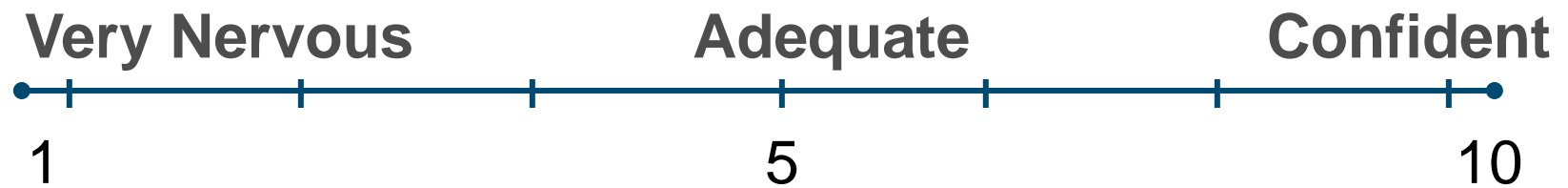




# *The Message of the Good News*

How confident are you in communicating the gospel?



95% of Christians do not  
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## How to Effectively Communicate the Gospel

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## Tips/Tools for Spiritual Fishing

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# ***God's Diamonds in***

# **PROVERBS**

***Tonight: 5:00 p.m.***

***Paul Hawthorne***

**Thesis:**

**Sharing one's spiritual  
journey**

- Bible examples
- The value of personal sharing
- The four parts of our story
- Writing your own story

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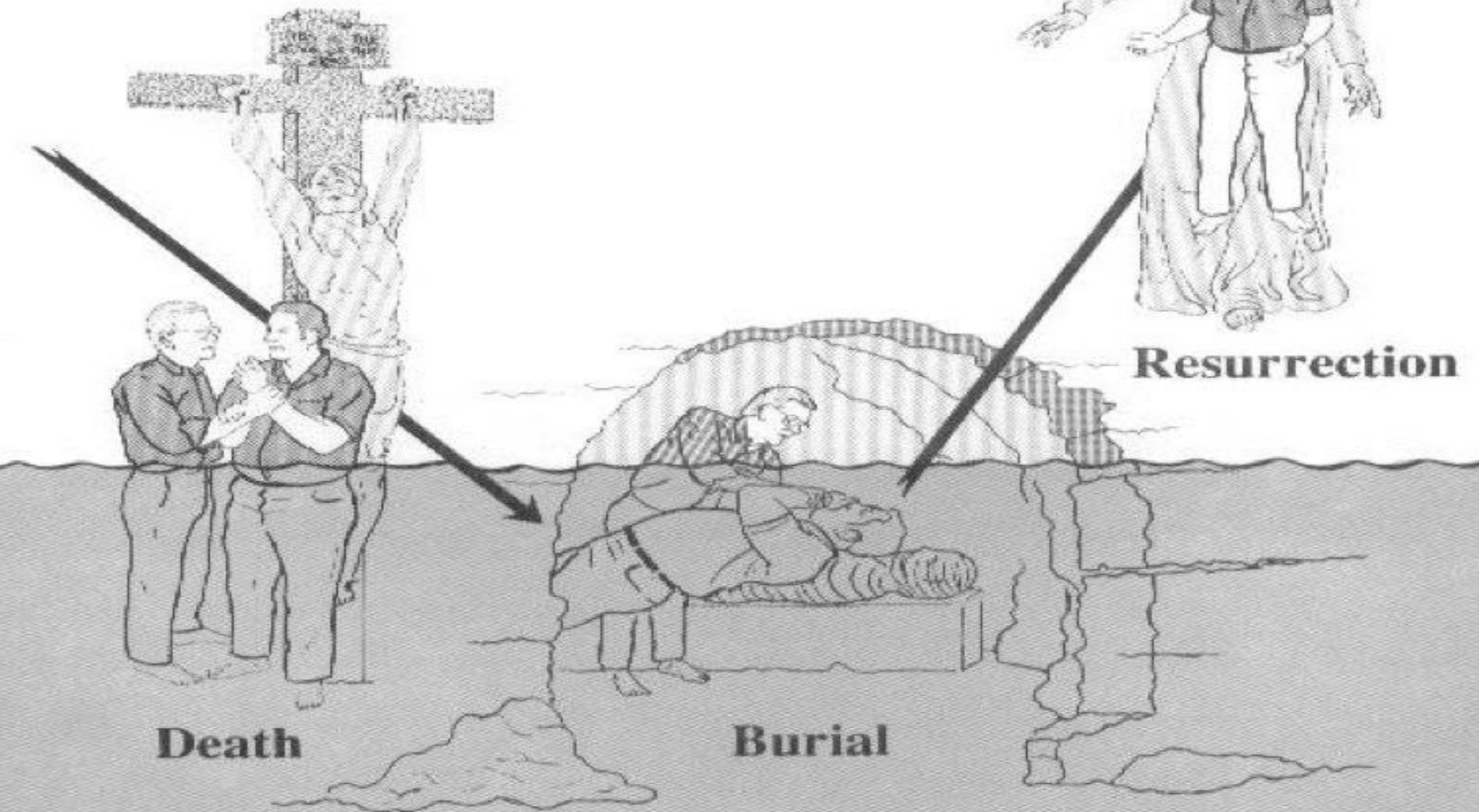


