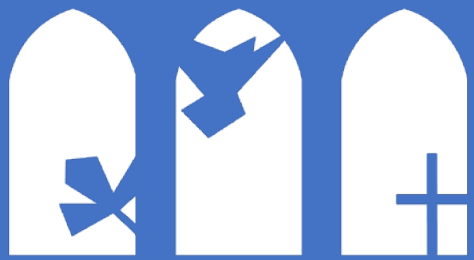


This Is My Story

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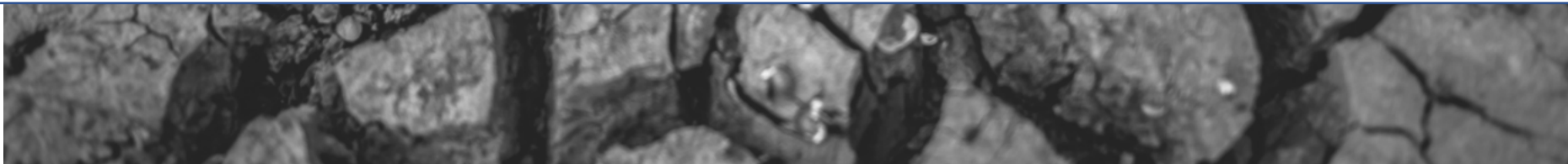
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I will make the wilderness a pool of water
and the dry land springs of water

Isaiah 41:18





MACRO Formation:



Ongoing life of the church

- ❖ worship, fellowship, teaching, service, witness
- ❖ lifelong, life-wide, life-deep
- ❖ metabolism of the community

MICRO Formation:



intentional bursts
of focused,
context-specific
faith intensification

MACRO +/- MICRO FORMATION:

Macro **without**
Micro = people
are stuck or
adrift



Macro
WITH
Micro =



Ecology of formation

Micro **without**
Macro =
mountain-top
experience



Macro **WITH** Micro
rhythm applies
beyond "church"
to DAILY LIFE



IN PAIRS

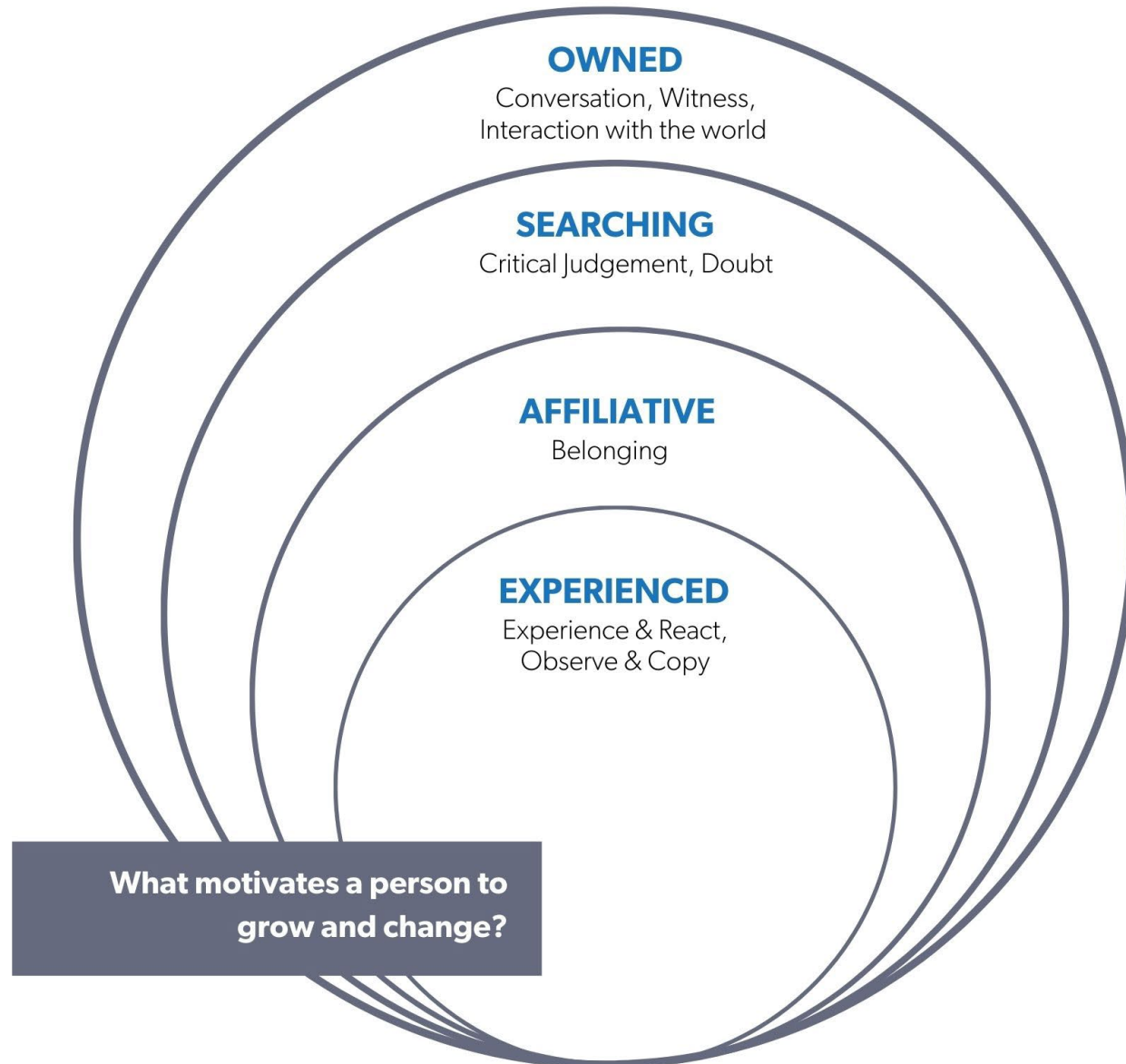
**Describe one
experience of
macro
formation in
your life**

