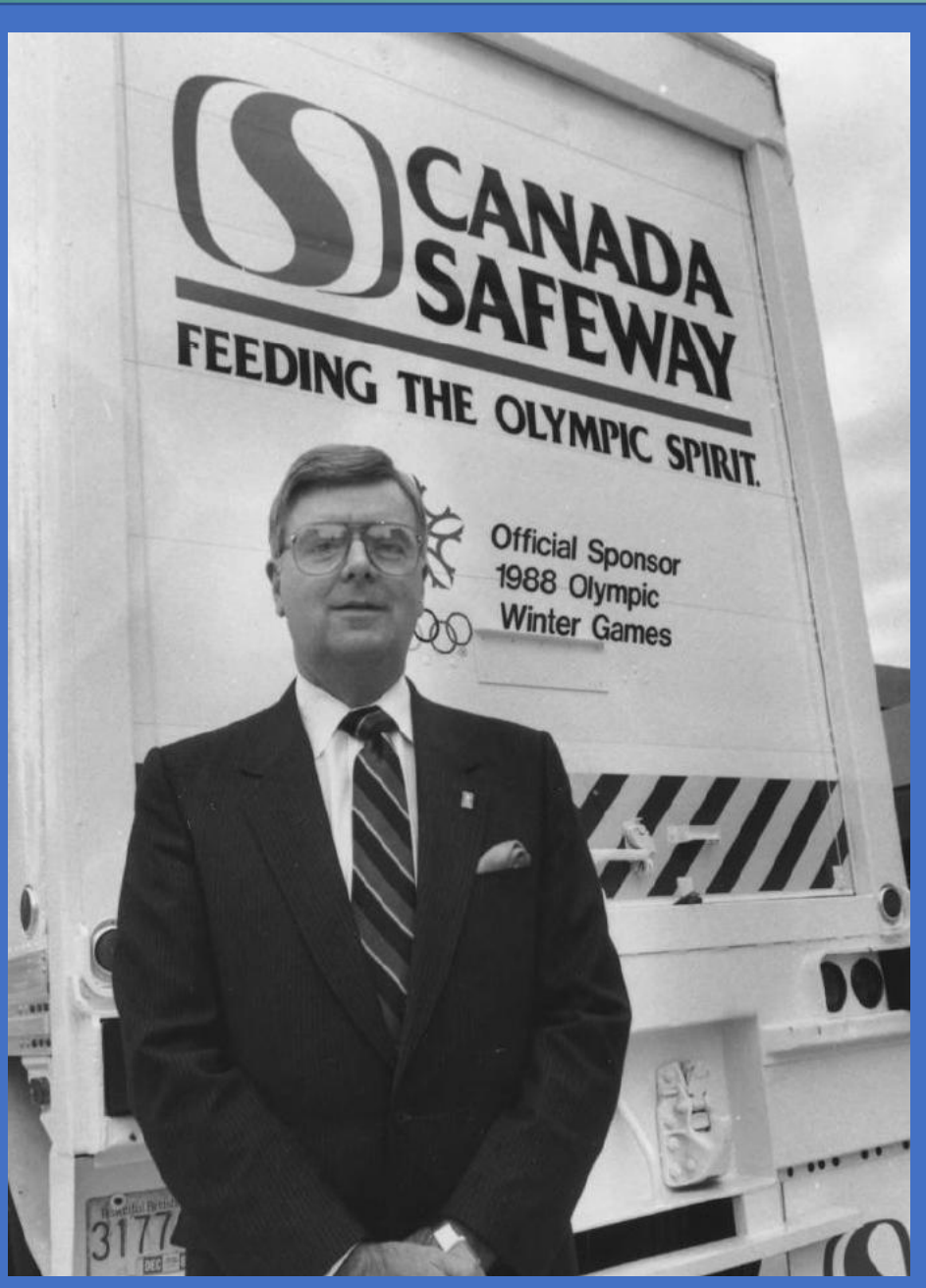


***God, You Want
Me to Do What?***







“...learn what they do, and then do that.”

**There are 5 things
that God consistently uses
to grow our trust and faith
in Him.**

Apply Biblical Teaching

Make Room for Relationships

Practice Spiritual Disciplines

Help Others

Grow in Difficult Circumstances

Originally our relationship with God was broken by a lack of trust...but now the relationship is reestablished and restored by trust.



God wants to partner with you
in His desire to make you a
person of strong and mature
faith.



“...train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.”

1 Timothy 4: 7-8

**Make Room for
Relationships**



Most of us can identify people who were used by God in some way to help us grow in our faith.

No matter how deep your
relationship with God, human
relationships are a key factor
He uses to grow our
relationship with Him.



“Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry.”

2 Timothy 4:11

In your current state and future state, God is setting up relationships to help you grow in your relationship with Him.

As Christians our relationships with each other are rooted in the Gospel – the person and work of Jesus Christ.



In the Trinity we see our God
is a relational God – therefore,
His people are a relational
people.

**Our Christian beliefs go from
theory to reality in the context
of relationships.**

**Our relationships are the true
litmus test of our spiritual life.**

“Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.”