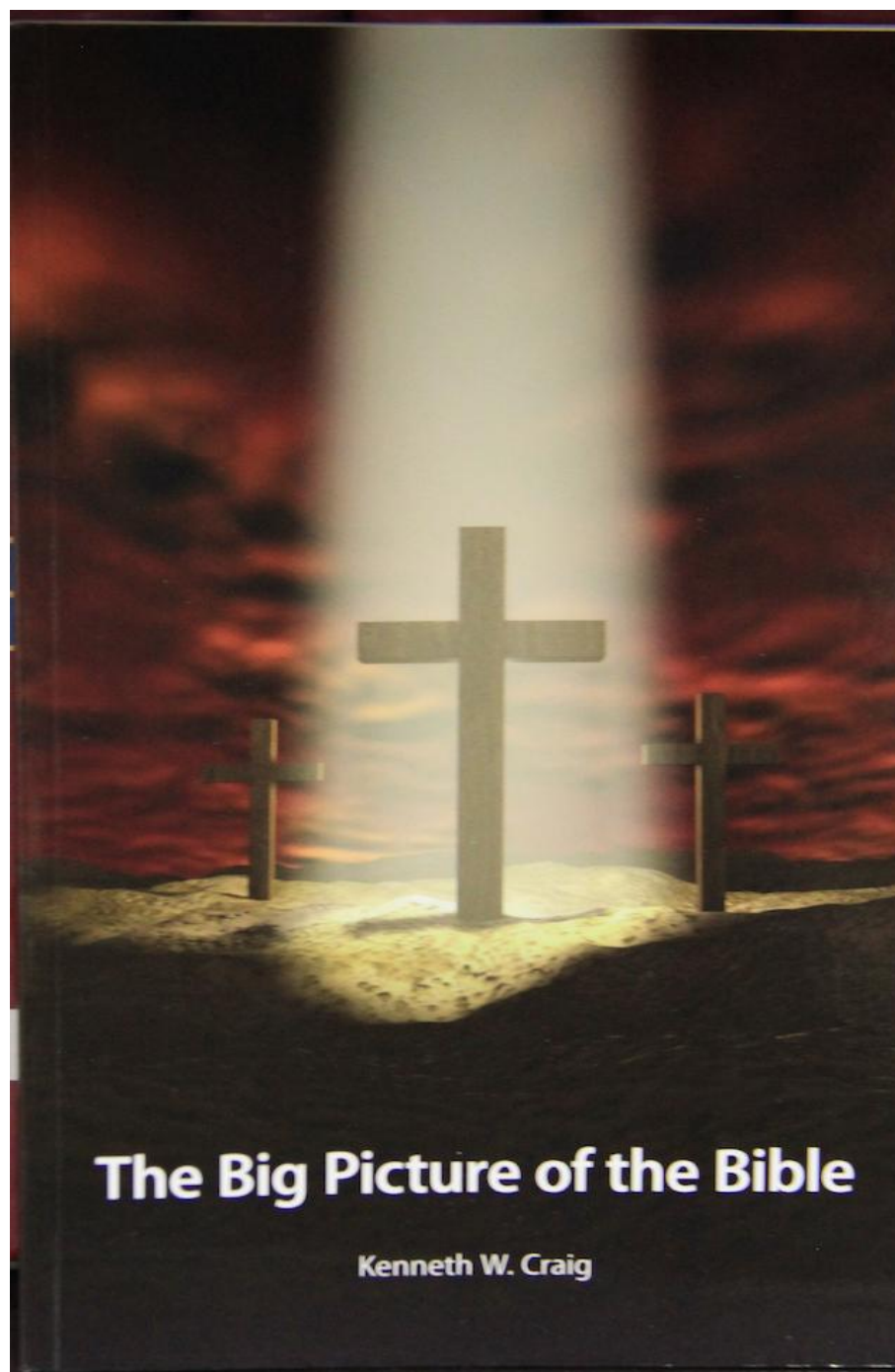
**Intellect & Emotion & Will**

# THE GOSPEL RE-ENACTED IN BAPTISM

(Obeying the Gospel)

