

Stories

How are stories
important?

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Challenge: Stories

My children
like stories.



Tell me one
they like.



A Sample Story

Once upon a time, in a kingdom far, far away, a king and a queen had a daughter, and she grew into a beautiful princess.

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Stories in the Bible

What should I be learning from stories in the Bible?



God works out redemption.





A. The Story of Redemption

Basic Story of Redemption

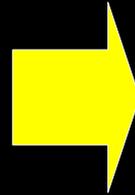
For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, --

1 Cor. 15:3-4

Basic Story of Redemption (2)

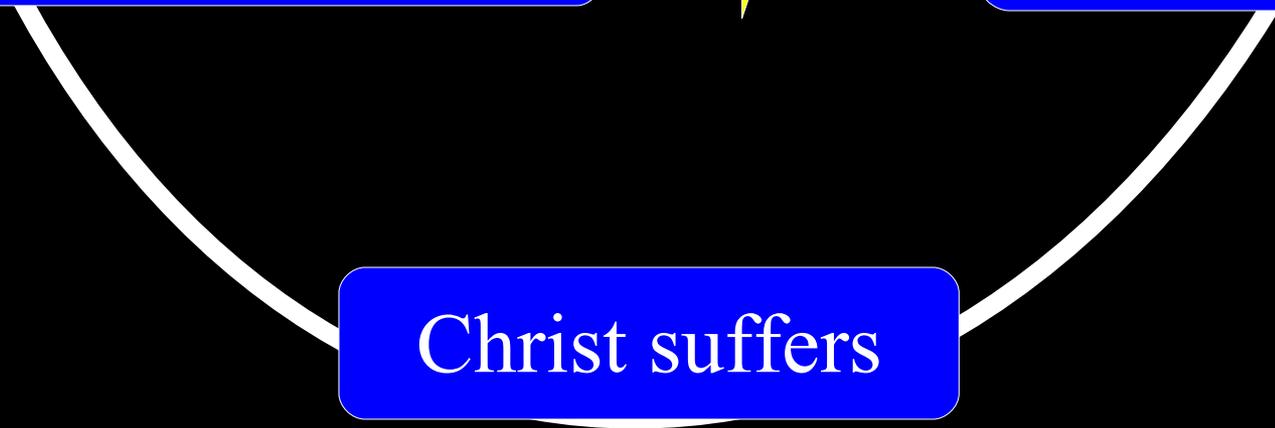
Need for Redemption

Plan for Redemption



Christ rises
victorious

Christ suffers



Application to Your Redemption

Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

-- Rom. 6:8

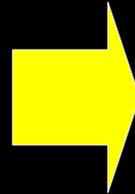
So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. -- Rom. 6:11

Application to Your Redemption (2)