(sustained rhythm of
spiritual formation)

**THEN ...
describe one
time of micro
formation in
your life**

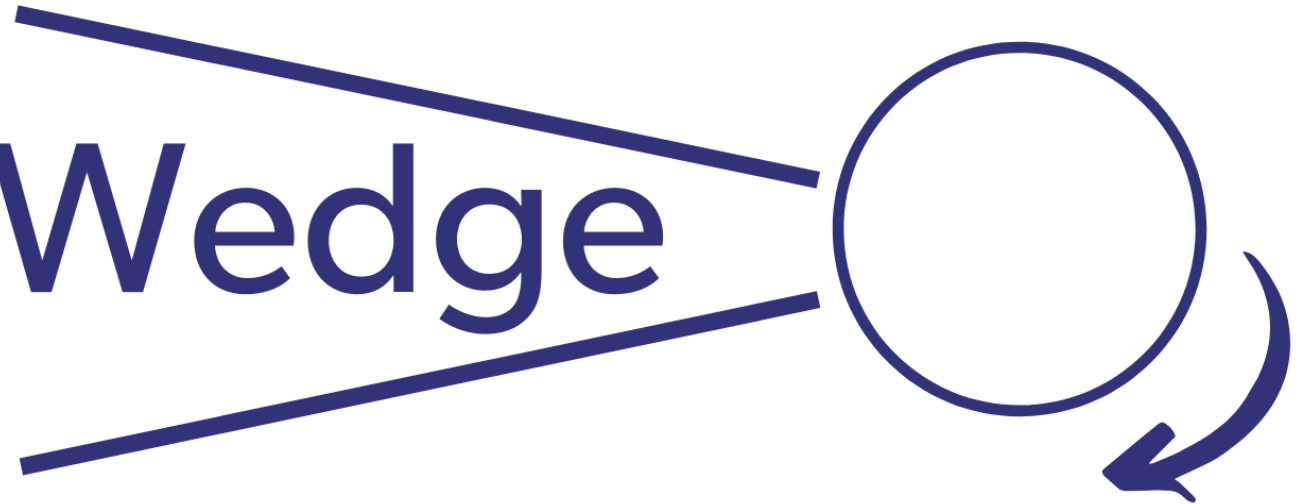
(immersive spiritual
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Model of Faith Development

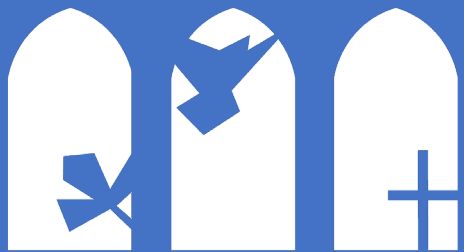


Adapted from John H. Westerhoff, III's theory of faith development in *Will Our Children Have Faith*, 1976.

