

# Why Do We Stay Stuck?





# The Self-Help Industry



# The Recovery Industry





70% of individuals struggling with alcoholism will relapse at some point, however, relapse rates decline the longer someone stays sober





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### The Power to Change starts with new knowledge, new awareness, new wisdom.



### RENEWAL JOURNEY

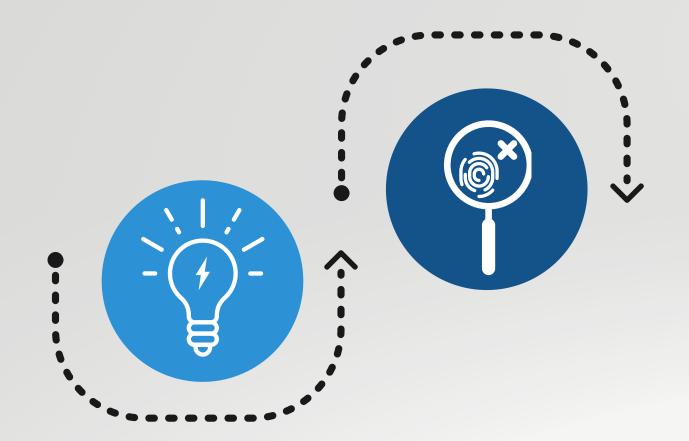


#### KNOW

We know who we are and how we tend to show up in our thinking, feelings, actions and being through knowledge shared by others.

## The Power To Change requires me to recognize my thinking, feeling, acting and being as it really is.

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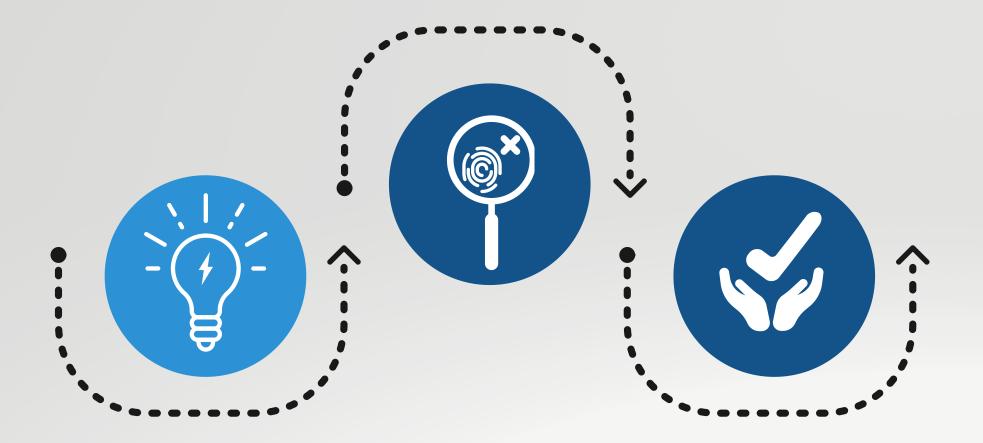


#### RECOGNIZE

We recognize the shadow and all of the subtle ways it shows up. This is a life-long journey.

The Power To Change can't be unleashed until we acknowledge how who we are is affecting our life and impacting others. Change

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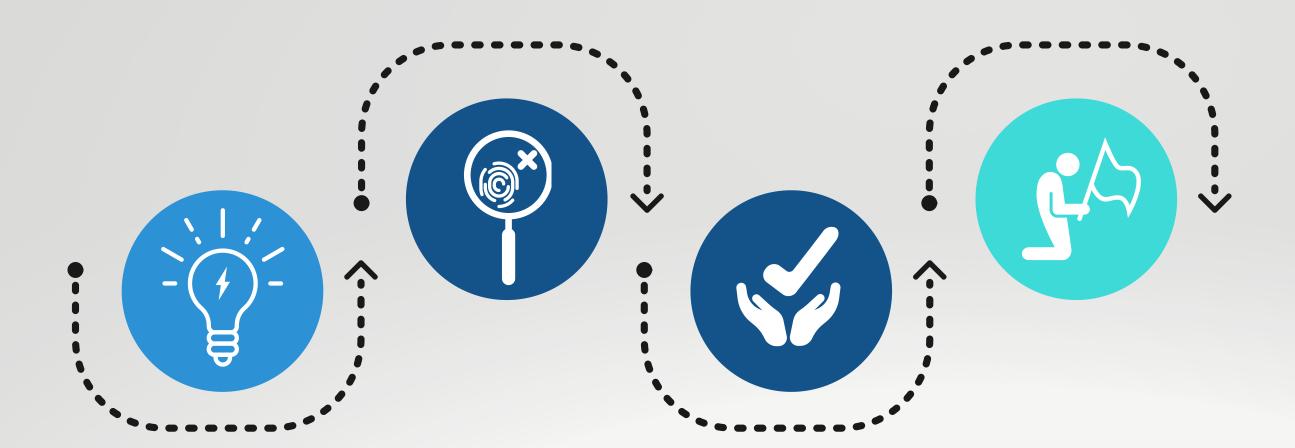
#### ACKNOWLEDGE

We acknowledge the reality of its impact on us and others.

