

Spiritual Practices

5 – Becoming A Community Of Contentment In A Culture Of Consumerism







We are apprenticing
under Jesus.

BE

BECOME

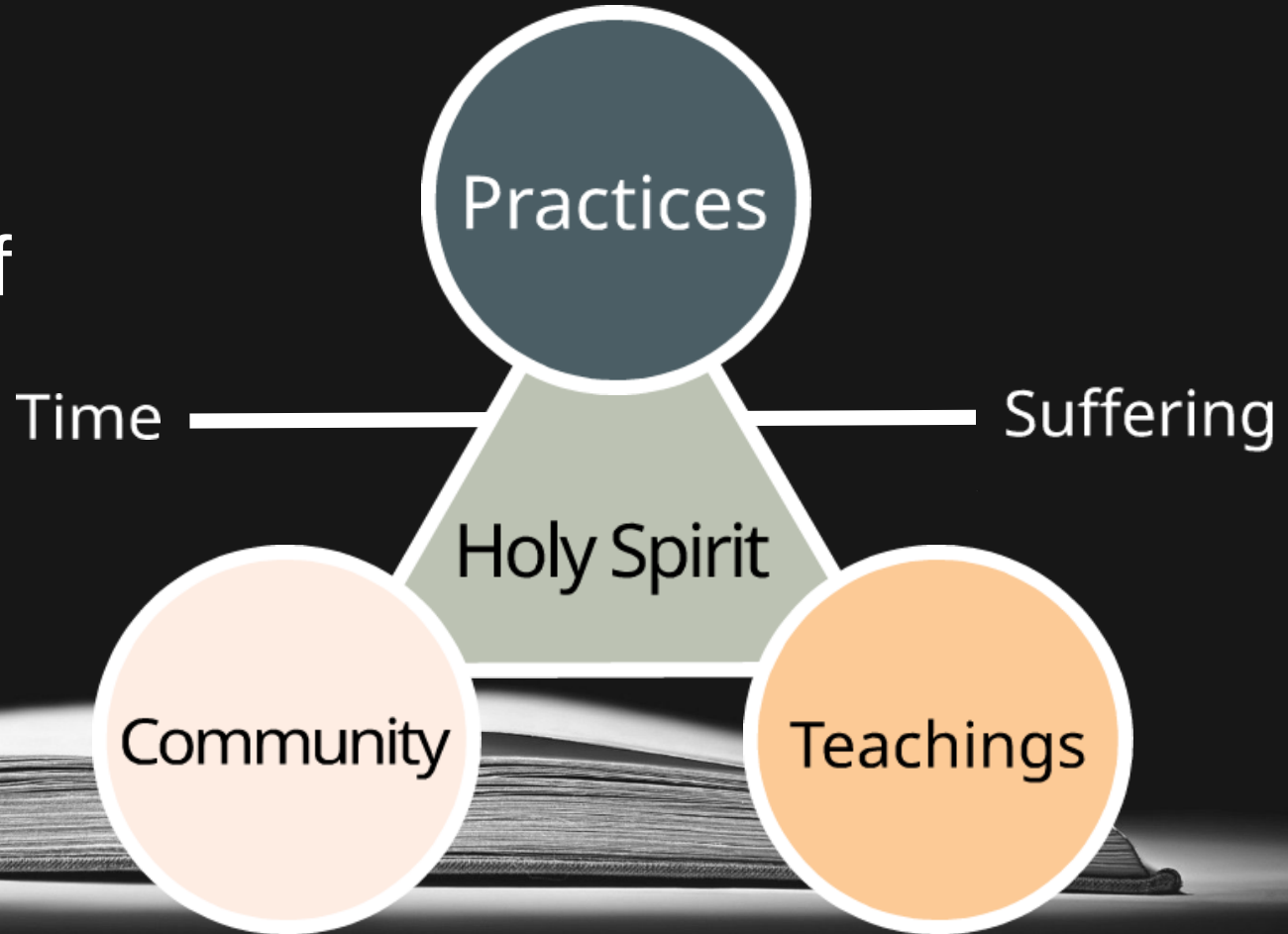
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What Transforms Me?

Be **transformed**
by the renewing of
your mind

Romans 12:2



“It is more blessed to give
than to receive.”

Acts 20:35



Transformed to be like Jesus through the practice of Generosity



“It is more *blessed* to give
than to receive.”

Acts 20:35



μακάριόν – makarios

Blessed → Happy, Fortunate, Well off



Do not store up for yourselves treasure on earth...
but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven.
Where your treasure is, there your heart will be.

Matthew 6:19-24



Good Eye – Abundance

God as father/provider

You're his child

Life is a gift

More than enough

Gratitude to God

Generous to your neighbour

Bad Eye – Scarcity

No father/provider

You're on your own

Life is Dangerous

Scarce resources

Fearful

Greedy



Practicing generosity moves our heart
from a scarcity mindset
to the abundance mindset of Jesus.



The more we give away,
the less control it has over our lives.



... the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.

Mark 4:1-20



Whoever loves money never has enough;
whoever loves wealth is never satisfied
with their income.

Ecclesiastes 5:10



But now as for what is inside you – be generous to the poor, and everything will be clean for you.

Luke 11:37-41



Keep your lives free from the love of money
and be content with what you have,
because God has said,
“Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”
Hebrews 13:5



Contentment is being satisfied in who you are, who you are and what you have. Those who love and serve Jesus can be truly content. Those who love and serve money can never be.

– Randy Alcorn, Giving is the Good Life



Questions for reflection:

- 1) What shaped my views and attitude to money?
- 2) Do I have margin in my finances?
- 3) How can I grow my generosity?



For God so loved the world that he gave

John 3:16

