

Judging
Others

SOCIAL LIFE LESSON #2

KEY VERSE

*“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. **DO NOT JUDGE**, and you will not be judged; and **DO NOT CONDEMN**, and you will not be condemned; pardon, and you will be pardoned.” Luke 6:36–37 (NASB)*

“Jesus spoke this parable to those who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others...”

*“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I **am not like other men--extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector....***

....I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’”

*“I tell you, **THIS** man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”* **Luke 18:9–14 (NKJ)**

JUDGING DEFINED

Being Critical and Judgmental
Condemning Others
Acting as the Judge
Having an Attitude of Superiority
Faultfinding
Thinking *“I’m better than you”* and
“I’d never do what you’re doing.”

*“Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who **judge**, for in whatever you **judge** another you **condemn yourself**; for you who **judge** practice the same things.”*

Romans 2:1 (NKJ)

“And the person who keeps all of the laws except one is as guilty as the person who has broken all of God's laws.” **James 2:10** (NLT)

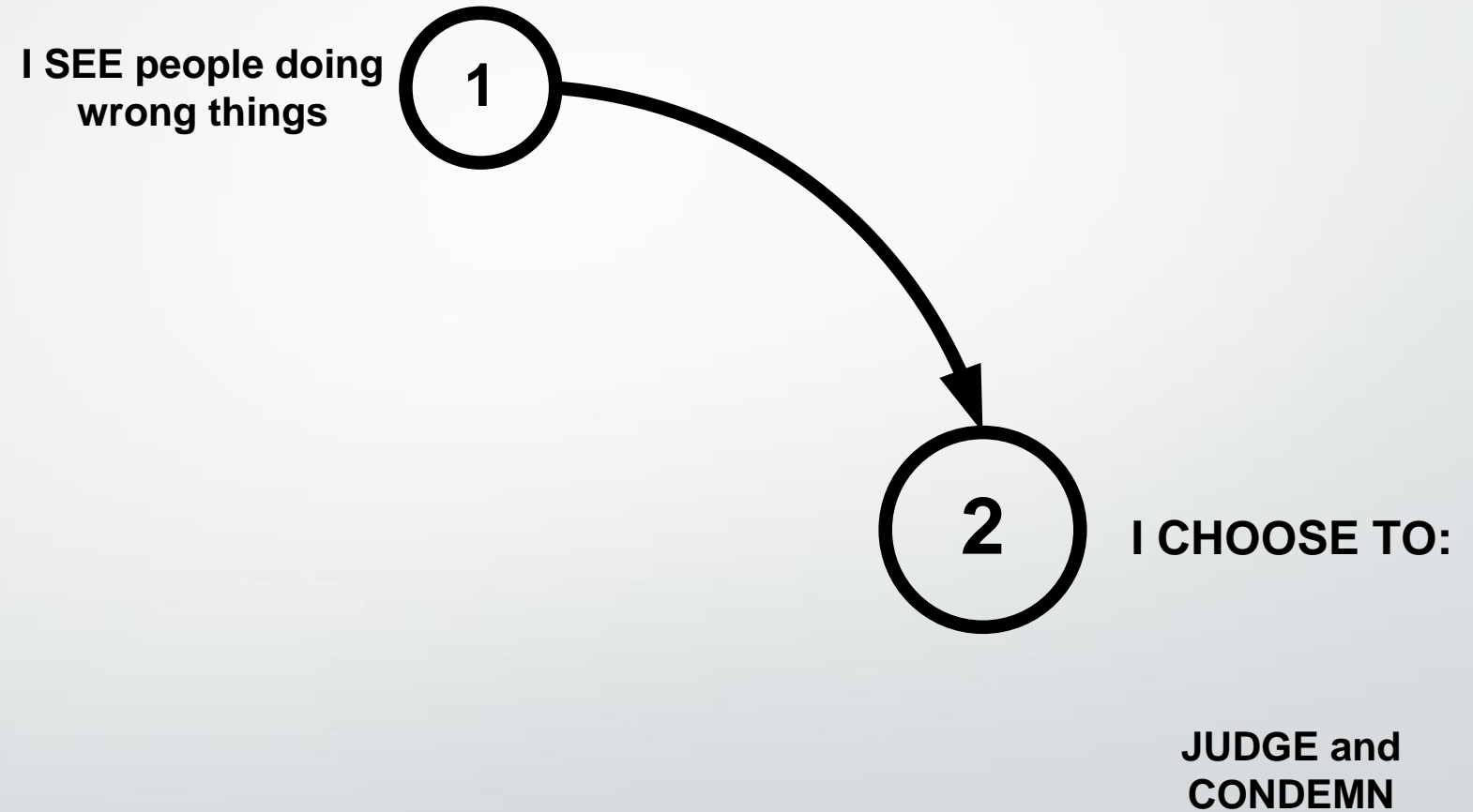
#1 I See People Doing Wrong

I SEE people doing
wrong things

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#2 I Choose to Judge & Condemn Them



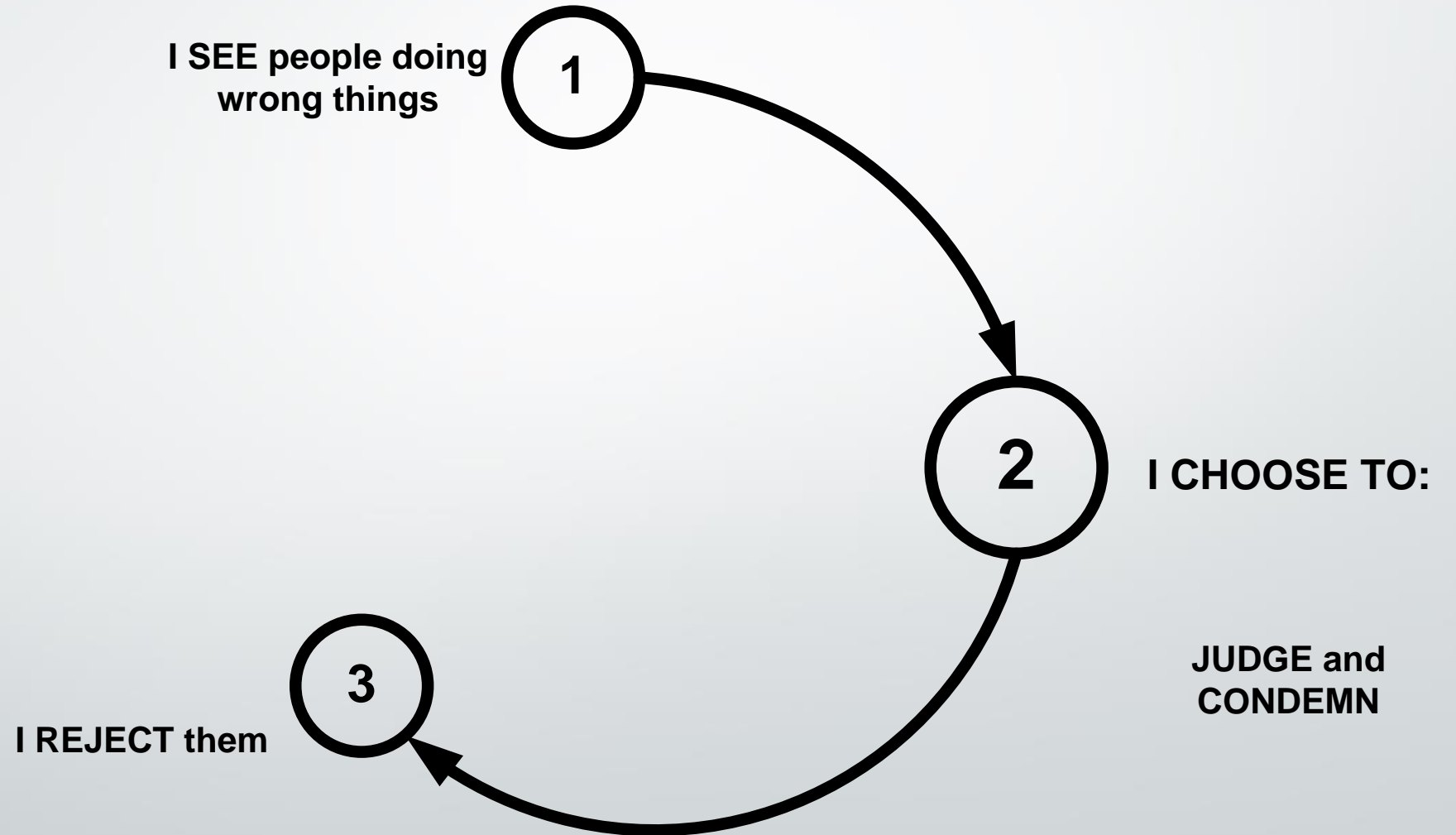
*“There is only **one Lawgiver and Judge**, the One who is able to save and to destroy; but **who are you who judge your neighbor?**” James 4:12 (NASB)*

