

WHATEVER HAPPENS, WALK WORTHY:

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Watch our Words

EPHESIANS 4:1-3; 15-16; 25-32



LET'S REVIEW

“Whatever Happens, Walk Worthy!”

Philippians 1:27

Tuesday Morning:

“Whatever Happens, Keep the Faith”

Acts 27:25

Wednesday Evening:

“Whatever Happens, Embrace the Tensions”

Ephesians 4:1, 29; I Thess. 2:7, 5:17-18; James 1:19; Luke 23:34

Thursday Morning:

“Whatever Happens, Watch Our Words”

Ephesians 4:1-3, 15-16, 25-5:2

ANCHOR # 1:

SPEAK GRACEFULLY

—EPHESIANS 4:29—

ISSUE:

“Watch the words we speak”

PRINCIPLE:

Words we speak can bless or “destroy” people

WHATEVER HAPPENS... EMBRACE THE TENSIONS:

7 ANCHORS FOR CONTEMPORARY MINISTRY



**How do others feel
when they leave my presence?**

Stronger or weaker?

Larger or smaller?

Confident or “scared”?

Understood or misunderstood?

Affirmed or manipulated?

Blessed or “destroyed”?



How can we live within this diverse Christian Community in such a way that our relationships are redemptive and a witness to unbelievers of the reconciling work of God in Christ?



If, “in Christ, all things are made new,” (2 Corinthians 5:17), then **how does our relationship to Christ transform the way we live and lead in a Christian community of faith?**



In conflict situations, when good and godly people differ and sometimes collide over vision and values,
how can we lead in these situations, really lead(and serve) with the mind of Christ?



How does my testimony of holiness of heart and life translate to the way I live and lead in a faith community?

EPHESIANS OVERVIEW

CHAPTER 1-3
INDICATIVE
THEOLOGICAL

CHAPTER 4-6
IMPERATIVE
ETHICAL

Ephesians 4:1

**“Therefore, lead a life worthy
of your calling....”(NLT)**

Refer to Ephesians 1 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20.

Our Calling (Eph.4:1-3)

is to participate with God in His mission
to reconcile the world to Himself!

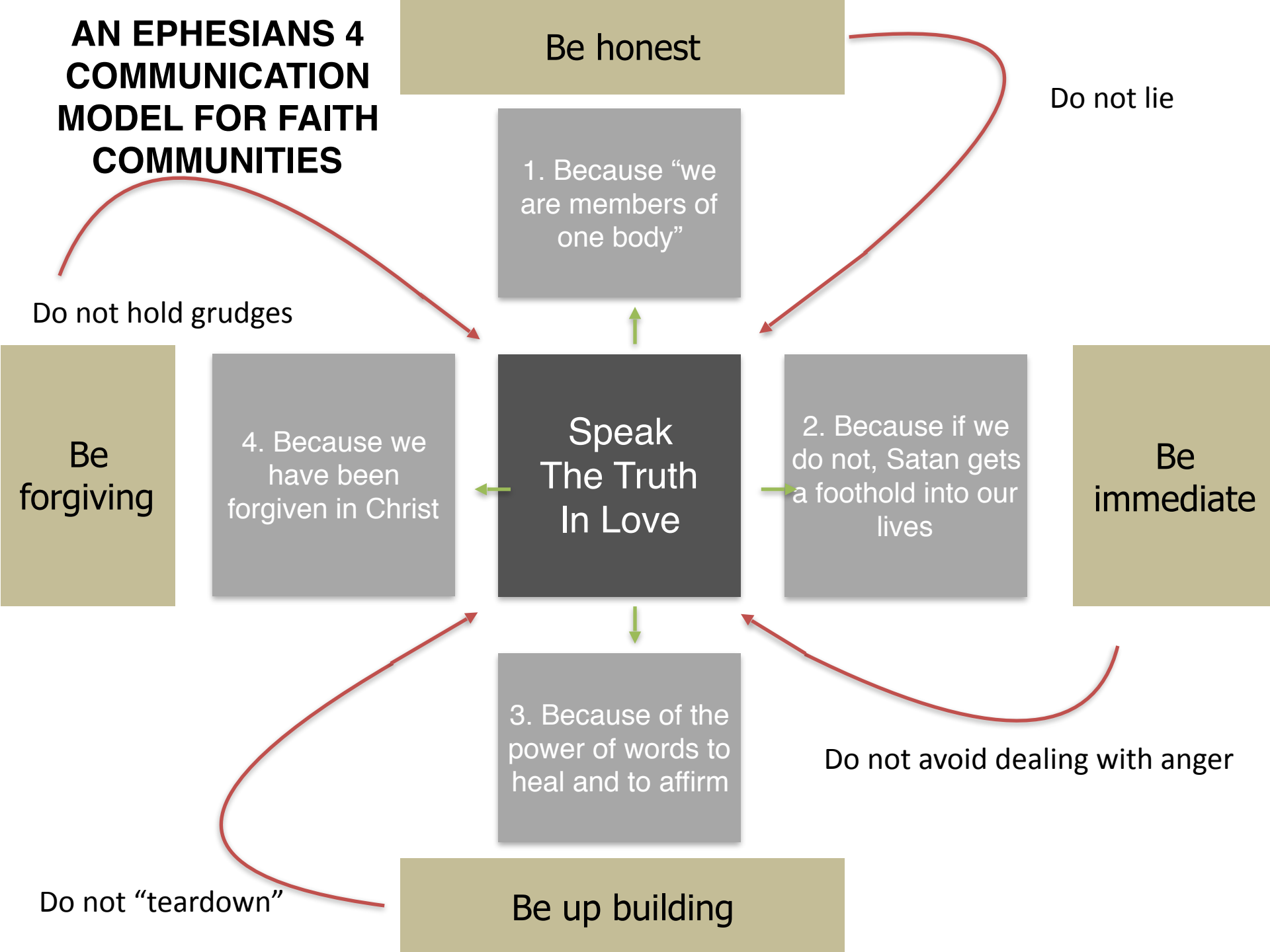
All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

