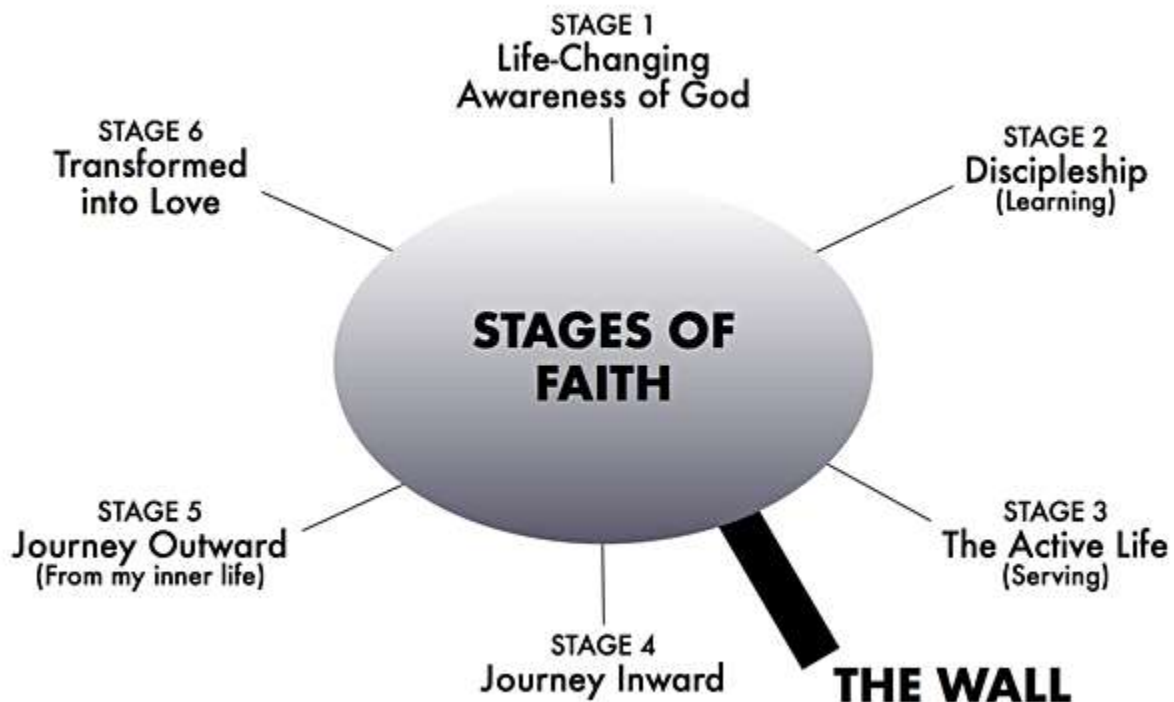


Letting Go of Power and Control! Part 1

Gen. 22:1-14, Ephesians 1:4, Philippians 4:12

- The Christian life is a _____ and God holds the _____.
 - “Hitting the _____”. The wall is the emotional and spiritual _____ we all will face at some point in our life.
 - It can be a time of _____, a time of spiritual _____, a time of questioning our faith due to the circumstances we find ourselves in.
- Our faith journey has many different _____ that Christ takes us through as we grow in our faith.
 - Many of us get _____ when we hit the “wall”
 - Growth into maturity in Christ requires going _____ the wall. Gen 22:1-11
- If we are going to follow Christ there are _____, _____, _____ to our journey.
 - Jesus is also moving us _____ in our faith. Ephesians 1:4
- Stages of our Faith (First 3)
 - Stage 1** “Life-Changing Awareness of _____”
 - Stage 2** “_____” - learning about God and what it means to be a follower of Christ
 - Stage 3** “The _____ Life” - the _____ stage!
- As we live life we encounter devastating things that challenge our _____.
 - How do we know when we are up against a wall?
 - We feel _____, defeated, _____, empty, weariness over comes us.
- Stage 4 is called “The journey _____” - This is where believers get _____.
 - At this point in our journey this is where God begins to _____ us. Philippians 4:12
 - What does _____ look like on the other side of the wall?



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