Romans 6:3-5





# **The Big Picture of the Bible**

**Kenneth W. Craig**

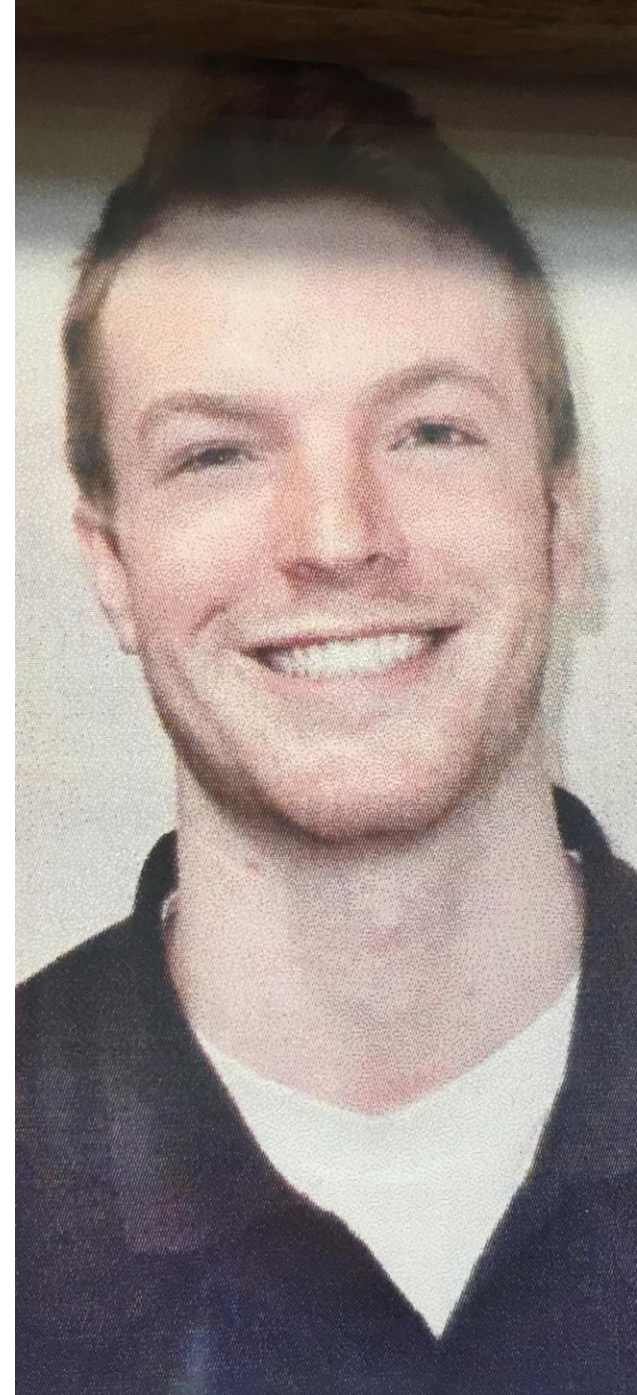
# SHARING YOUR OWN SPIRITUAL JOURNEY



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9 But you are a people belonging to God, (*His instruments*) that you may *declare the praises of Him* who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

**1 Peter 2:9 NIV**



## SHARING YOUR PERSONAL JOURNEY

*God was **reconciling** the world to himself in Christ, **not counting men's sins against them**. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.*

2 CORINTHIANS 5:19-20 (NIV)



# SHARING MY SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

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# *The Bible is Full of Personal Salvation Accounts*

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## DAVID

*Come and hear, all who fear God, and  
I will tell you all of what He has done  
for my soul!*

PSALM 66:16 (NASU)



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## THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

*Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in Him because of the **woman's testimony.***

JOHN 4:39 (NIV)



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## THE MAN BORN BLIND

*He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. **I was blind and now I see!"***

JOHN 9:25 (NIV)



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## **PETER AND JOHN**

*20 For we cannot help speaking  
about what we have seen and  
heard.*

ACTS 4:20 (NIV)





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## **PAUL**

On **six different occasions** (Acts 22 -26) Paul used his *personal testimony* to share the Good News with pagan kings & Jewish unbelievers.



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## JESUS

I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony.