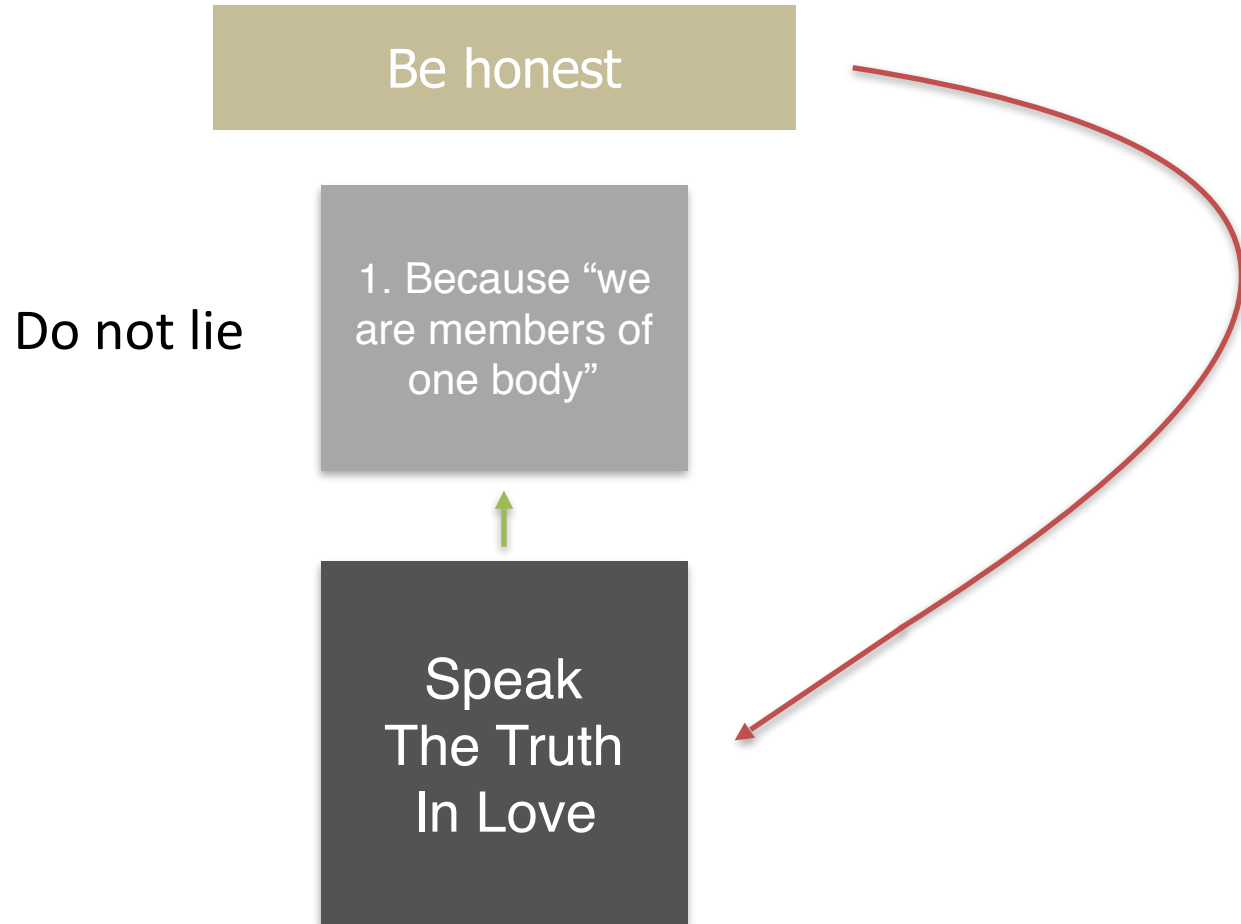
**“Before we go outside the faith community
to preach reconciliation,
we must first give evidence of reconciliation
within the faith community.”**