The Wedge



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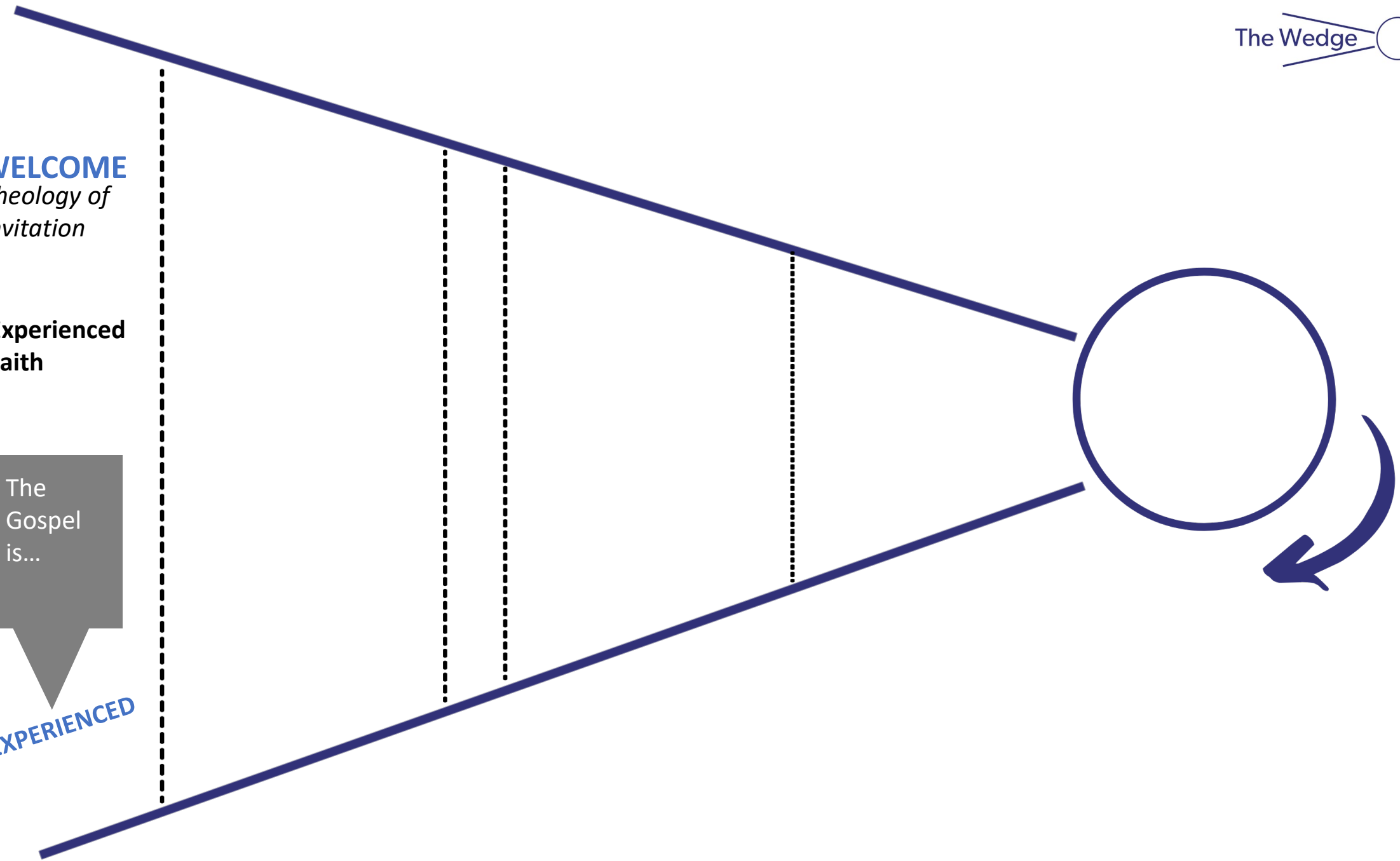
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*Theology of
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**Experienced
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Experienced Faith