JOHN 3:10-11 (NIV)



# We Are Commanded to Share Our Personal Spiritual Journeys!

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*Make known among the nations  
what He has done!*

*Let the whole world know!  
PSALM 105:1 (NIV)*





# We Are Commanded to Share Our Testimonies

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*Sing to the Lord, praise His  
name;*

*proclaim His salvation day after  
day. Declare His glory among  
the nations, His marvelous  
deeds among all peoples!*

PSALM 96:2-3 (NIV)



# What is the Value of Your Personal Spiritual Journey?

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You are not a “paid professional.”

You are a “satisfied customer!”

Who has more credibility?



# The Value of Your Personal Spiritual Journey

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1 PETER 3:15 (NIV)



Make sure you show them from the scriptures why you know you are saved!

The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God.

**Rom 8:16 NASU**





# THE FOUR PARTS OF YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY.

# THE FOUR PARTS OF MY STORY

## IF YOU BECAME A CHRISTIAN AS AN ADULT:

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THE FOUR PARTS OF MY STORY

**IF YOU BECAME A CHRISTIAN  
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THE FOUR PARTS  
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**IF YOU BECAME A  
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How Long?  
How should I spend my time?



# THE FOUR PARTS OF YOUR STORY

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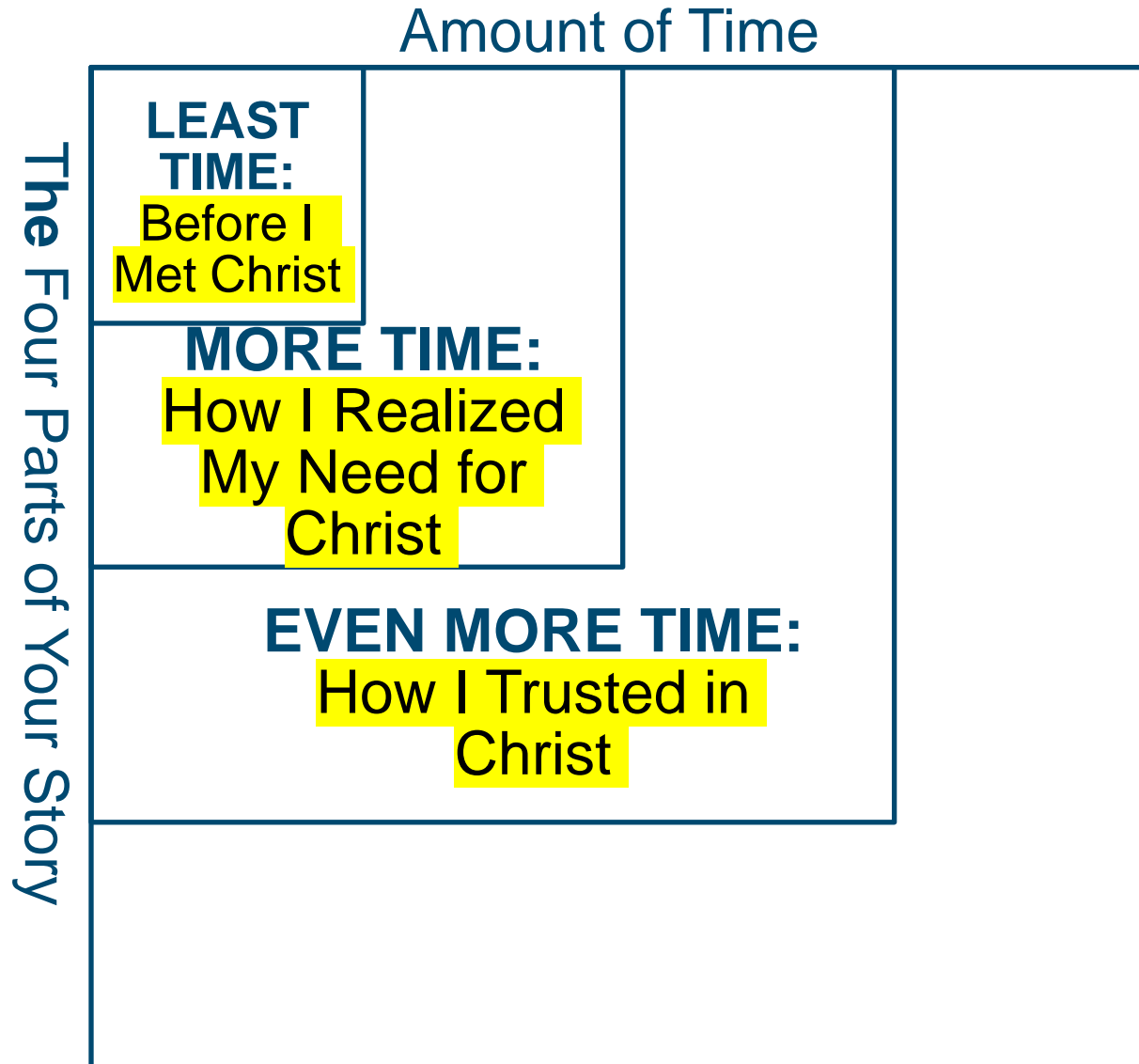
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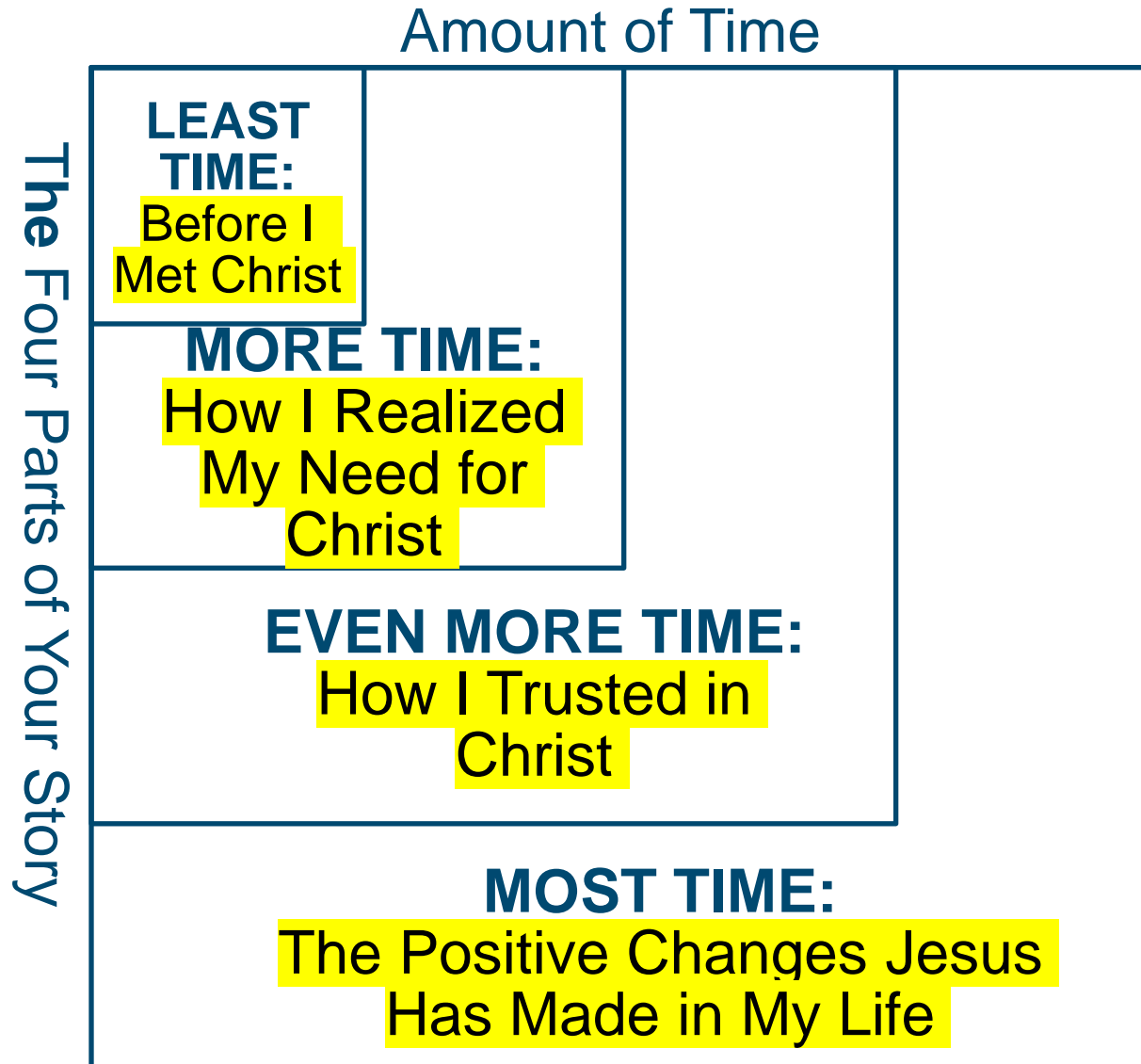
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