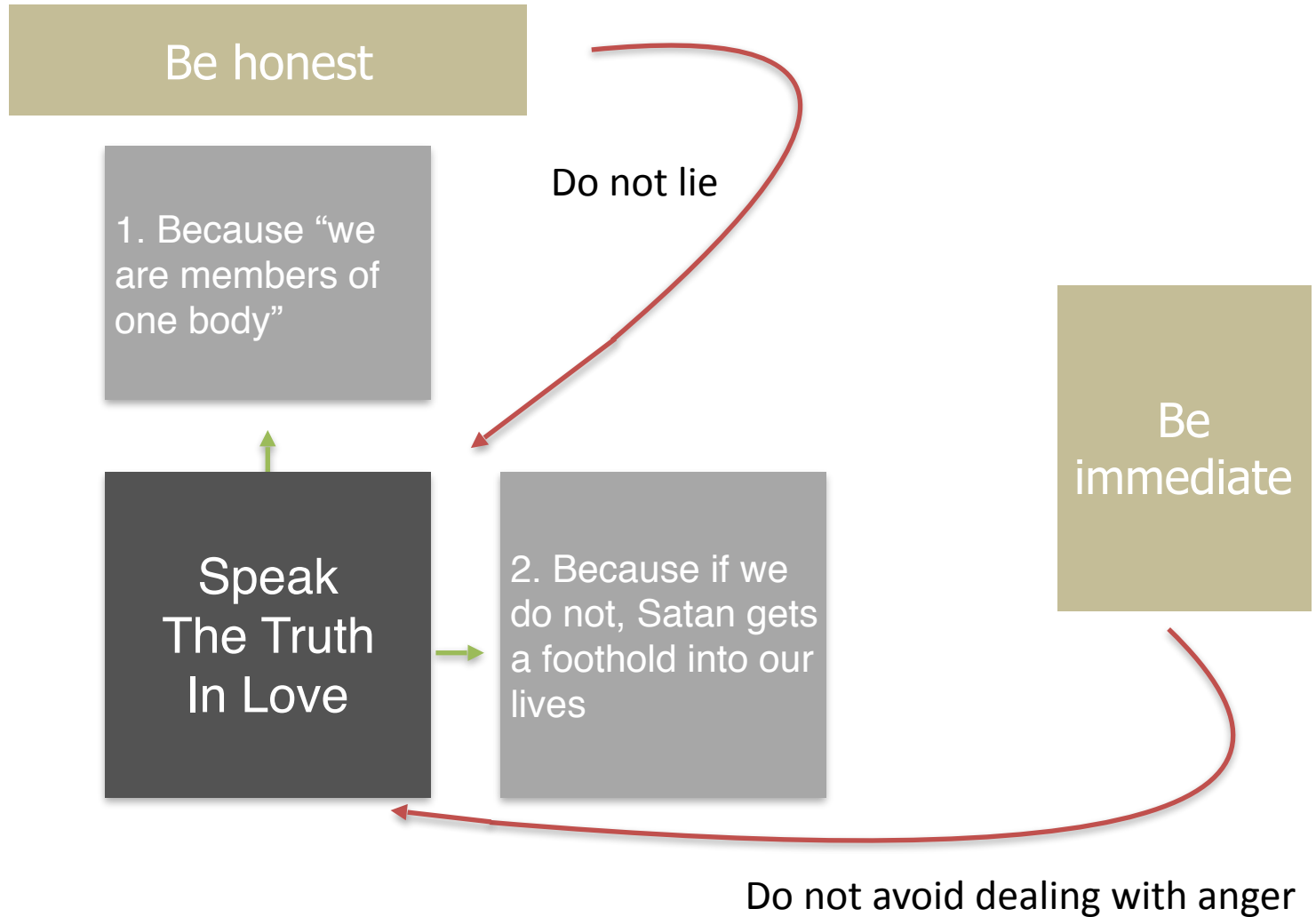
AN EPHESIANS 4 COMMUNICATION MODEL FOR FAITH COMMUNITIES



WE “SPEAK THE TRUTH IN LOVE” BECAUSE:
WE ARE MEMBERS OF ONE BODY.
EPHESIANS 4:25