## The Power To Change Requires Surrender



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#### SURRENDER

We <u>surrender</u> to the Spirit of God by intentionally inviting the presence of Jesus into the shadow, not trying to "be acceptable" first.

## You Have To Let Eorward



# Stop Trying. Start Receiving.



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"Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes." Ephesians 4:23, NLT

But the renewal is not a selfrenewal. It is accomplished on believers, rather than by believers. It is something that happens to us by something outside of us.



"and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator." Colossians 3:10, ESV



## How To Surrender



## Surrender of...



### Surrender of...

# The things you are holding onto



## Surrender to...

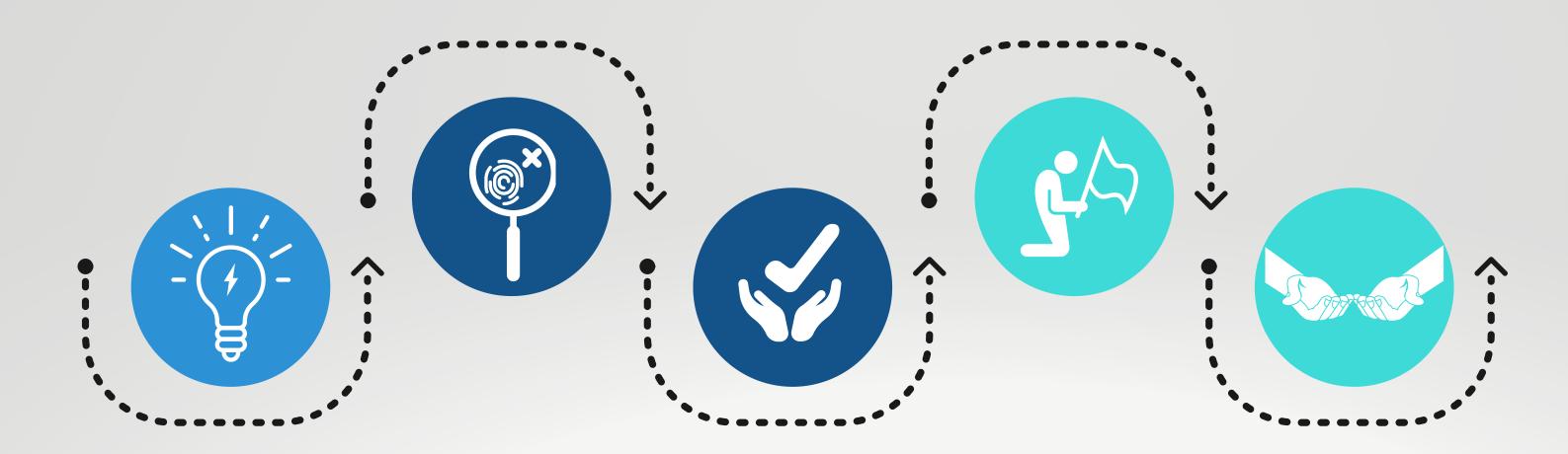


### Surrender to...

# The work of the Spirit of God



### RENEWAL JOURNEY



#### RECEIVE

We receive the provision of the Spirit's strength, truth and wisdom to move us away from the shadow and into the light of Christ.

# Receiving The Power To Change



## Surrender Your Life To Christ



## How To Become A Follower of Jesus



## Say/es!



## Accept who you are



# Accept who you are Believe who Jesus is



- Accept who you are
   Believe who Jesus is
- Choose to Commit to follow Jesus



# Stir The Spirit In Your Life



### Practice Dependence



#### Is there anything in your life that can't be explained except by something supernatural happening? THE POWER TO

## The Easiest And Hardest Place To Start



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### Practice Faith



"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." Hebrews 11:1, NIV

### Practice Prayer



"Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God." Romans 8:26-27, ESV

# The Power To Change





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Surrender to the Spirit of God is the posture of reception. Only in opening your hand in surrender are you able to receive the power to change.

#### Stirring the Spirit in our life is the intentional daily dependence on the Spirit of God to strengthen us, guide us and provide for us.



## Practice Stirring The Spirit Do something...

In response to the Spirit
In the power of the Spirit
In trust of the Spirit



Holy Spirit, be stirred up in my life. Let there be more of you infiltrating every part of me. I pray you will guide my thinking to make it new. I pray you will empower my doing, so it honors you and blesses others. I pray you would give my spirit courage to trust you more and follow you more courageously.

Thank you that you are forever present and forever faithful in my life. Be stirred up in me for the glory of God and so more people will see more of Jesus in me and through me. Amen.

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