



Making a *Course Correction*

Luke 3:1-10



Above all, put on love,
which is the perfect
bond of unity.

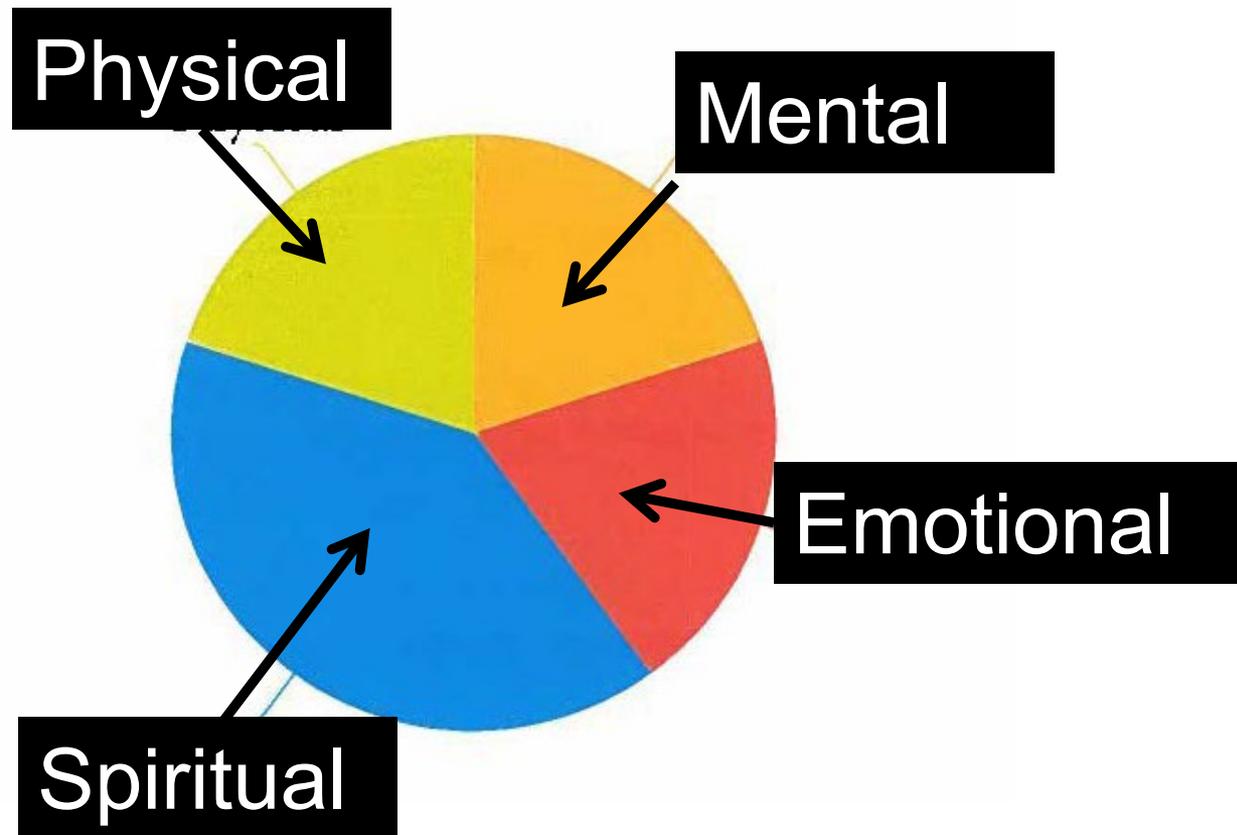


1. John's "normal" did not keep him from embracing change.

John's reasons to "stay home":

- Loner from the country (wilderness to most).
- Unknown, without credentials.
- He dressed different. Diet was repulsive.
- Fear of rejection by the "city" people.
- Embarrassment to his father?
- Likelihood of failure.

Four Primary Areas of Our Lives





2. John embraced a future shaped by the HS and informed by his parents.

- **Luke 1:15** "For he will be great in the sight of the Lord; and he will drink no wine or liquor, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother's womb. 16 "And he will turn many of the sons of Israel back to the Lord their God. 17 "It is he who will go as a forerunner before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS BACK TO THE CHILDREN, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."



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- Luke 3:2 “... the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. And he went... preaching ...

John's Model of "Success"

John's Old "Present"

John's "bubble":
life in the desert.
"Comfortable."

God spoke.

Change

John's Future

John's "new."
Stress-filled,
with
uncertainty.



3. John preached a message of “course correction.” Do we need to hear it anew?

- Lk. 3:4-6 “... 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵ Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, ⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

Call to Action.

- 1. Examine your life.** Where are your priorities? Do you need to “prepare a way for Christ? Is your path to Him “straight”?
- 2.** Are there areas in your life, physical, mental, social, or spiritual where a “course correction” is needed? Decide today to take a step; by tomorrow, take your first step, and continue to do so, one step at a time.

