

FORGIVENESS!

There is only one thing that
produces forgiveness

I John 1:1-4

¹What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life-- ²and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us-- ³what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, **so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.** ⁴These things we write, so that our joy may be made complete.

I John 1:5-6

⁵This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth;

1 John 1:7

⁷but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, **and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

I John 1:8-10

⁸If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, He is faithful and **righteous** to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.

Forgiveness has practical or experiential results

Romans 12

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

Romans 12

17 Never pay back evil for evil to anyone Respect what is right in the sight of all men.

Romans 12

¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.

Romans 12

19 **Never take your own revenge**, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "**VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY,**" says the Lord.

20 "BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM, AND IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD."

3 Suggestions when forgiveness is needed, by you or someone else

Romans 12: ³For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have **sound judgment**, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.

1. Reflect on your own sin... weakness... desire... humility

3 Suggestions when forgiveness is needed, by you or someone else

Romans 12: ⁴For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and **individually members one of another.**

2. Reflect on you connection to the other person... brothers/sisters in Christ...

3 Suggestions when forgiveness is needed, by you or someone else

Romans 12: ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

3. Reflect on the power of good...

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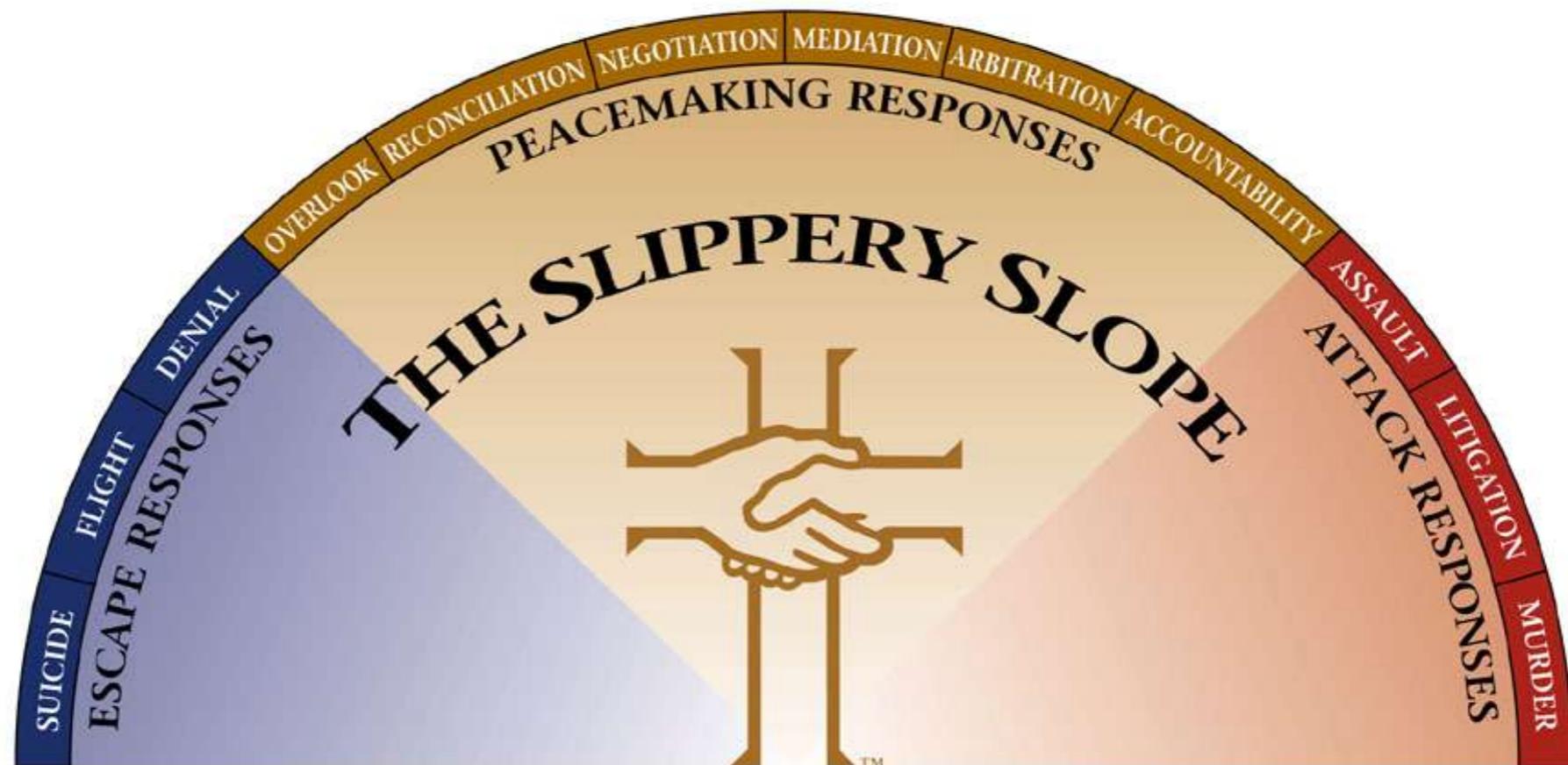
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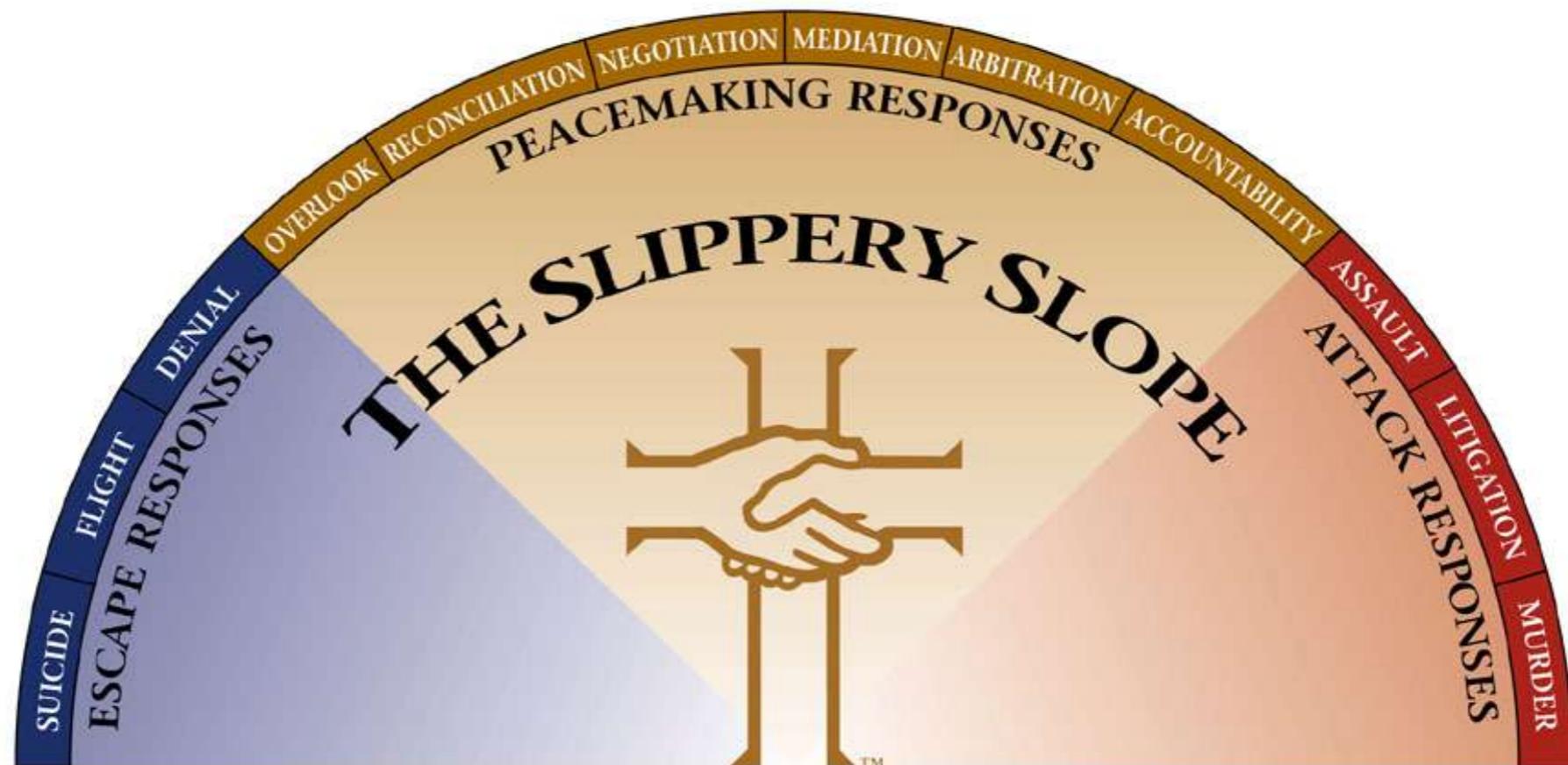
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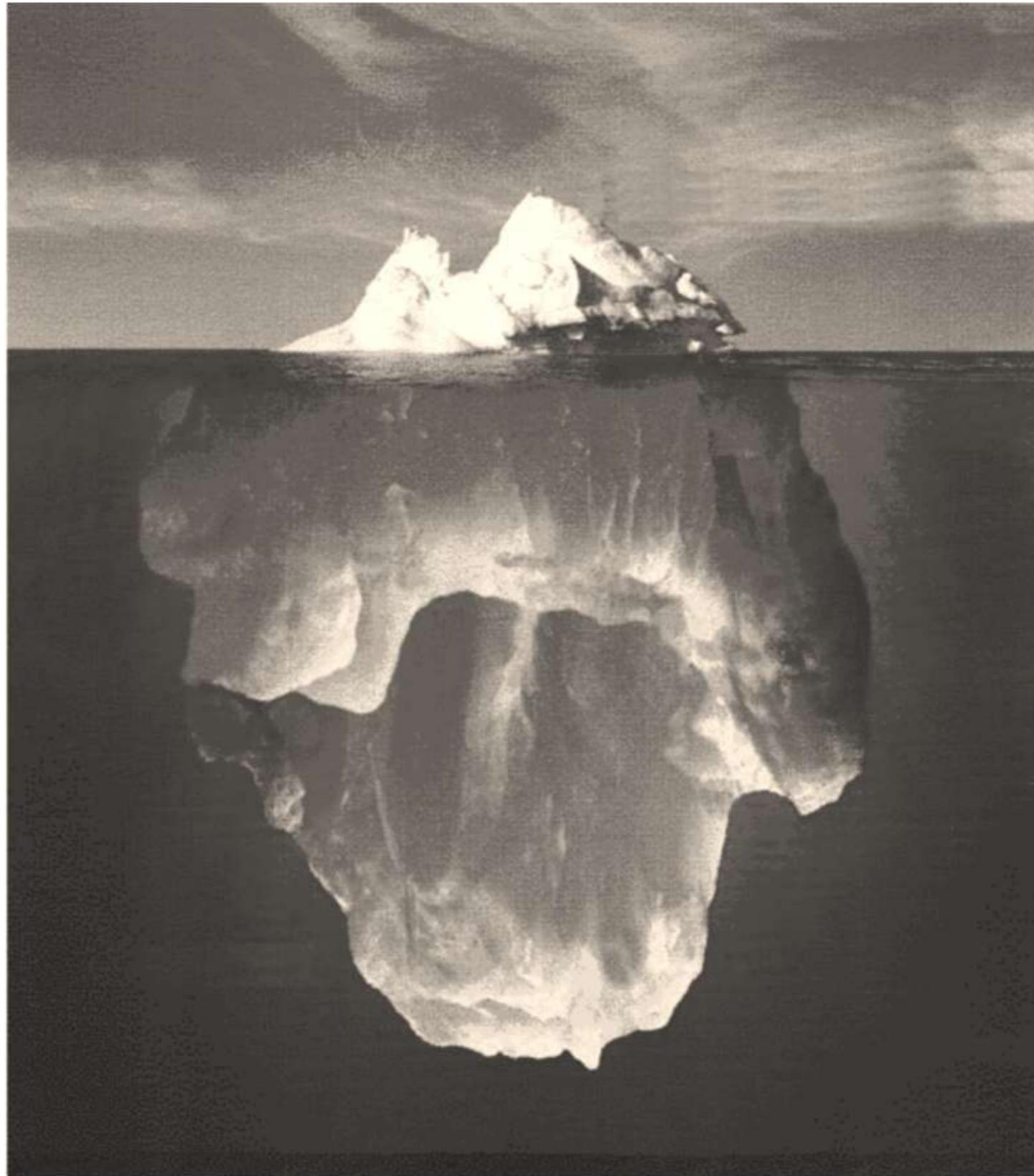
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reflects man.



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Hebrews 4

11 Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that no one will fall, through following the same example of disobedience. 12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

