

The Gift of Peace
John 14: 27- 31

‘For the Past 80 Years, young Americans are getting more anxious and depressed and no one is quite sure why.’ —NY Magazine, March 2016.

JESUS IS PASSIONATE ABOUT PEACE

Isaiah 9

For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us, and the government will be on His shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

PEACE CAN BE A PROBLEM

Problem#1: Disordered Love.

(v.27) 'my peace is not like the world gives'

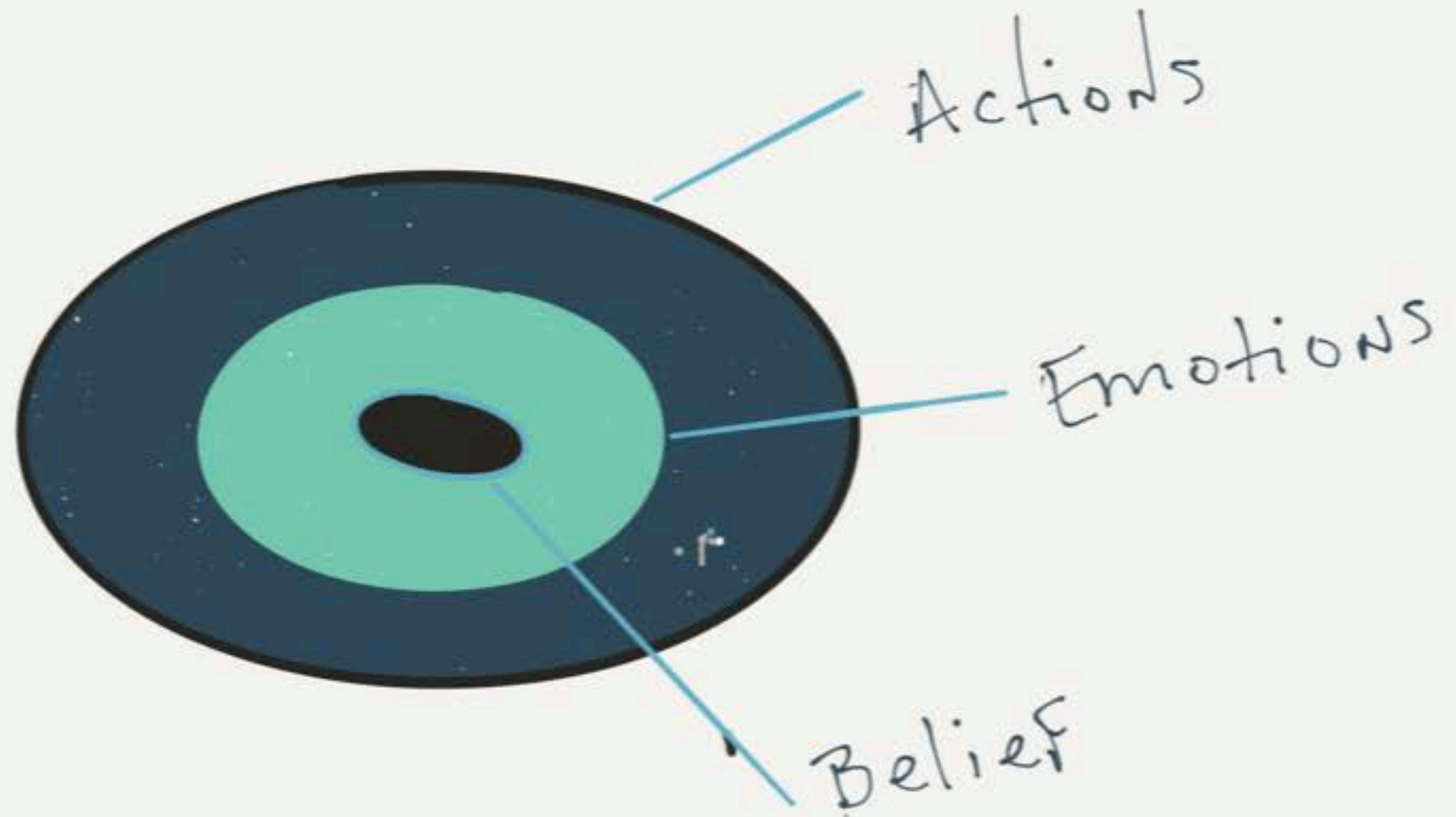
(v.31) On the contrary, I am going away so that the world may know that I love the Father. Just as the Father commanded Me, so I do.

(v.28) You have heard Me tell you, 'I am going away and I am coming to you.' If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I.

Problem #2: Distorted Beliefs.

(v.27) Your heart must not be troubled or fearful.

“As you have lived, so you have believed.”—Soren.
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(v.29) I have told you now before it happens so that when it does happen you may believe.

PEACE IS POSSIBLE

Jesus peace is active not passive.

John 14:30-31

I will not talk with you much longer, because the ruler of the world is coming. He has no power over Me. 31 On the contrary, I am going away so that the world may know that I love the Father. Just as the Father commanded Me, so I do. "Get up; let's leave this place.

The chief of this godless world is about to attack. But don't worry—he has nothing on me, no claim on me. But so the world might know how thoroughly I love the Father, I am carrying out my Father's instructions right down to the last detail. "Get up. Let's go. It's time to leave here."

—The Message

We actively pursue peace by believing the promise of Jesus (good news).

(v.27) Your heart must not be troubled or fearful. 28 You have heard Me tell you, 'I am going away and I am coming to you.'

We must actively pursue peace by encouraging and confronting in honesty and humility

Colossians 3:15

And let the peace of the Messiah, to which you were also called in one body, control your hearts. Be thankful.

16 Let the message about the Messiah dwell richly among you, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, and singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, with gratitude in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.