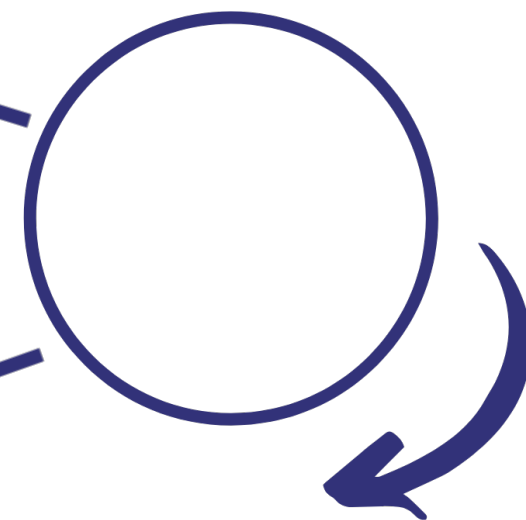
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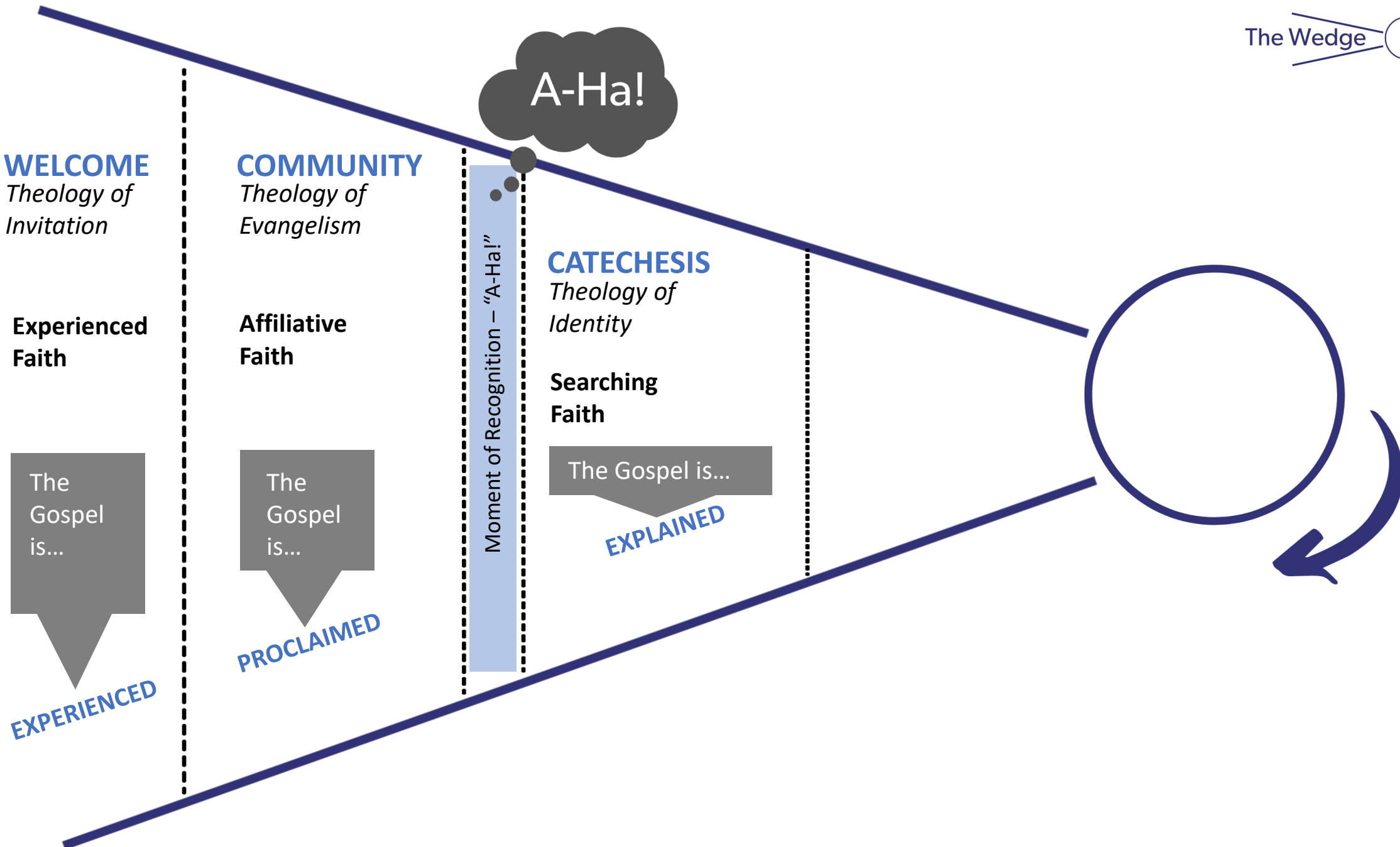