Need for Redemption

Plan for Redemption

your need



Christ rises
victorious

you have
new life

new body

Christ suffers

you give up

you trust Christ



B. Small Redemptions

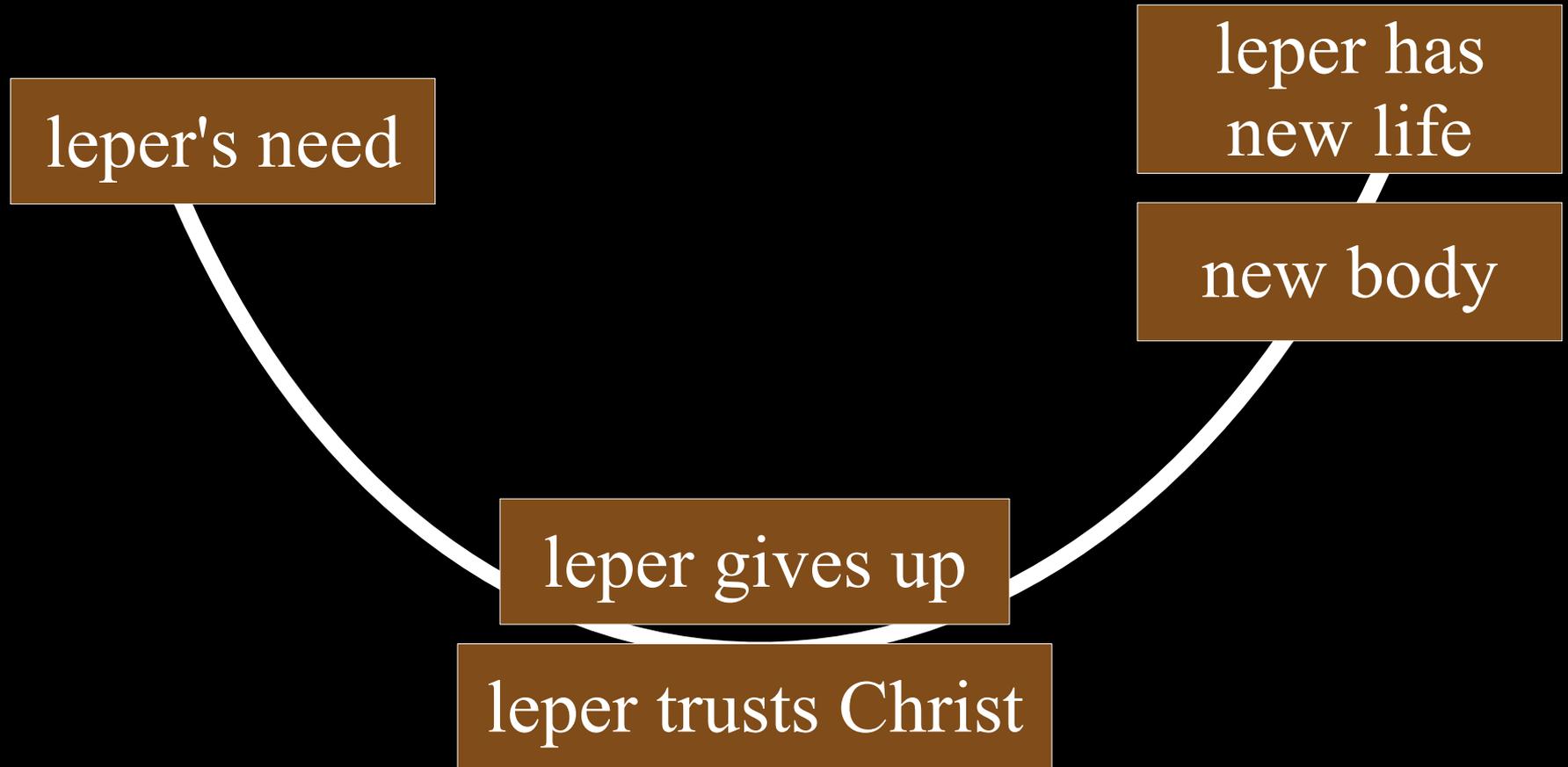
Healing a Leper

While he was in one of the cities, there came a man full of leprosy. And when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged him, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately the leprosy left him. --
Luke 5:12-13

Healing a Leper (2)

And he charged him to tell no one, but "go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as Moses commanded, for a proof to them." But now even more the report about him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.. -- Luke 5:14-16

Plot: Healing of a Leper



Symbolism in Leprosy

Sin: Contamination
and Death

leper's need

Trust

Exchange

leper gives up

leper trusts Christ

New Life

Free from Sin

leper has
new life

new body

Healing a Paralytic

On one of those days, as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with him to heal. And behold, some men were bringing on a bed a man who was paralyzed, and they were seeking to bring him in and lay him before Jesus, but finding no way to bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the midst before Jesus. -- Luke 5:17-19

