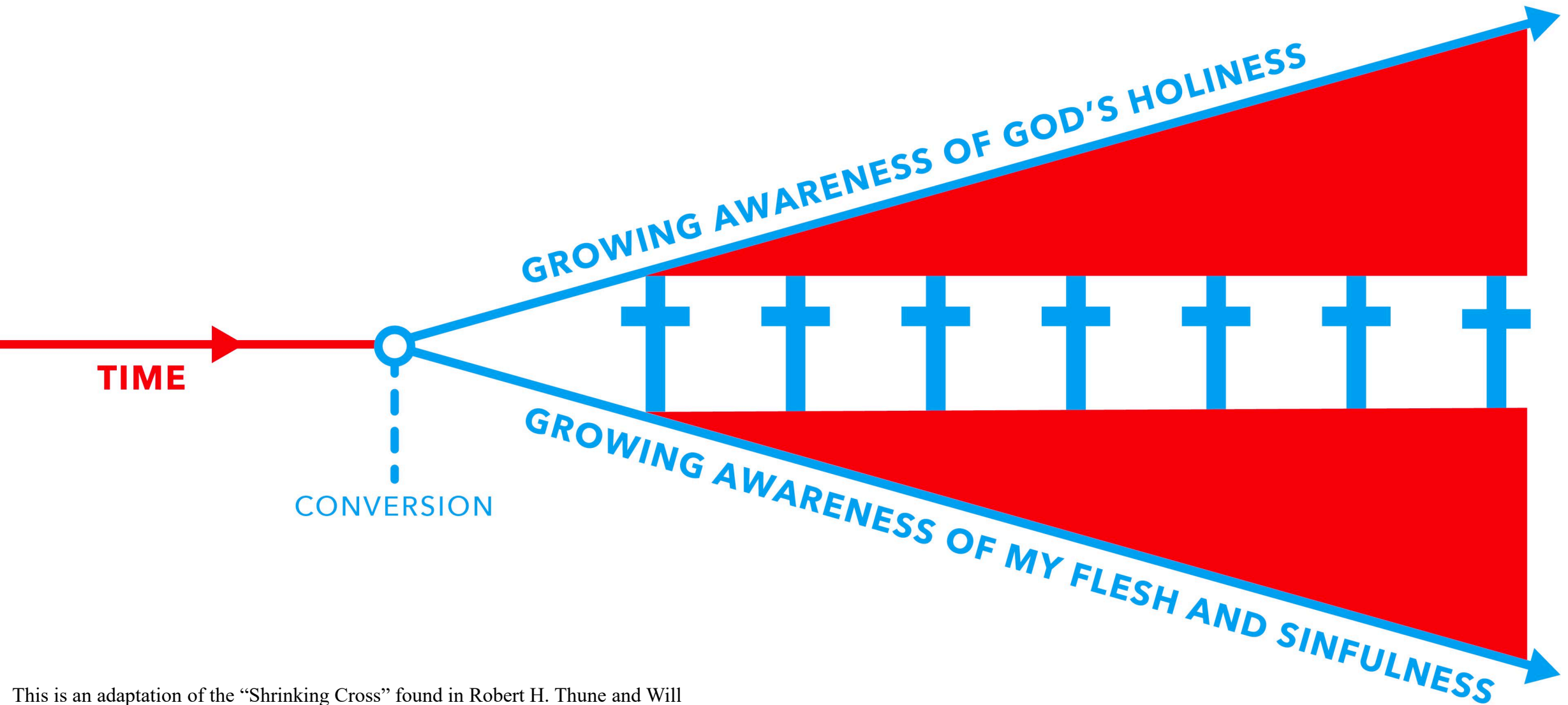


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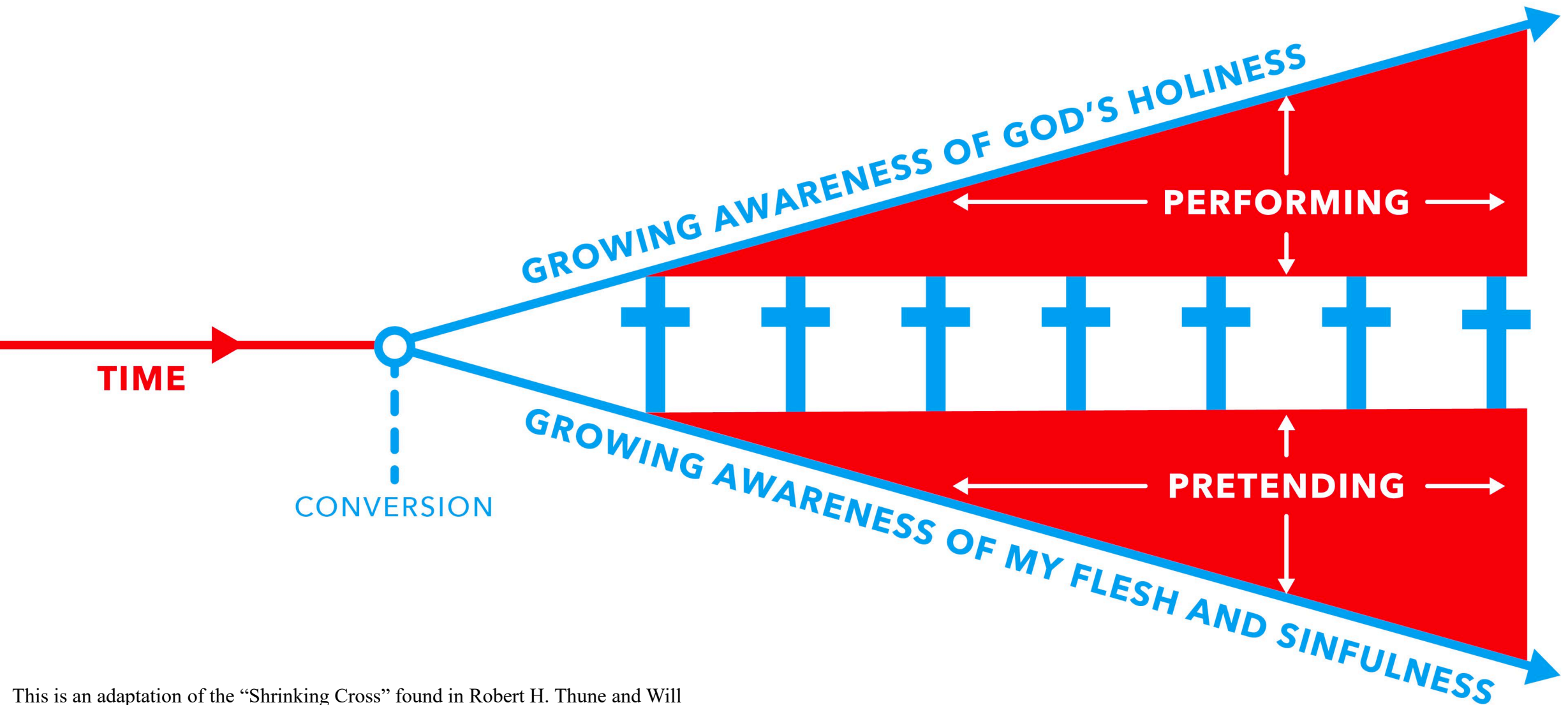
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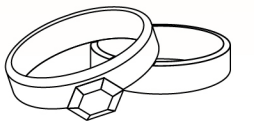
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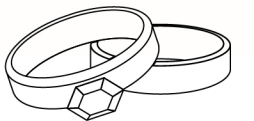
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3. A frontline center of discipleship
4. A primary source of joy, comfort, and peace



# Does your marriage look like the Trinity?

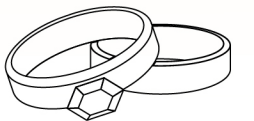
So that the world will know  
by your unity John 17:21,  
by your love John 13:35

*Everything the Bible says about Christian relationships applies to Christian marriages.*



*20I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, 21that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. John 17:20-21*

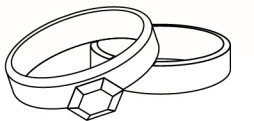
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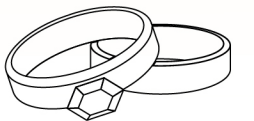


*34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. John 13:34-35*

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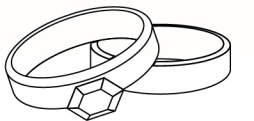


God places Christian marriages in strategic places to show His love to a couple's children, extended family, neighbors, and others who experience these married couples.



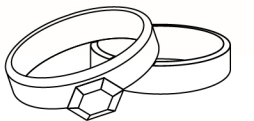
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Be a member of a healthy church that submits to the authority of God's Word and preaches the full gospel



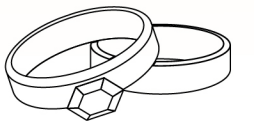
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Be equipped by the pastors of  
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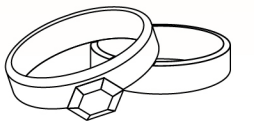
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Be disciplined with the goal of disciplining others.



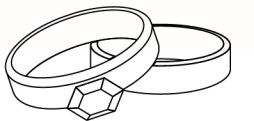