*“And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, ‘Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?’ But He turned and rebuked them, and said, ‘**You do not know what manner of spirit you are of.**’”*

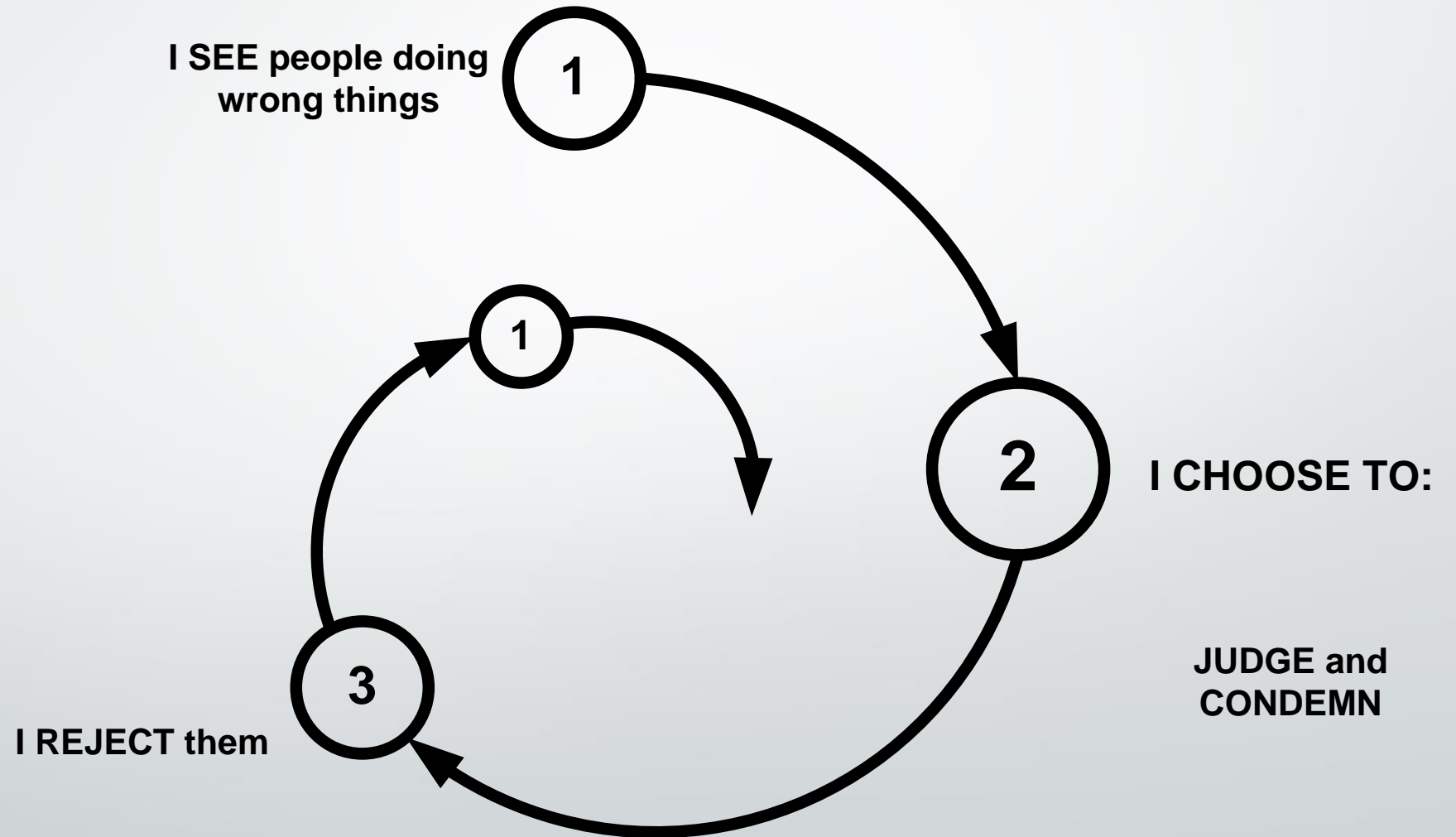
Luke 9:54–55 (NKJ)