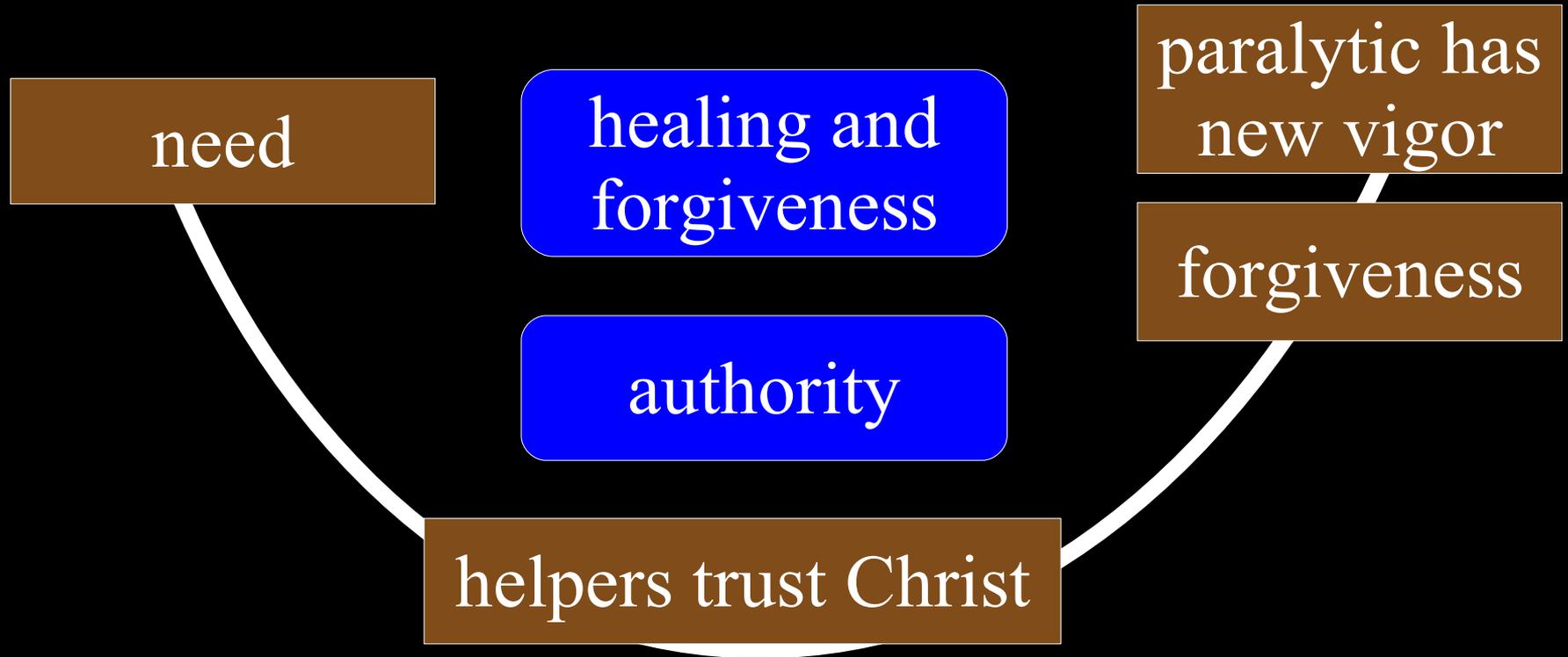
Healing a Paralytic (2)

And when he saw their faith, he said, "Man, your sins are forgiven you." And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" When Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answered them, "Why do you question in your hearts? Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? -- Luke 5:20-23

