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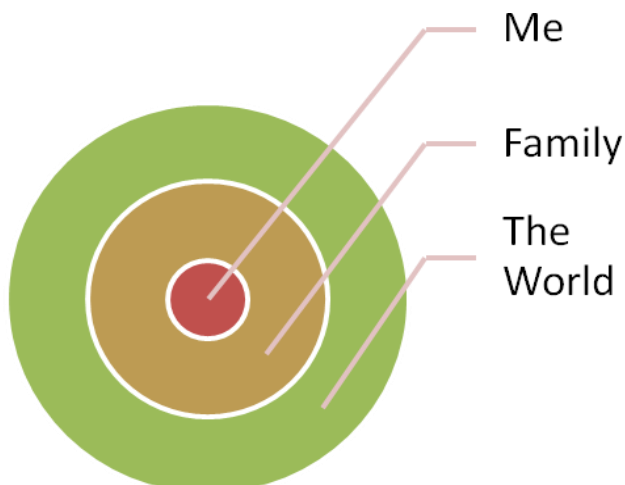
Session 1. Am I my brother's keeper?

Genesis 4: 1 - 16

The Selfish Triangle



The 'social background' to our relationships



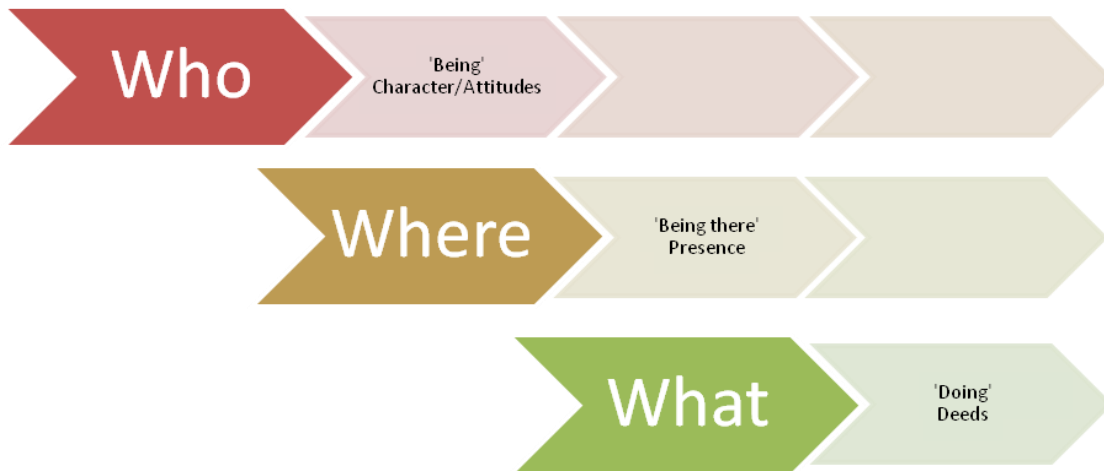
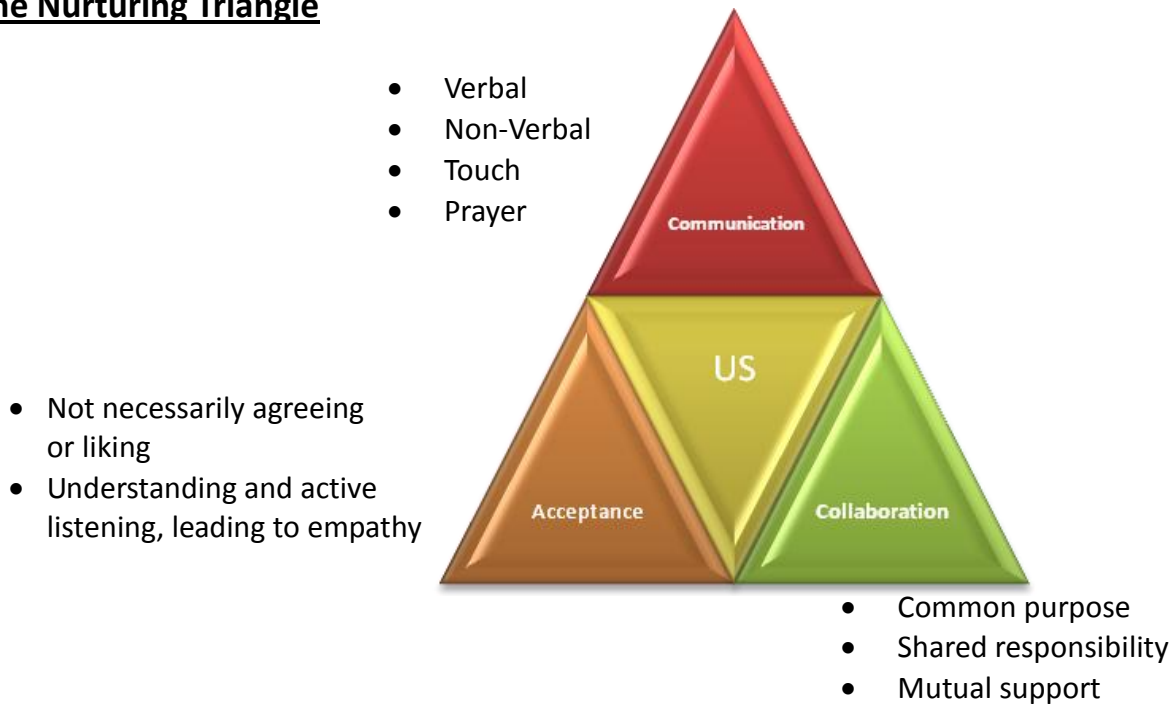
Focus of the era:
Me – the 90s onwards
The family – 70s and 80s
The world - 50s & 60s