*“If anyone hears My sayings and does not keep them, I do not judge Him; for I **did not come to judge** the world, but to save the world.” John 12:47 (NASB)*

#3 I Reject Them

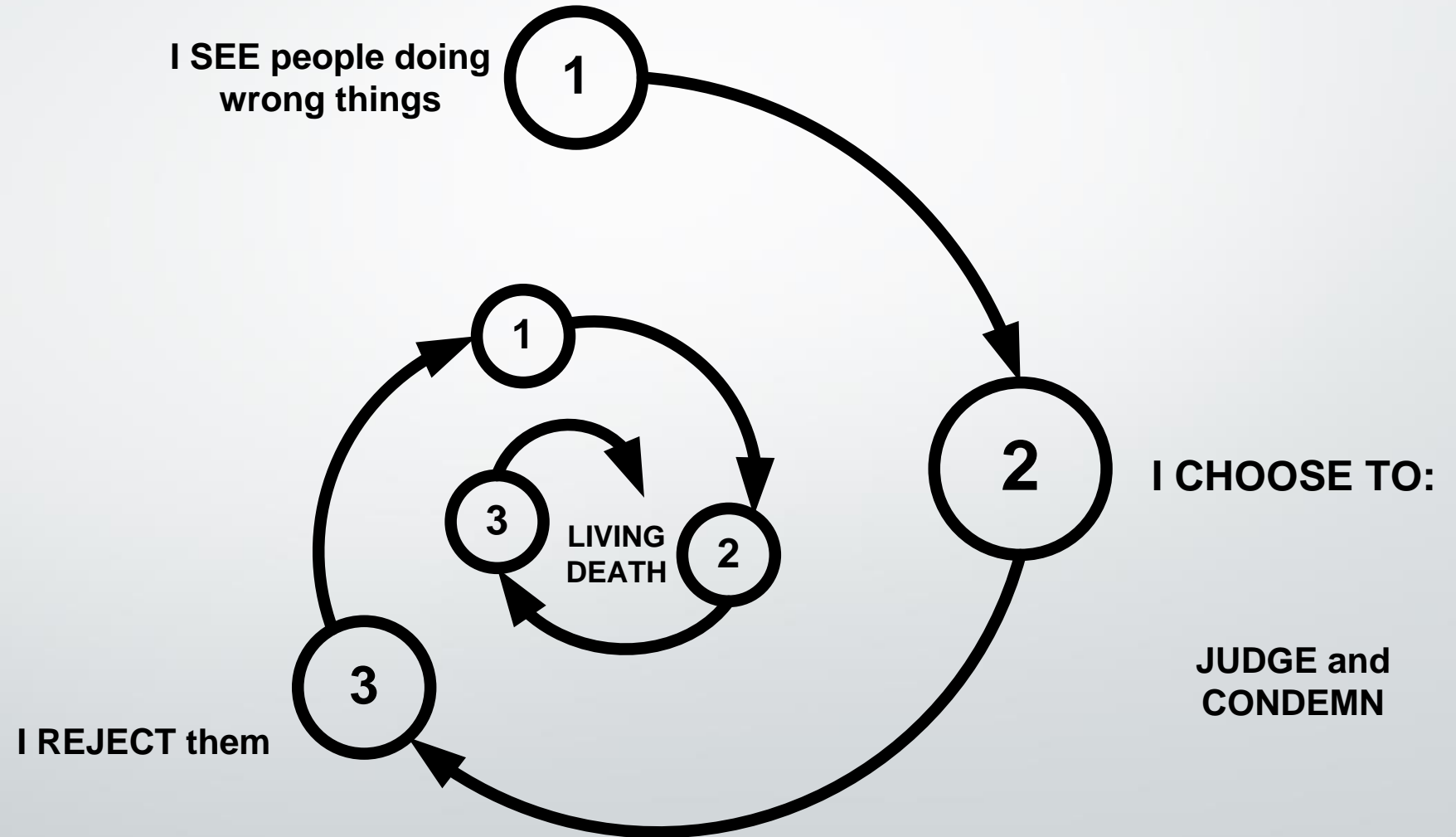


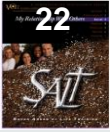
I See Them Doing More Wrong



*“Don’t pick on people, jump on their failures, criticize their faults – unless, of course, you want the same treatment. That critical spirit has a way of **boomeranging**.”*
Matthew 7:1–2 (MSG)

My Judging Leads to Living Death





Can You Relate to Any of These?