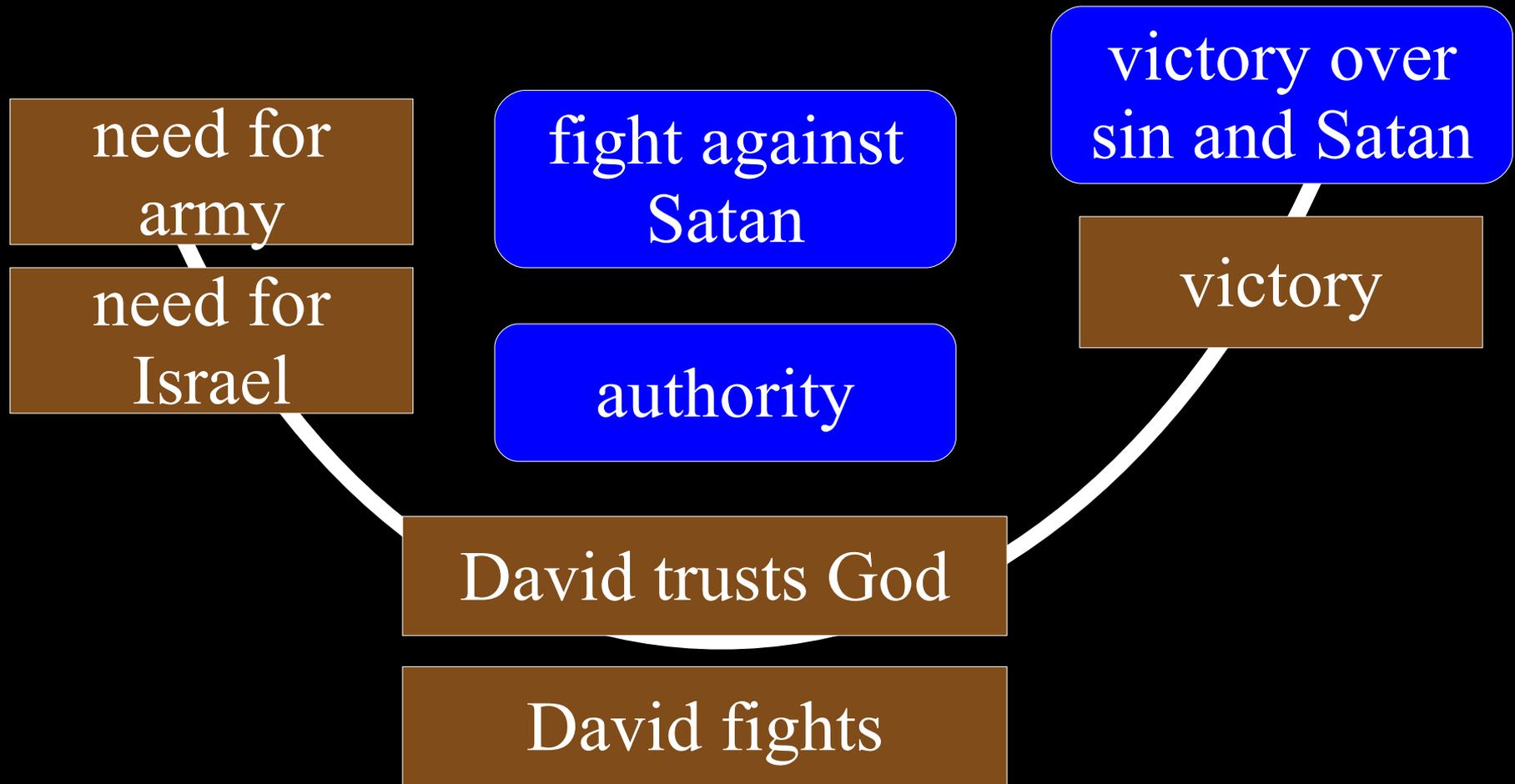
Healing a Paralytic (3)

But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"--he said to the man who was paralyzed--"I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home." And immediately he rose up before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went home, glorifying God. And amazement seized them all, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, "We have seen extraordinary things today." -- Luke 5:24-26

Plot: Healing of a Paralytic



Goliath (1 Sam. 17)