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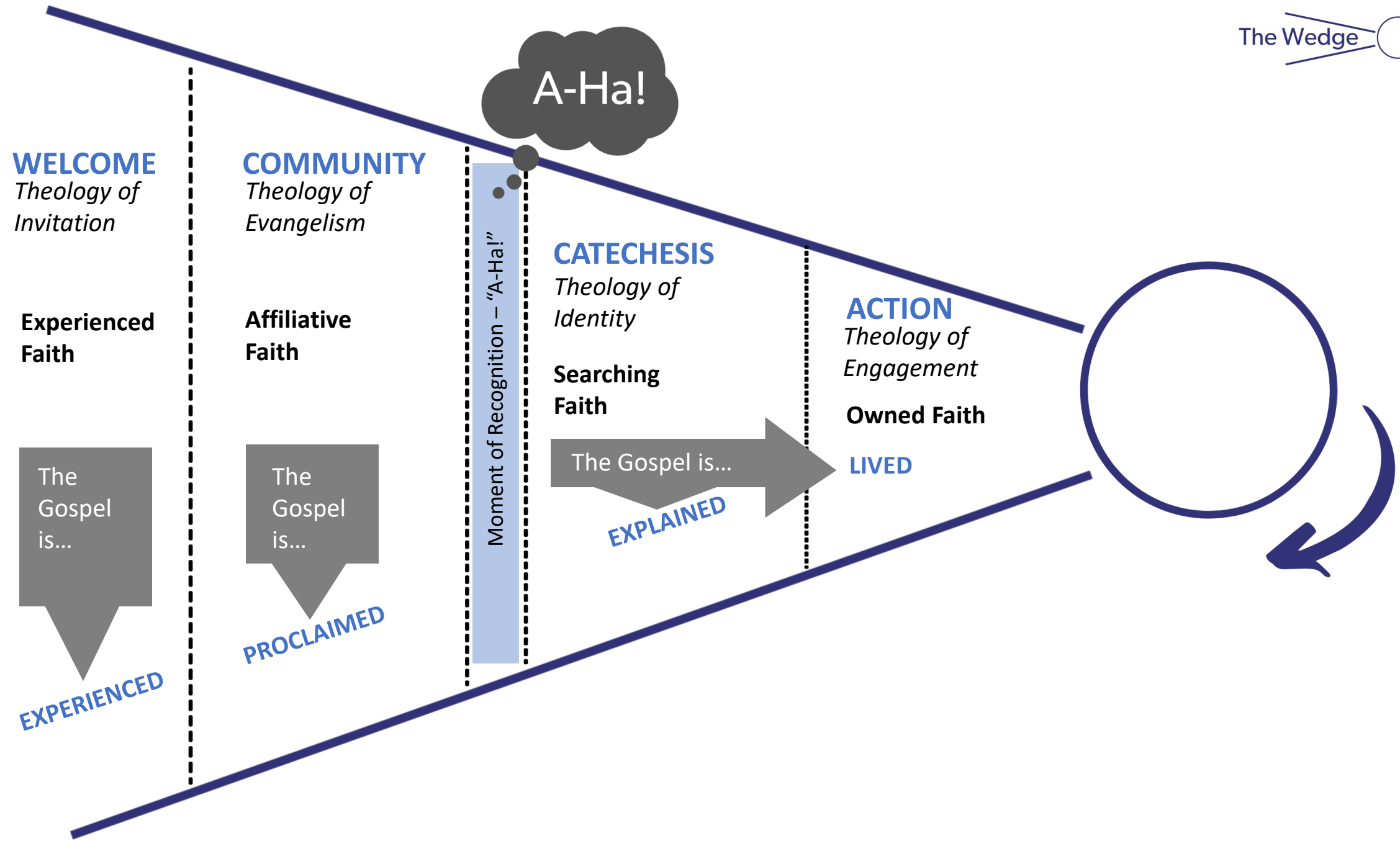
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