Prov. 13: 20

“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor:

If either of them falls down, one can help the other up.

But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.”

Ecc. 4: 8-9

Is your current relational
support system sufficient for
your current life stress?



**The answer for a bad
relationship is not no
relationships but right
relationships.**

Six relational experiences for Growth

A processor

A processor

An encourager

A processor

An encourager

A redirector

A processor

An encourager

A redirector

A confessor

A processor

A non-Christian

An encourager

A redirector

A confessor

A processor

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A non-Christian

**A different
generation**

Heroic Journey



Heroic Journey

old fool



Heroic Journey



The diagram consists of a solid white line that starts from the bottom left, goes up and to the right, then turns horizontal. A large red 'X' is placed on this horizontal line. From the point of the 'X', two dashed white lines branch out: one goes up and to the right, and the other goes straight to the right. The text 'Heroic Journey' is written along the initial upward-sloping solid line. The text 'old fool' is written along the upward-sloping dashed line, and 'cynical saint' is written along the horizontal dashed line.

old fool

cynical saint

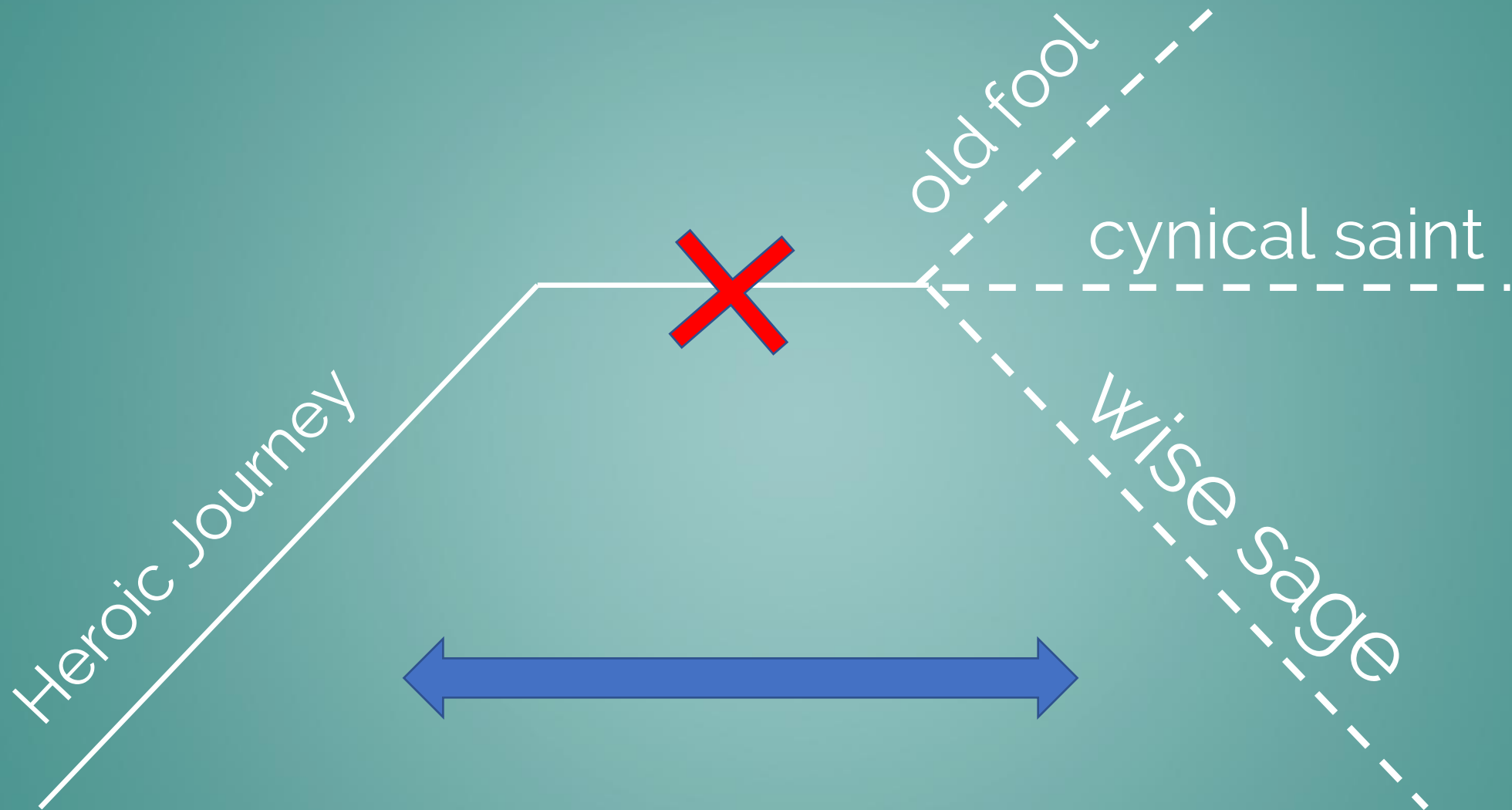
Heroic Journey



old fool

cynical saint

wise sage



What can you do?

Avoid “little me – BIG them”

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Don't drift – be proactive

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sit across or circle up

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