Pattern of Redemption

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, --

1 Cor. 15:3-4

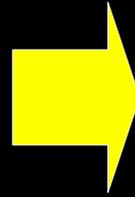


C. Large Redemption

Story of Adam

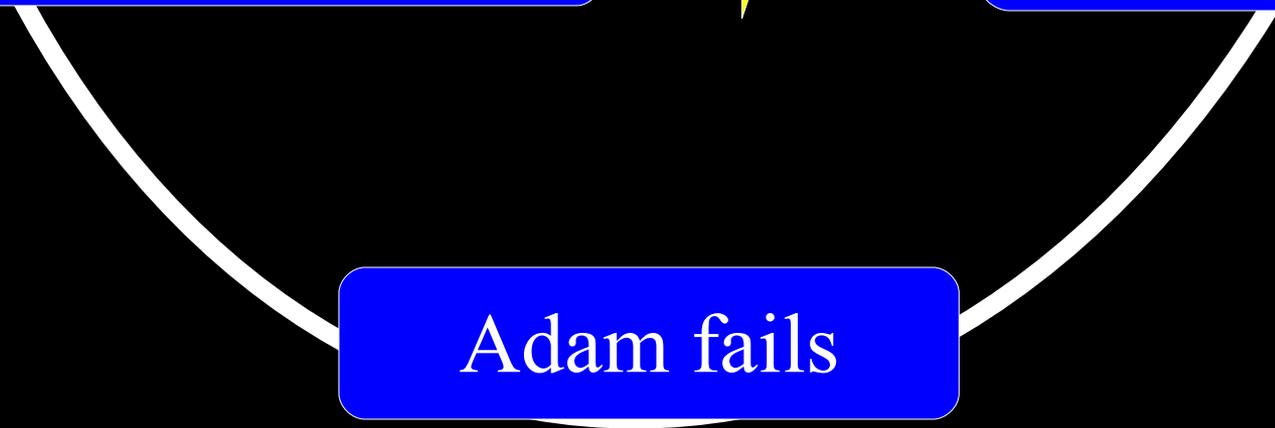
Goal of Consummation

Plan for the Goal



Christ as
last Adam

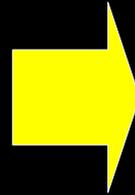
Adam fails



Story of Last Adam