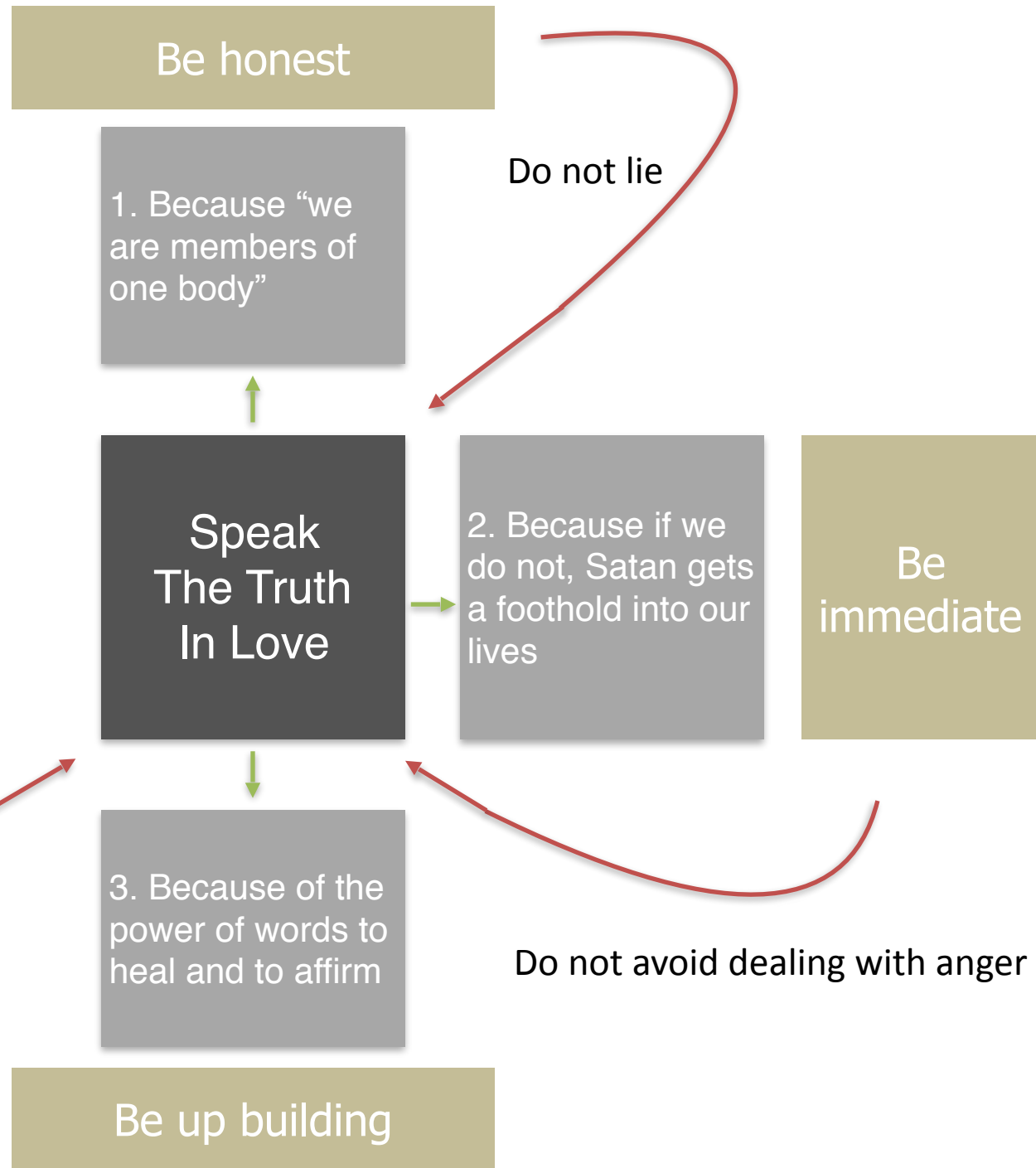


**WE SPEAK THE TRUTH IN LOVE BECAUSE
WHEN WE DO NOT,
SATAN GETS A FOOTHOLD IN OUR LIVES.
EPHESIANS 4:26-27**

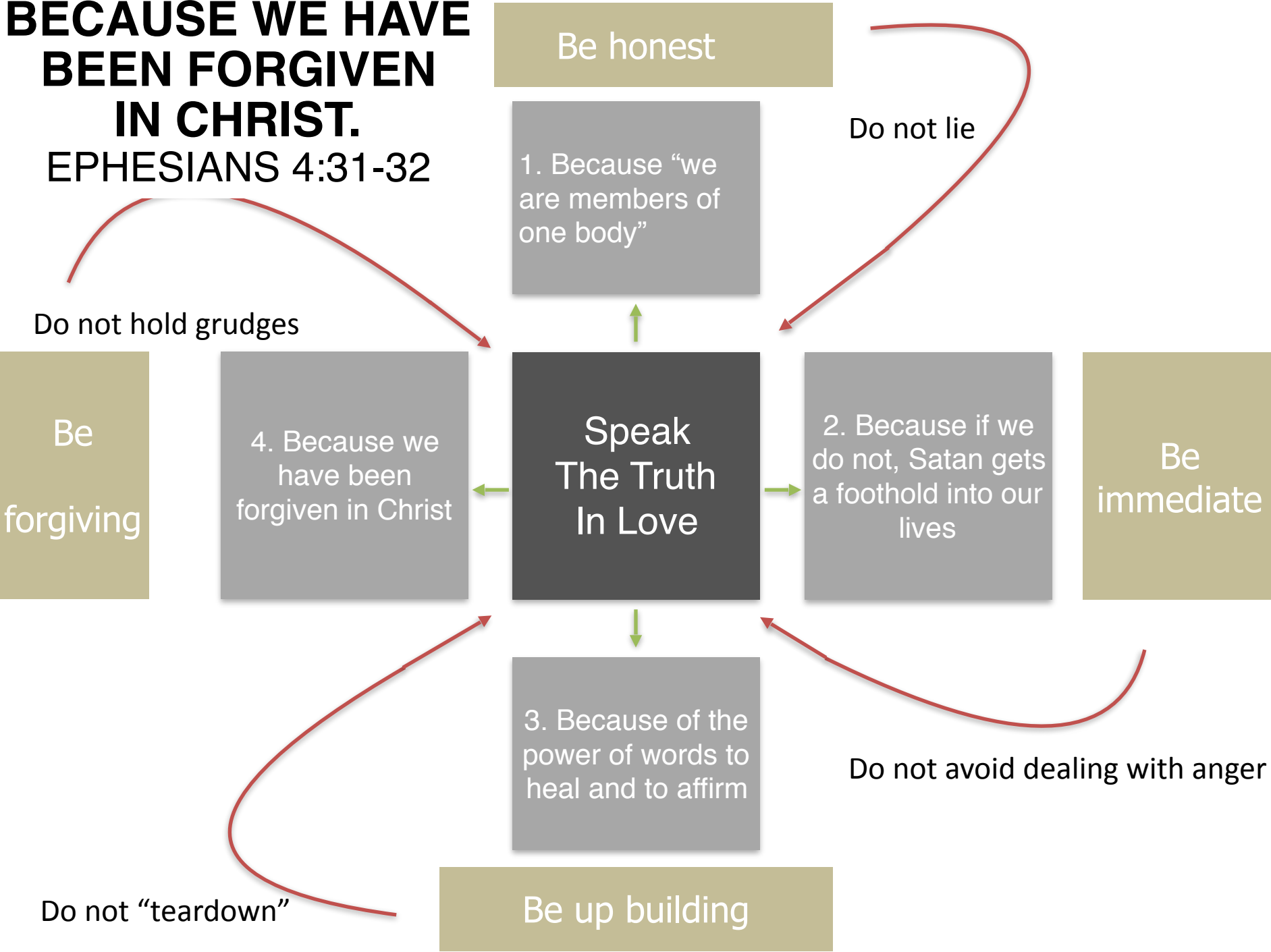


WE “SPEAK THE
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BECAUSE OF
**THE POWER
OF WORDS
TO HEAL
AND TO
AFFIRM.**
EPHESIANS 4:29

Do not “teardown”



