



Our Fourfold Movement toward Authentic Community

- **OUR VISION: A Right View of God [= Real Transformation]**

USEFUL God	SOVEREIGN God
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God fixes and makes my life better. • God is a part of my life. • “What do You want me to do?” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God calls me to His sovereign plan. • I am a part of God’s life. • “What do You desire to see in/thru me?”

- **OUR FOURFOLD MOVEMENT***: Practical Implications on Our Lives and Community

- 1) Move from *superficial relationships* to **DEEP COMMITMENT** that creates safety.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Porcupine Dance”: superficiality • Focus on past hurts/dysfunctions • Lack of good experiences in community • Conditional love/acceptance • “I will settle for less than get hurt.” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New passion: Christ-centered relationships • Mutual commitment/friendship covenant • Loving honesty—calling each other out • Risking/allowing each other to hit bottom • “I accept you.”
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- 2) Move from *cynicism about transformation* to **VISION** for one another.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disillusionment/disappointments about people we once admired • Disillusionment/disappointment about ourselves in our attempts to change • Lack of godly role-models/culture • “I doubt I (nor you) can really change.” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New vision: to become more like Christ [real transformation] • Accountability in seeking Scripture-guidance and the mind of Christ • Practicing the power of prayer • “I believe in you.”
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- 3) Move from *being merely “nice” to each other* to **MOVING INTO** each other’s lives.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aversion to confrontation • Dysfunctional family/community experiences • Apprehension about the cost when things go wrong (lack of role models/guides) • “I don’t want to rock the boat.” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New source: to grow in grace/share grace • Learning to listen to the prompting/leading of the Spirit in humility • Valuing the process of discernment, seeing blind spots & desiring others’ feedback • “I see/challenge you.”
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- 4) Move from *getting bogged down with second things* to **SEEKING FIRST THINGS FIRST**.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A “useful- God” mentality • Lack of spiritual power (self-obsession/unbroken spirit) • Absence of true accountability • “Let me fix it for you.” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New appetite: to desire God/Christlikeness • Ground rule—“You can’t start a fire unless your heart has been ignited by the Spirit.” • Covenanting to seek “first things” together • “I pour into you.”
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* Some of these four concepts/wordings are adapted from *Becoming a True Spiritual Community* (1999/2007) by Larry Crabb.