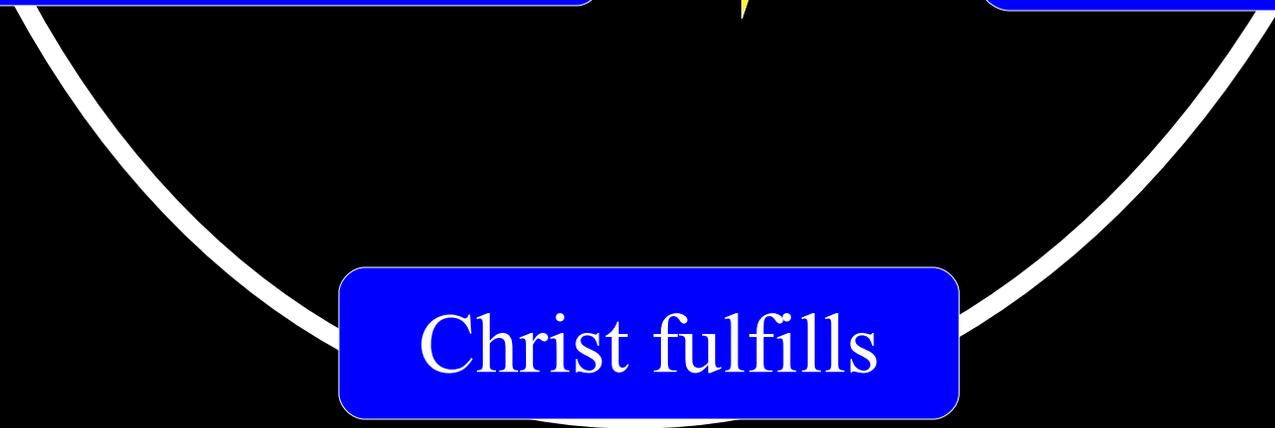
Goal of Consummation

Plan for Christ's Work



Christ
enthroned

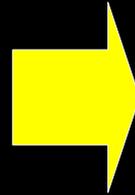
Christ fulfills



Story of Joshua at Jericho

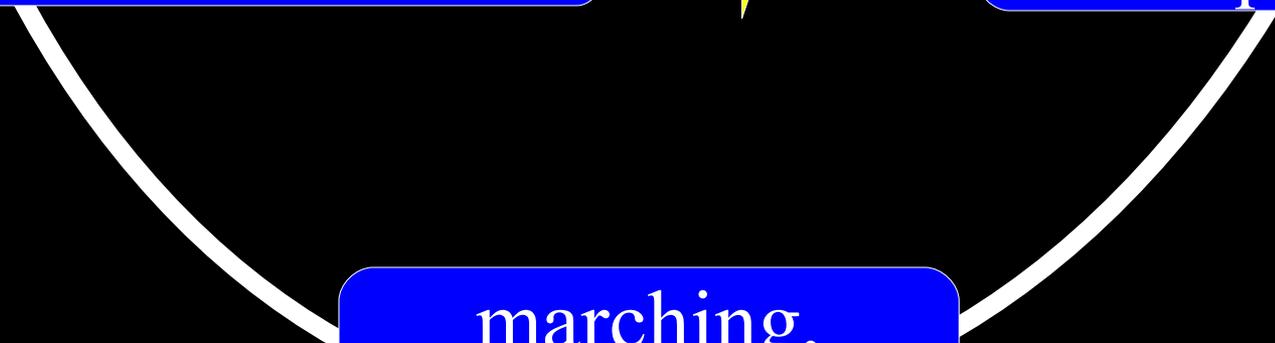
Goal of Conquest

Plan for Joshua's Work



Jericho
conquered

marching,
trumpeting



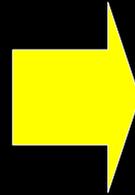