**BECAUSE WE HAVE
BEEN FORGIVEN
IN CHRIST.
EPHESIANS 4:31-32**

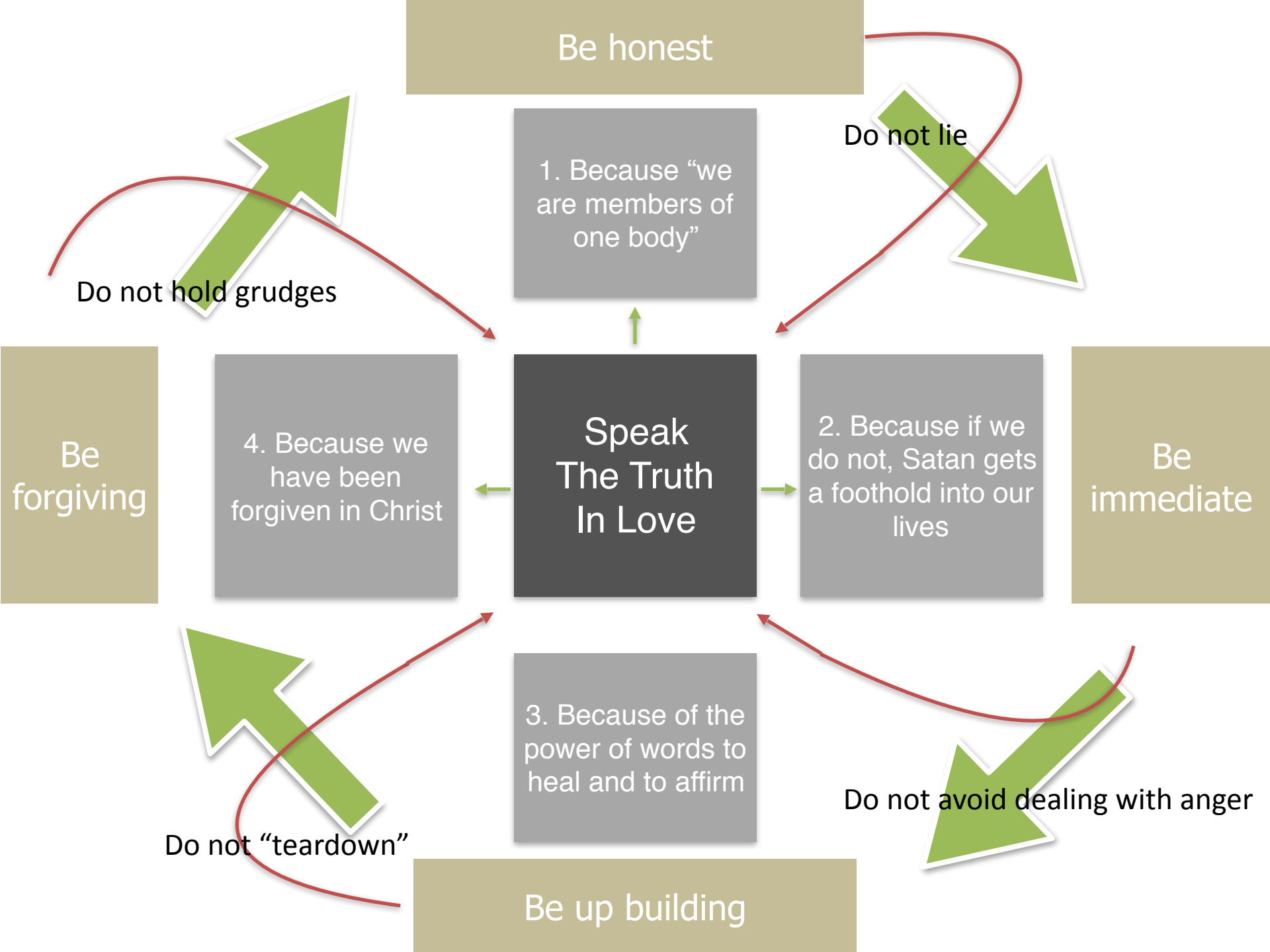


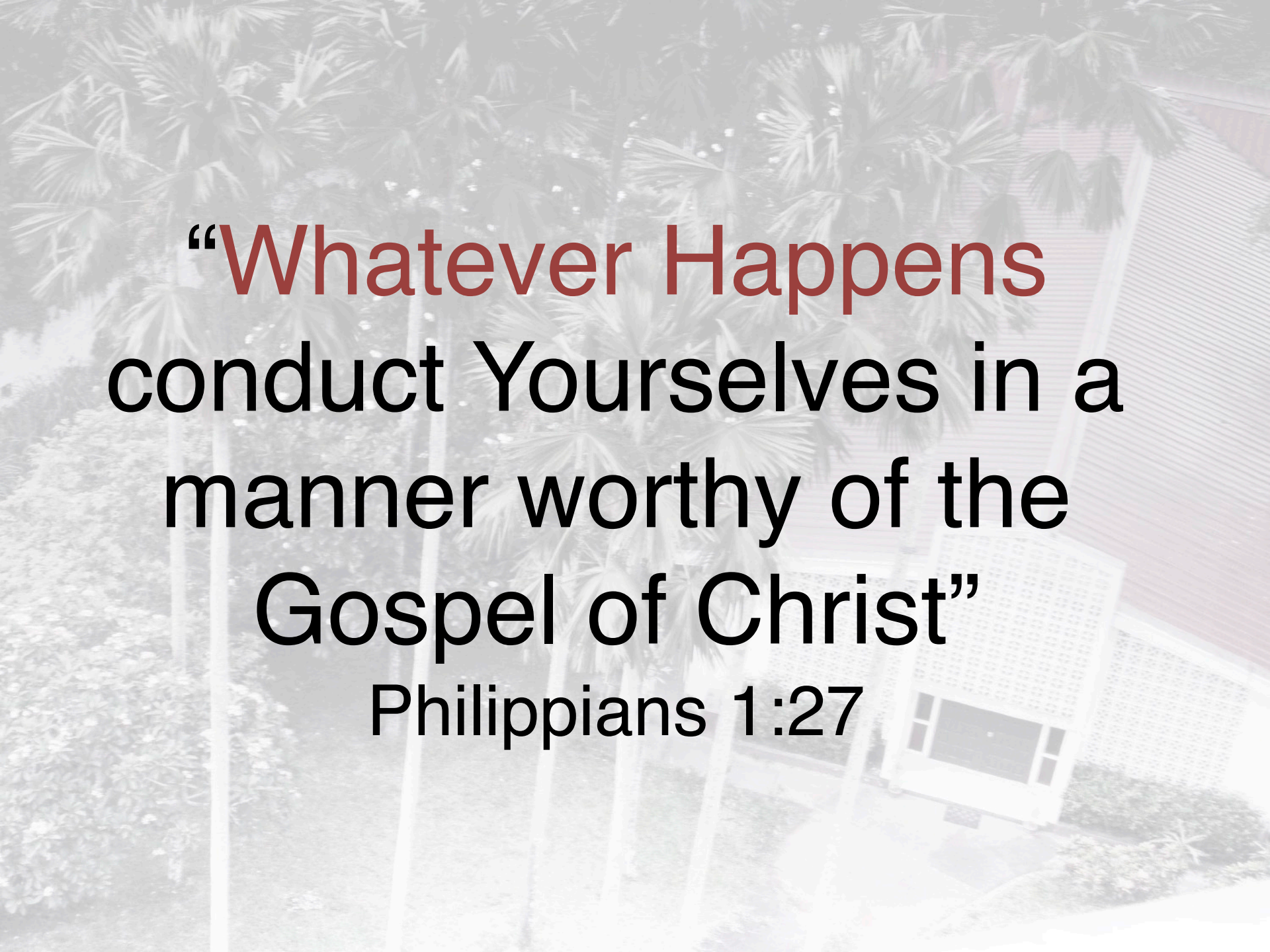
Bonhoeffer's*

SEVEN EXPRESSIONS OF MINISTRY

1. The Ministry of Holding One's Tongue
2. The Ministry of Meekness
3. The Ministry of Listening
4. The Ministry of Active Helpfulness
5. The Ministry of Bearing (Supporting)
6. The Ministry of Proclaiming
7. The Ministry of Authority (Leadership)

*Dietrich Bonhoeffer in *Life Together: The Classic Exploration of Faith in Community*