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Session 2. Why can't we get along well? Overcoming difficulties in relationships

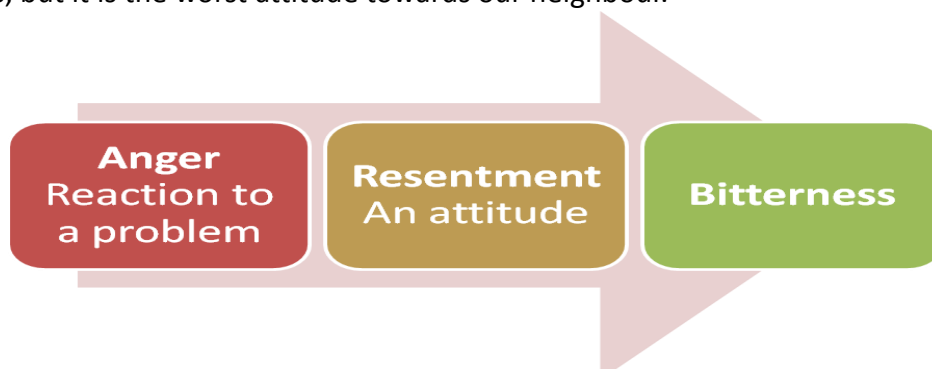
The Nurturing Triangle



Dealing with conflicts

'Volcano' conflict – acute - can be a sign of a healthy relationship. Solving problems quickly is best for healthy relationships

'Leak' conflict – chronic and persistent. Can be a sign of a personality disorder – Indifference can hide conflicts, but it is the worst attitude towards our neighbour.

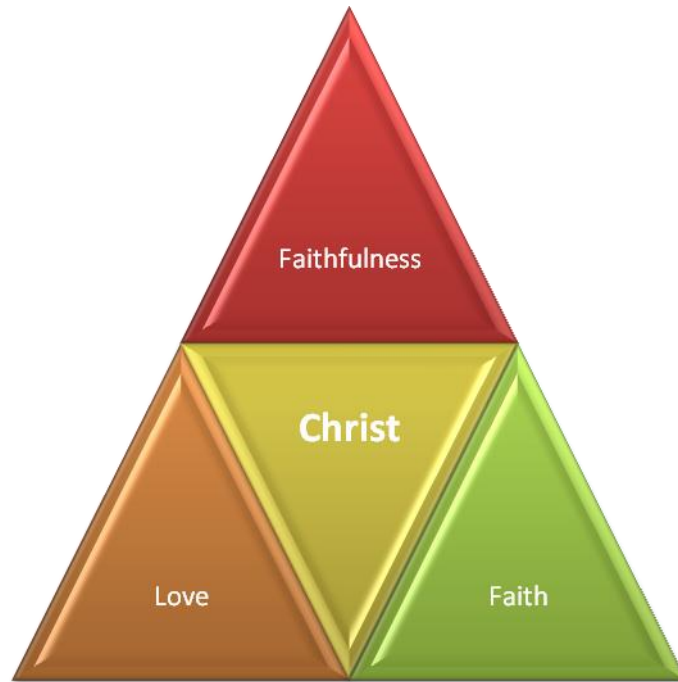


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Session 3. Restoring broken relationships: learning reconciliation and forgiveness
Romans 12: 9 -21

The Divine Triangle



- Divine/ Agape love
- Supernatural – a fruit of the spirit
- Giving
- Forgiving and avoiding revenge

Recognising the three-fold fracture caused by the fall

The fracture of our relationship with God leads to three further fractures:

- Within ourselves – the emotional fracture
- With other people – the social fracture
- With nature - the environmental fracture

Steps to forgiveness

