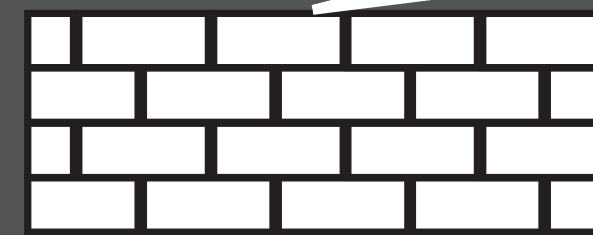


Stage of Ascent:

= About me making it happen

= Me making promises and keeping them



SOVEREIGN FOUNDATIONS:
(Psalms 139:13-16)
• Experiences
• Modeling/Models
• Trauma

Period of idealism
• Filled with possibilities
• Key Words=hard work, success, duty, responsibility-Bring IT ON!
• Willingness to burn candle at both ends
• Tons of energy-love to say "YES"
• Image is everything-don't need to do the right thing as much as be seen doing them
• Spirituality not in love with God as much as being in love with the idea of being in love with God

• Some call it a mid-life crisis or dark night of the soul
• Inner loss of meaning & fulfillment=boredom
• Often accompanied by failure
• Bumping up vs. the wall of your limitations
• Walls-rationally, vocationally, financially, emotionally, physically=| CANNOT do this!
• Repeated attempts to regain power, control, ability but heroic attempts no longer work or don't help

The Heroic Journey
Identity Opens Up



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SEASON OF CHOICE

The Viagra Journey

Old Fool

OLD FOOLS
• Try to get back on heroic journey
• Often remain shallow because they keep attempting old tricks
• Become irrelevant and run out of something to do

The Embittered Journey

Angry Fool

ANGRY FOOLS
• Operate by a spirit of entitlement
• Lose their sense of service
• When they don't get what they want become angry
• Wounds aren't sacred
• Blame others
• Become Cynical & Negative

the Wisdom journey

Holy Fool

HOLY FOOLS
• Make it about others
• Secure enough to be insecure=no image management
• Redefine success
• Sense of calling matters
• Soft, teachable, become listeners
• Exist to give it all away
• Fewer rules, major on majors
Embrace the desert life as identity and child of God



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18-40



40-60



60+

My Life Journey

Stage of Descent:

= About God working in & through & around me
= About resting in God's promises to make it happen