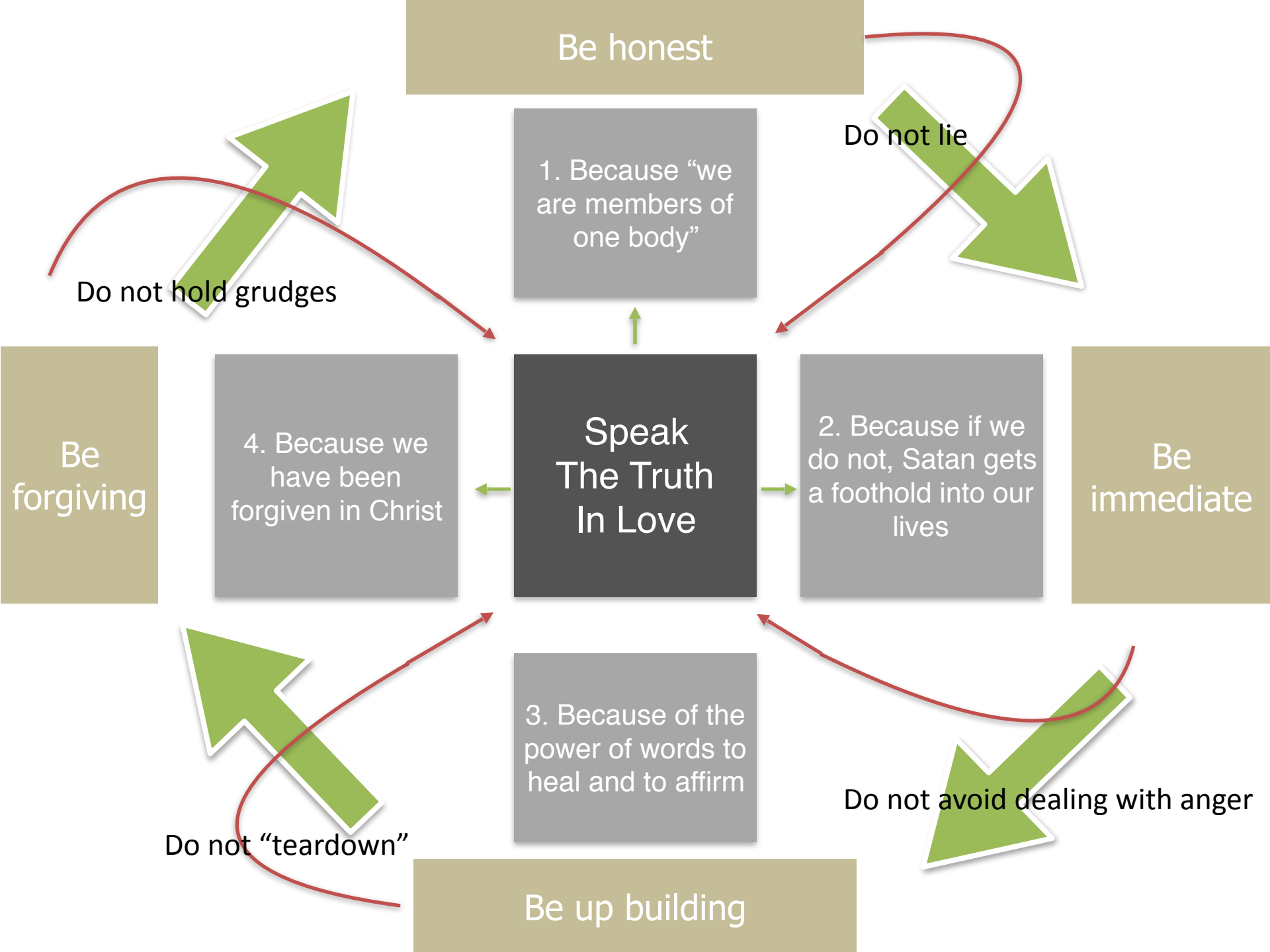
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**“Whatever Happens
conduct Yourselves in a
manner worthy of the
Gospel of Christ”**

Philippians 1:27



This is the spirit of holiness:
Live and Lead
with the mind of Christ.



Be honest

Do not lie

1. Because "we are members of one body"

Do not hold grudges

Be forgiving

4. Because we have been forgiven in Christ

Speak The Truth In Love

2. Because if we do not, Satan gets a foothold into our lives

Be immediate

3. Because of the power of words to heal and to affirm

Do not avoid dealing with anger

Do not "teardown"

Be up building

“Search Me, O God”

Search me, O God, and know my heart today,
Try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray;
See if there be some wicked way in me;
Cleanse me from every sin, and set me free.

I praise Thee, Lord, for cleansing me from sin;
Fulfill Thy word and make me pure within;
Fill me with fire, where once I burned with shame;
Grant my desire to magnify Thy name.

Lord, take my life, and make it wholly Thine;
Fill my poor heart with Thy great love divine;
Take all my will, my passion, self and pride;
I now surrender, Lord, in me abide.

O Holy Ghost, revival comes from Thee;
Send a revival, start the work in me;
Thy Word declares Thou wilt supply our need;
For blessings now, O Lord, I humbly plead.

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