I try to control people and their circumstances so they will do the “right” thing.

I notice other people’s faults all the time.

I have periods of feeling frustrated, angry, and depressed.

I have trouble admitting I’m wrong.

People say I’m judgmental, intolerant or opinionated.

I don’t try to understand people, I only want to see if they know what they are talking about.

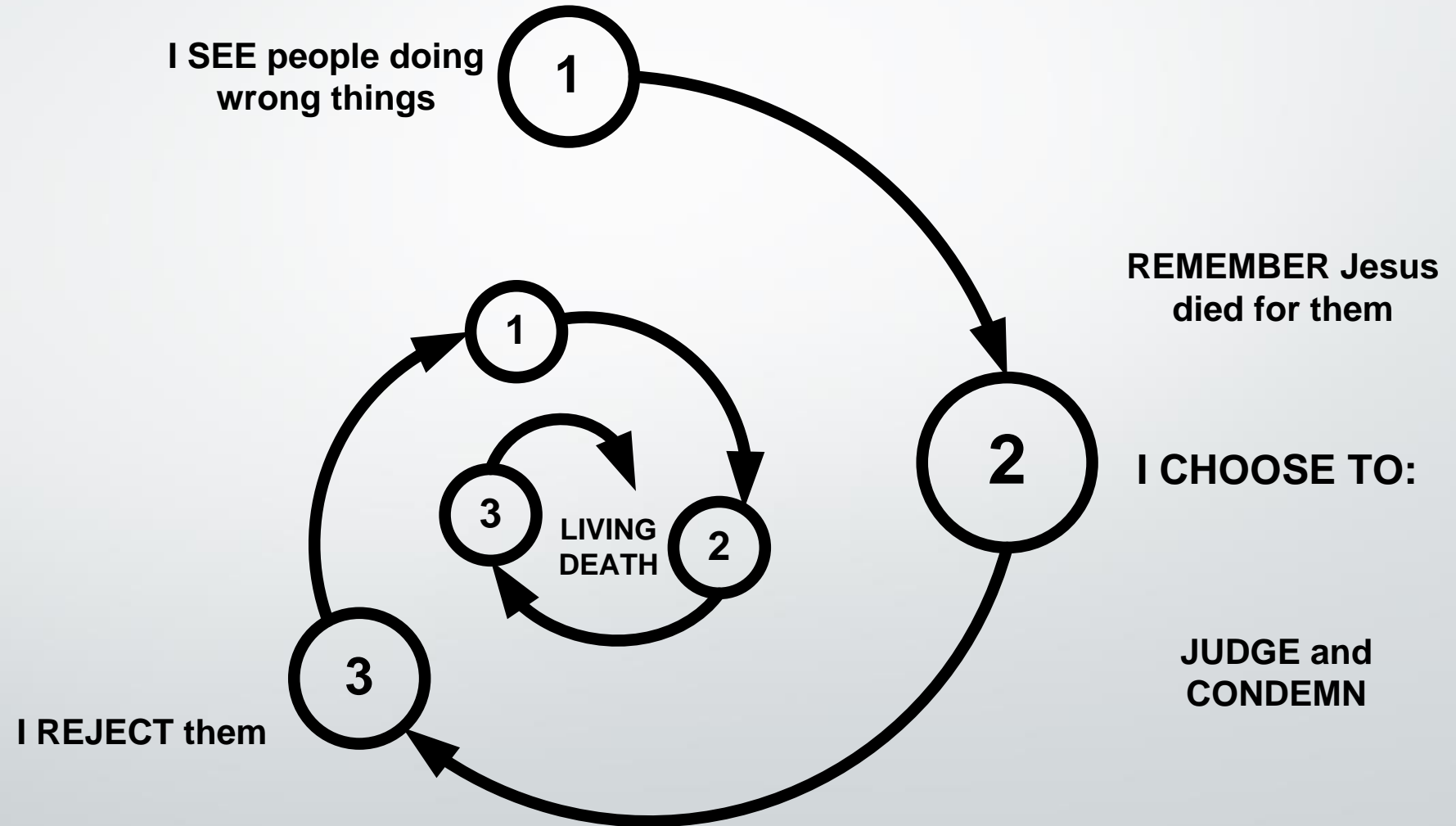
I have never found a church or job that suits me.