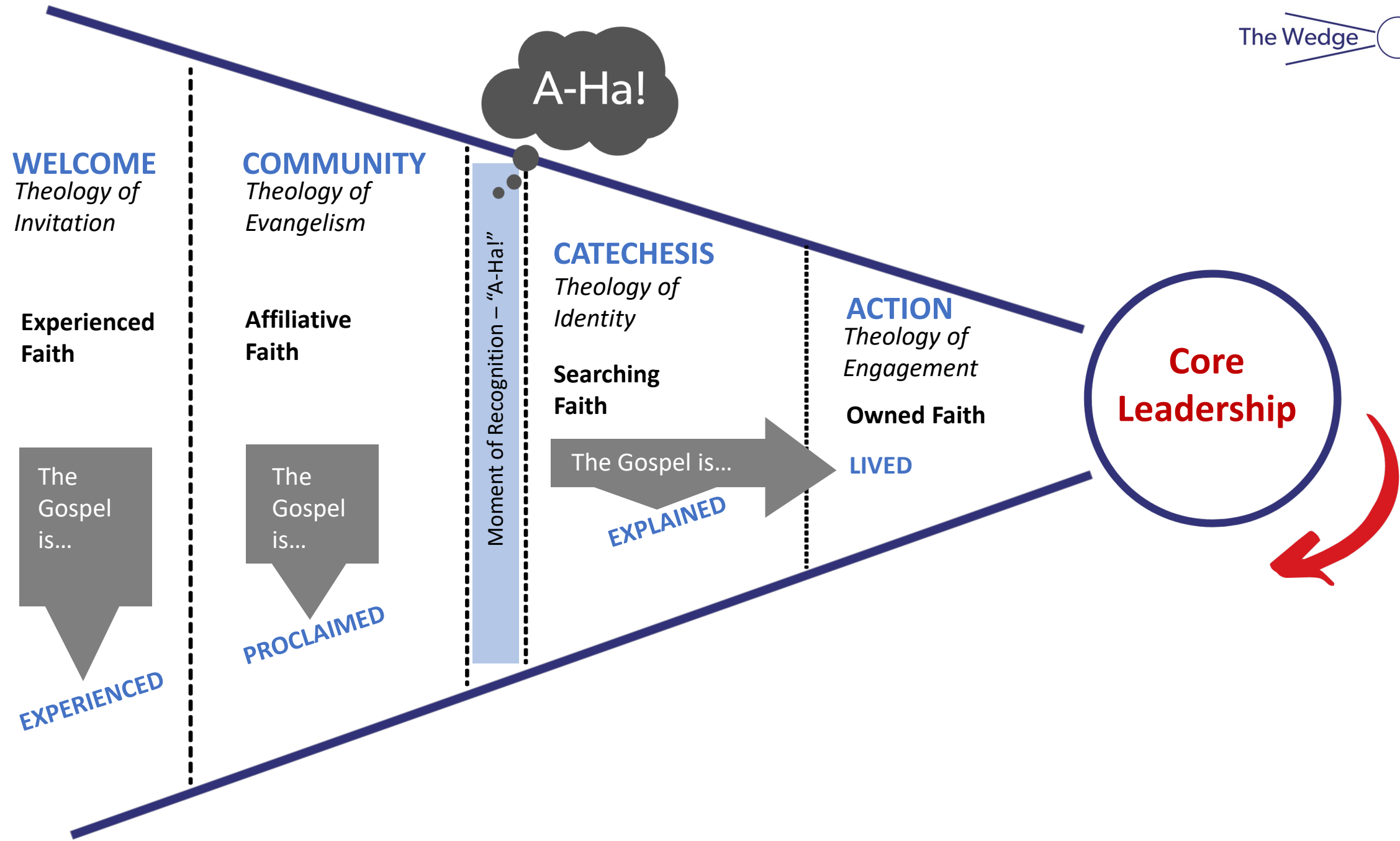
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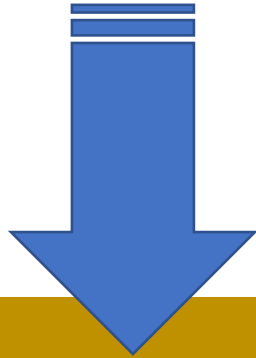