D. Stories People Tell

Story of Need

Need

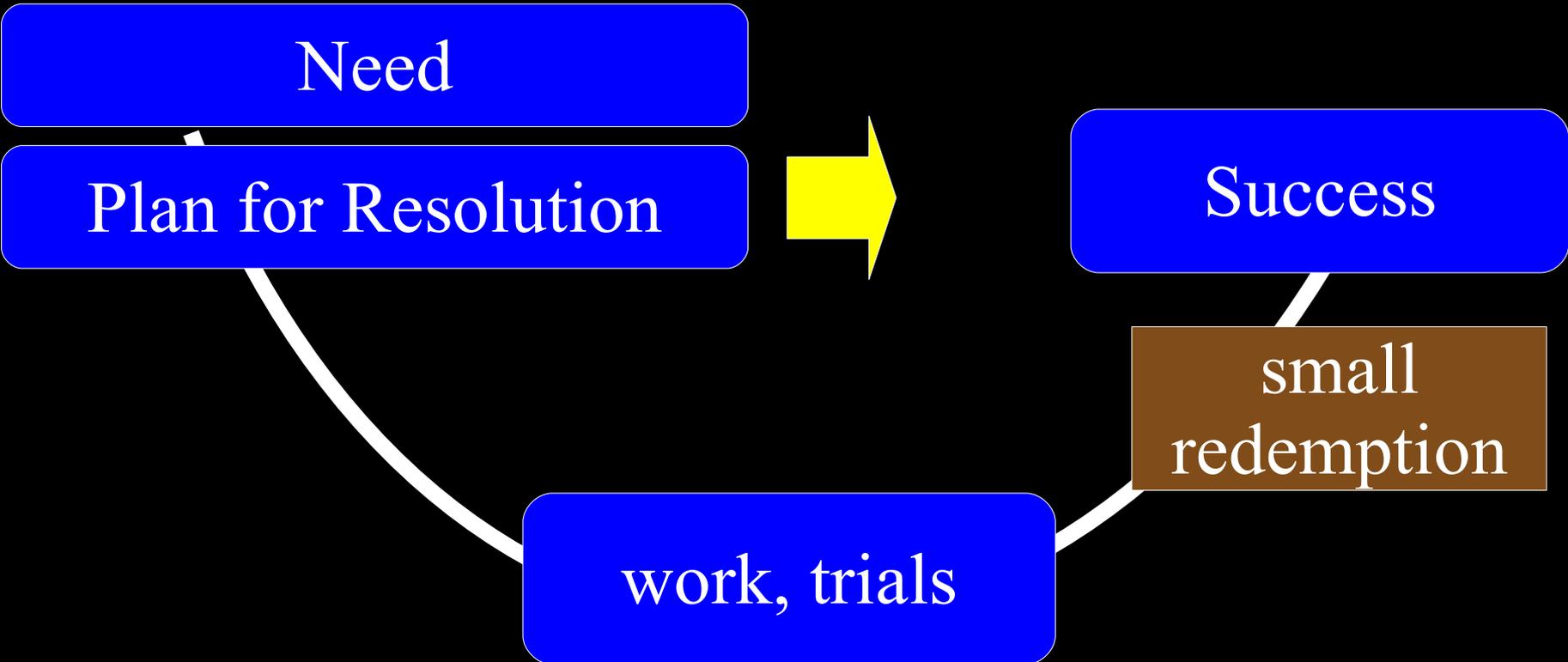
Plan for Resolution



Success

small
redemption

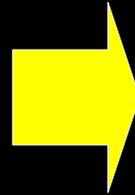
work, trials



Story of Need

Princess in distress

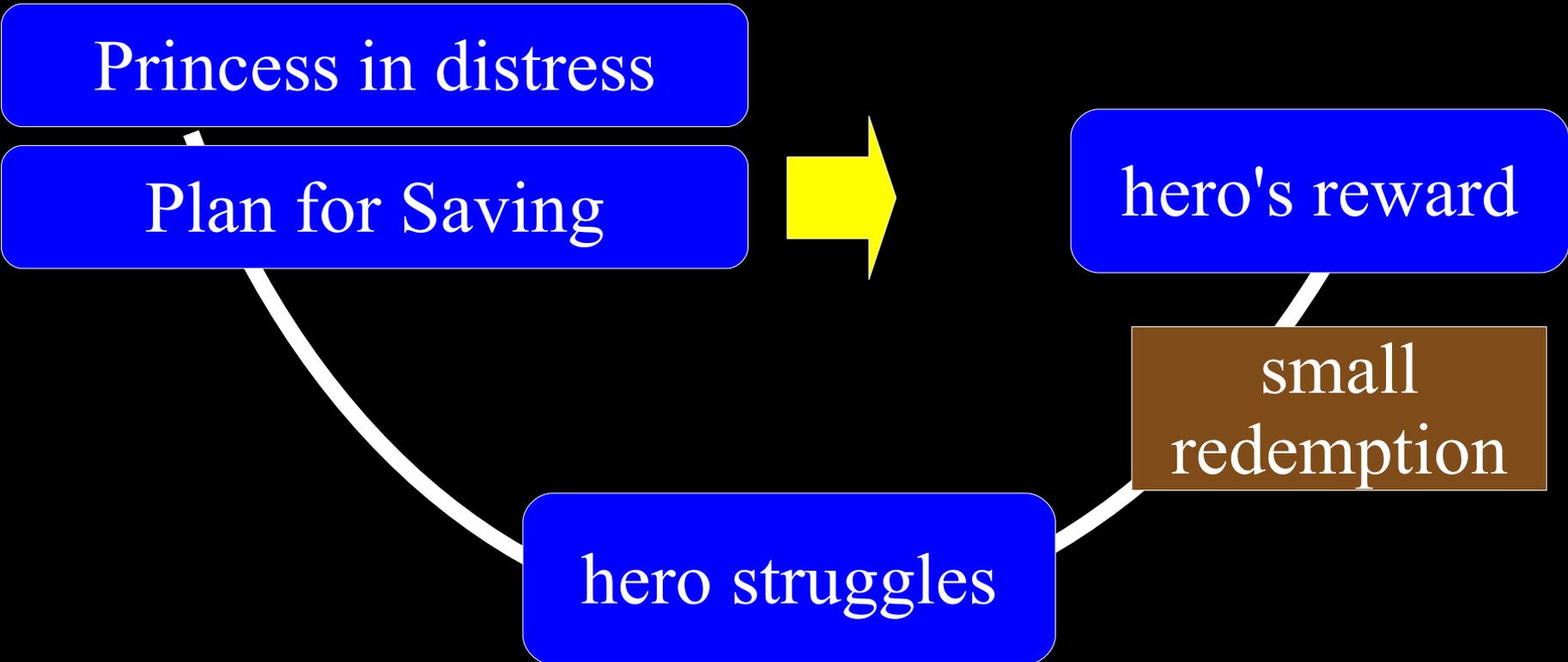
Plan for Saving



hero's reward

small
redemption

hero struggles



Difficulties

Normal world