I call people bad names or mentally curse them.

I have a hostile relationship with former friends or family.

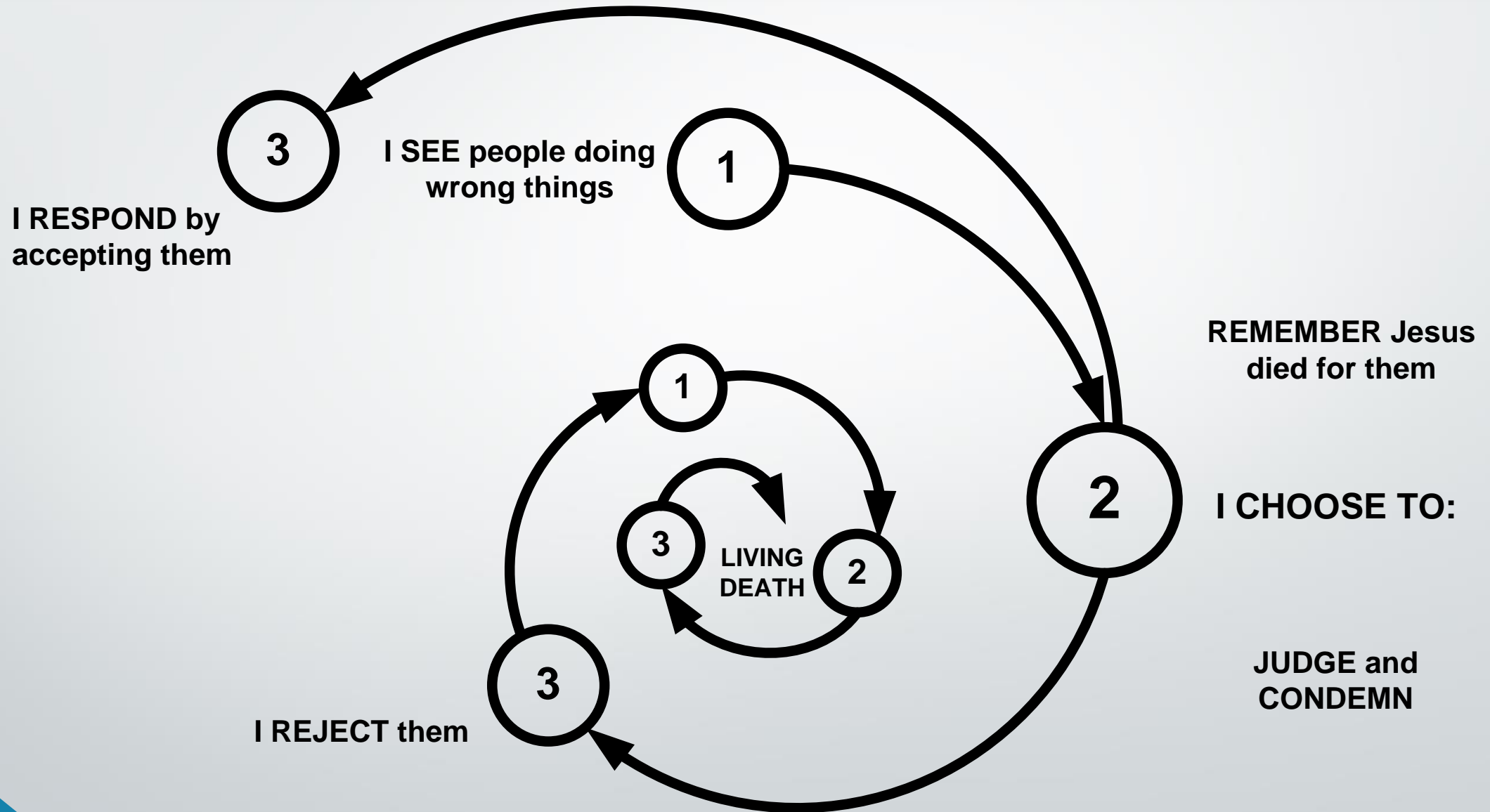
I do the same things I judged others for doing.