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For spiritual growth that can be done with your spouse, walk together.



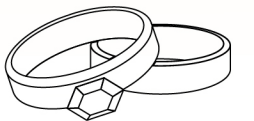
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For spiritual growth that takes place separate from each other, encourage one another.



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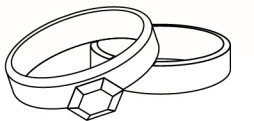
Pray with and for one another's  
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Pray that your marriage be saturated with Christ.



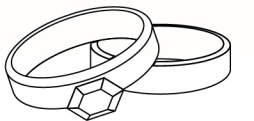
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Pray that God will use your marriage as a witness.



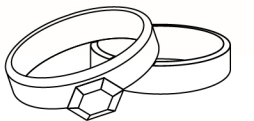
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Increasingly see your relationships to Christ as the context for all other relationships.



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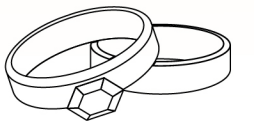


# Why Marriages on Mission

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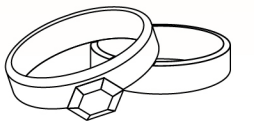
- The love between spouses is secured by their relationship to Jesus.
  - Jesus's relationship to us
  - Each spouse's relationship to

Christ



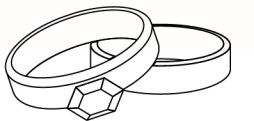
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- The love between spouses is secured by their relationship to Jesus – not their relationship to each other.
- The marriage is part of God's eternal plan – not the plan for our lives.



# Why Marriages on Mission last?

- The marriage exists for others – not just for the couple.
- The purpose of the marriage is to be a genuine picture of Christ's love – the fruit of the Spirit.



# Marriage on a Mission

*The future of the church*

*The future of the kingdom*

*The future of the world*

***DEPEND*** on it.

*God will not fail.*