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Tell a story of a time you knew the love of God through the actions of others.

Describe a time or moment when your faith was tested or shaken.

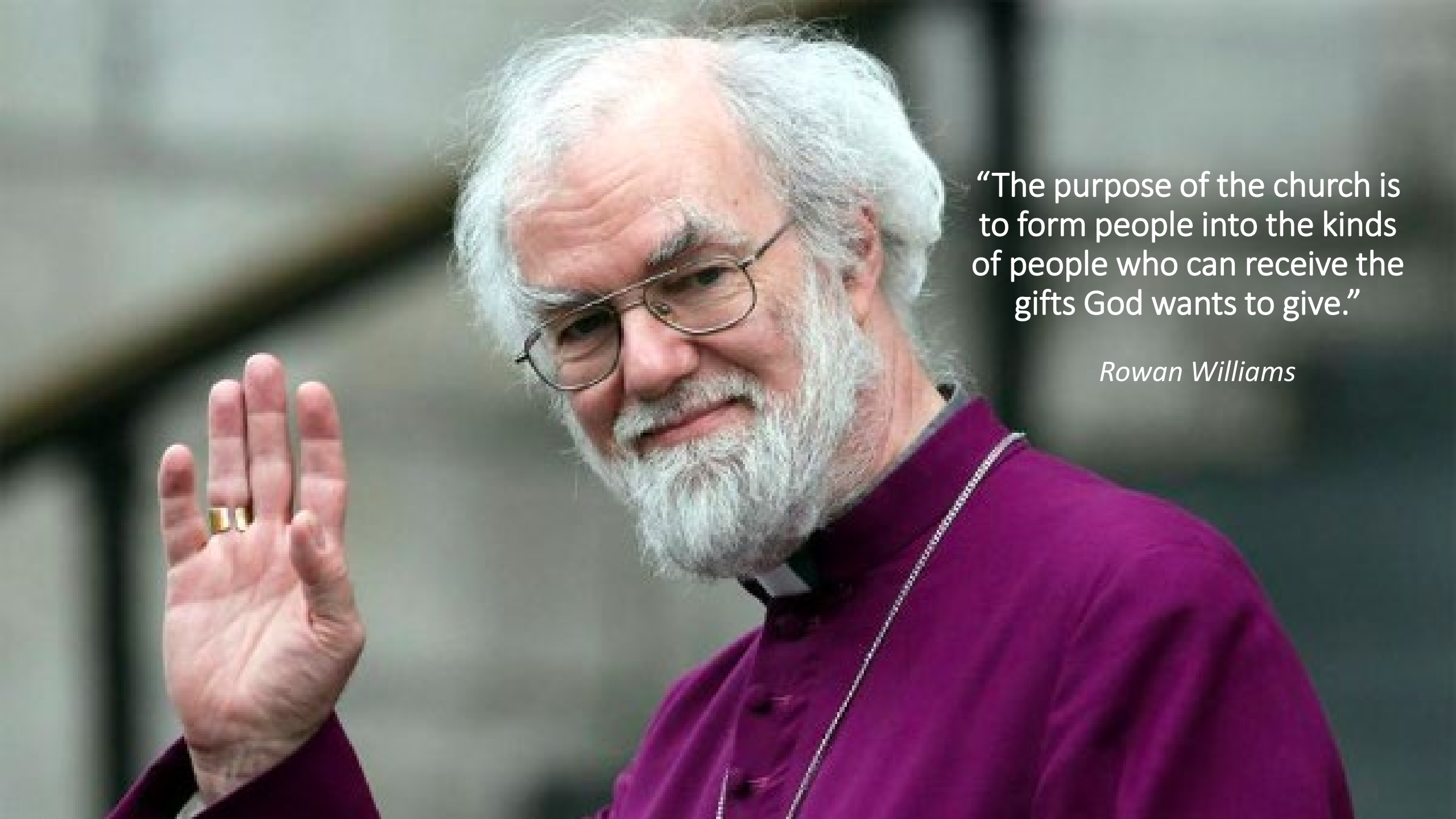
“The important question to ask is NOT, 'What do you believe?' BUT



'What difference does it make that you believe?'" (p. 105)

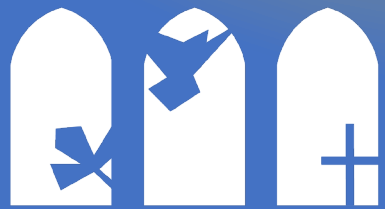
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A close-up photograph of Rowan Williams, an older man with white hair and a full white beard. He is wearing glasses and a purple clerical shirt. His right hand is raised, palm facing forward, with a gold ring on his ring finger. The background is blurred, suggesting an indoor setting.

“The purpose of the church is to form people into the kinds of people who can receive the gifts God wants to give.”

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