#2 I Choose to Remember Jesus Loves Them



“I knew that You were a gracious and compassionate God, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. I knew how easily You could cancel Your plans for destroying these people.” **Jonah 4:2 (NLT)**

New #3 I Respond By Accepting Others



*“...He who is without sin among you,
let him be the first to throw a stone at
her.”* **John 8:7 (NKJ)**



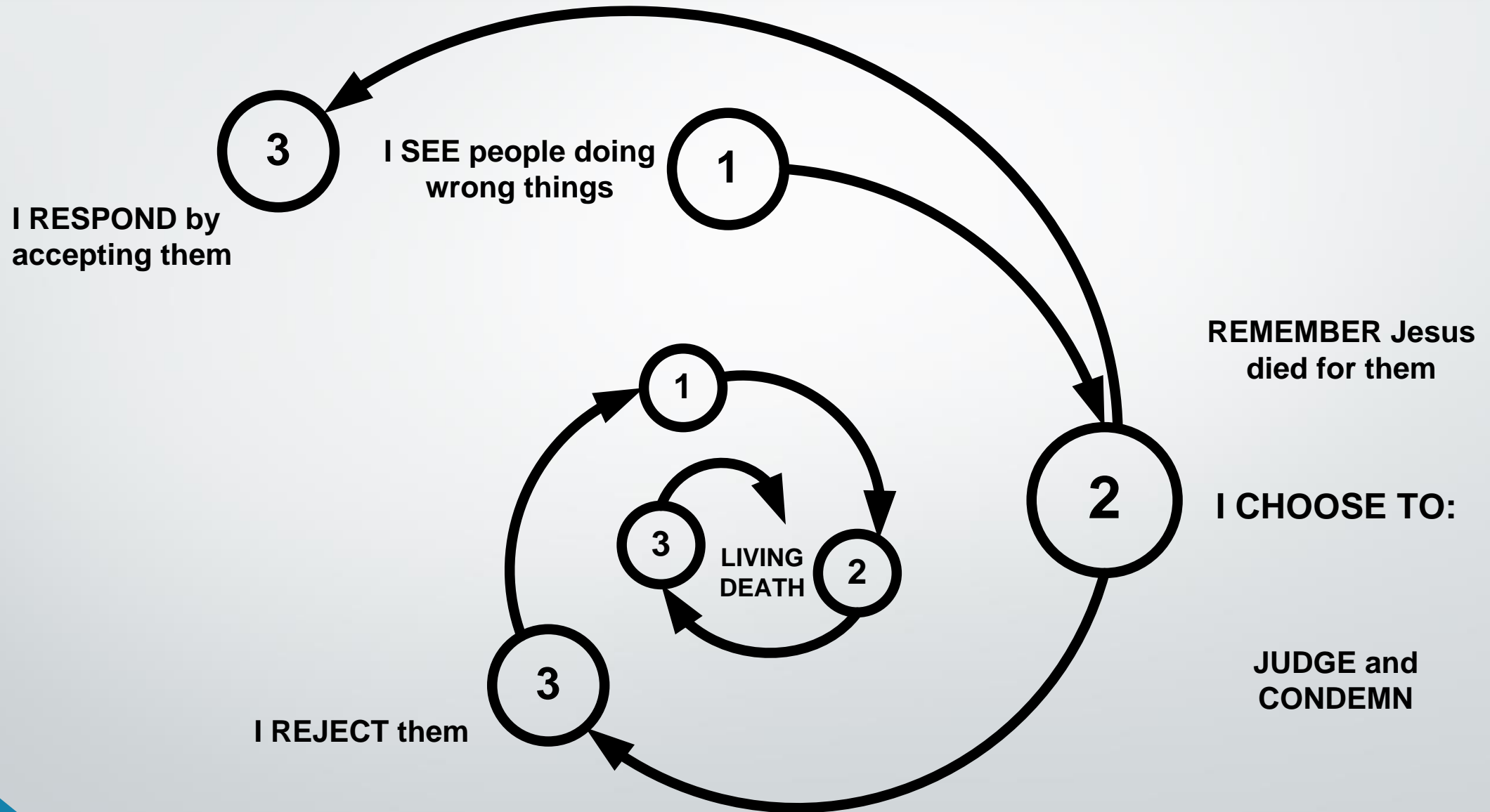
*“Woman, where are they? Does no one
CONDEMN you?’ ‘No one, Master.’
‘Neither do I **CONDEMN** you,’ Jesus
declared. “Go now and leave your life of
sin.” **John 8:10–11***