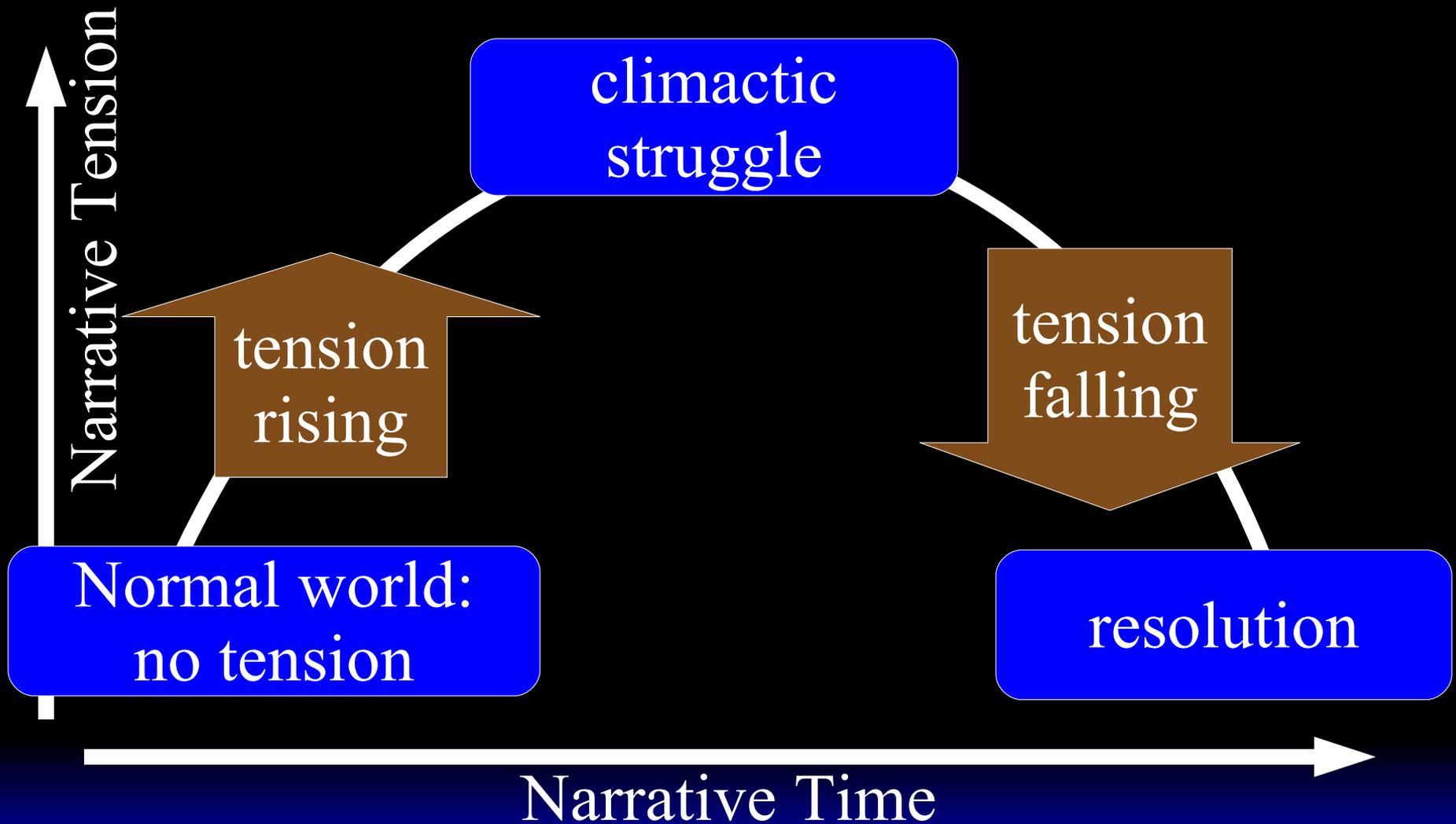
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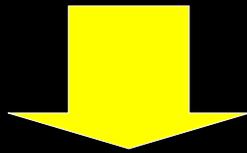
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Narrative Tension

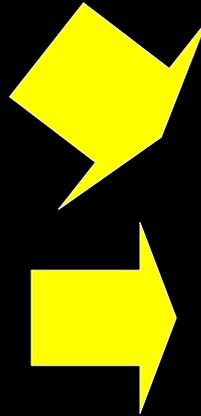


Principle and Application

One Way
of Salvation



in Christ



Many Applications

Many People

Many Crises