*“...We have the free gift of being accepted by God, **even though WE are guilty of many sins.**”*

Romans 5:16 (NLT)

*“Be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making **allowance** for each **other’s faults** because of your **LOVE.**” Ephesians 4:2 (NLT)*

Reversing the Judgment Cycle



APPLY THIS LIFE LESSON

Confess to God that you have been wrong for setting standards, judging and condemning, and having an attitude of superiority.

Tell God you choose to trust Him as Judge over your life and the lives of others.

Ask God to use you to love and accept the one you have been judging.



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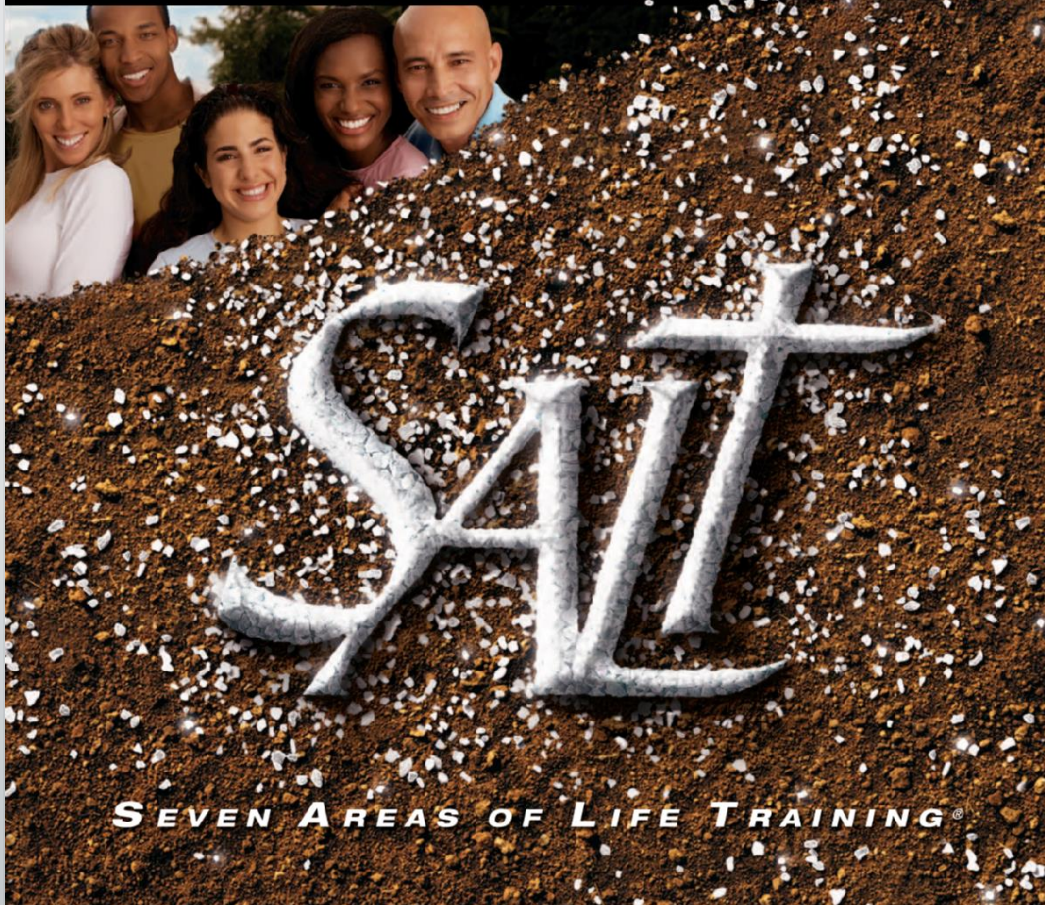
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